



“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”
— Peter Drucker

★ **RELEVANT FOR UPSC PRELIMS & MAINS** ★

1 NATIONAL NEWS

Government Launches 'PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana'



- Scheme aims to enhance agricultural productivity, crop diversification and sustainable farming.
- To cover 100 low productivity districts across the country.
- Will be implemented in convergence with existing schemes.

e-Shram Portal Crosses 30 Crore Registrations

e-Shram
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- e-Shram portal has crossed 30 crore registrations.
- It is the world's largest database of unorganised workers.
- It ensures social security and welfare benefits to workers.

2 INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement Review Concluded



- The review of ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (Goods) concluded.
- Both sides agreed to expand cooperation in digital economy, MSMEs, and supply chain resilience.
- Next phase will focus on services and investment.

India Elected to IMO Council (2026-27)



- India has been re-elected to Category B of the IMO Council for the term 2026-27.
- Reinforces India's role in global maritime governance and sustainable shipping.

3 ECONOMY

India's Services Exports Cross \$400 Billion in FY26



- Services exports reached \$400.42 billion in FY26, an increase of 8.7%.
- Key drivers: IT services, business services, travel, and transport.
- Services sector continues to be a major contributor to India's economy.

RBI Launches Framework for 'Account Aggregator for MSMEs'



- Framework to facilitate credit flow to MSMEs through data sharing.
- Will promote financial inclusion and formalisation of MSMEs.

4 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India Successfully Tests Long-Range Hypersonic Missile



- DRDO successfully test-fired long-range Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle.
- Missile can travel at more than 5 times the speed of sound.
- Significant boost to India's strategic defence capabilities.

IIT Madras Develops Advanced Water Purification Membrane



- New membrane removes heavy metals, viruses and bacteria efficiently.
- Low-cost and energy-efficient technology suitable for rural and urban use.

5 ENVIRONMENT

India's Mangrove Cover Increases by 17% Since 2015



- ISFR 2025 report shows 17% increase in mangrove cover.
- Total mangrove cover is now 5,017 sq km.
- Mangroves act as natural barriers against coastal erosion and climate change.

National Mission on Sustainable Habitat Launched



- Aims to promote sustainable urban development and resilient habitats.
- Focus on green buildings, waste management and clean energy.

6 APPOINTMENTS & REPORTS

Finance Commission Constituted



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- Government constituted the 16th Finance Commission.
- It will submit its recommendations for the period 2026-31.
- Focus on strengthening fiscal federalism and inclusive growth.

NITI Aayog Releases 'India Innovation Index 2025'



NITI Aayog

- Karnataka ranked first, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.
- Index measures states on innovation ecosystem, human capital, and business environment.

7 IMPORTANT FOR PRELIMS (Quick Facts)

- ✓ PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana — Launched on 11 August 2026
- ✓ e-Shram Portal — Crossed 30 crore registrations
- ✓ ASEAN-India FTA Review — Concluded
- ✓ India Elected to IMO Council — For 2026-27
- ✓ Services Exports — Crossed \$400 billion in FY26
- ✓ RBI Framework — 'Account Aggregator for MSMEs' launched
- ✓ Hypersonic Missile — Long-range test successful
- ✓ IIT Madras — Developed advanced water purification membrane
- ✓ Mangrove Cover — Increased by 17% since 2015
- ✓ National Mission on Sustainable Habitat — Launched
- ✓ Finance Commission — 16th Finance Commission constituted
- ✓ India Innovation Index 2025 — Released by NITI Aayog

PRELIMS QUICK FACTS

- PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana — Agriculture
- ASEAN-India FTA — International Relations
- Hypersonic Missile — Defence
- IMO Council — UN Specialised Agency
- e-Shram Portal — Labour & Employment
- Mangrove Cover — Environment
- Finance Commission — Polity
- RBI Account Aggregator — Economy
- NITI Aayog — Government Institution

PRACTICE MCQ

- Q. Consider the following statements about e-Shram Portal:
1. It is the world's largest database of unorganised workers.
 2. It provides a universal social security number.
 3. It is managed by the Ministry of Rural Development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only B) 1 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A) 1 and 2 only



QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The future depends on what you do today.”

— Mahatma Gandhi



TODAY IN HISTORY

- 11 August 1997 — India and ASEAN became Sectoral Dialogue Partners.



On 11 August 1942, Mahatma Gandhi came to Bombay to launch the Quit India Movement, calling for an immediate end to British rule.



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