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# Daily Current Affairs

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# ICAI President Prasanna Kumar D elected to the IFAC Board



CA Prasanna Kumar D

## Key News

- CA Prasanna Kumar D, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), was elected to the Board of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).
- Election venue: IFAC Council meeting in Seoul, South Korea.
- Technical Advisor: CA Mangesh Kinare, Vice-President of ICAI.

## Remember for Exams

Term: November 2026 → November 2029 (three years).

## IFAC

- Represents the accountancy profession globally.
- Established on 7 October 1977.
- Headquarters in New York, United States.

## ICAI

- India's largest professional accounting body, under the administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Established on 1 July 1949 as a statutory body under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.
- Headquarters in New Delhi.

## Related Original MCQ – Q1

CA Prasanna Kumar D, President of ICAI, was elected to the Board of which international organisation for a three-year term from November 2026 to November 2029?

1. IASB
2. IFAC
3. IFRS
4. FASB
5. IAASB

**Correct Answer: 2. IFAC**

# Manu Bhaker elected to the ISSF Athletes Committee



Manu Bhaker

## Key News

- Manu Bhaker, India's double Olympic medallist and pistol shooter, was elected to the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Athletes Committee for 2026–2030.

## Remember for Exams

- Manu Bhaker → ISSF Athletes Committee → 2026–2030
- Abhinav Bindra served on the committee from 2010 to 2020. He was its Chairperson from 2014 to 2018, becoming the first Indian to hold that position.

## Manu Bhaker (Timeline)

- ISSF Athletes Committee: 2026–2030

## Abhinav Bindra (Timeline)

- 2010–2020: Committee member
- 2014–2018: Chairperson

## ISSF

- Founded on 17 July 1907.
- Headquarters in Munich, Germany.

## Related Original MCQ – Q2

India's double Olympic medallist and pistol shooter Manu Bhaker was elected to the Athletes Committee of which international sports federation for the 2026–2030 term?

1. ISSF
2. IOC
3. ISSA
4. IAAF
5. ISF

**Correct Answer: 1. ISSF**

# Pushkar Fair 2026



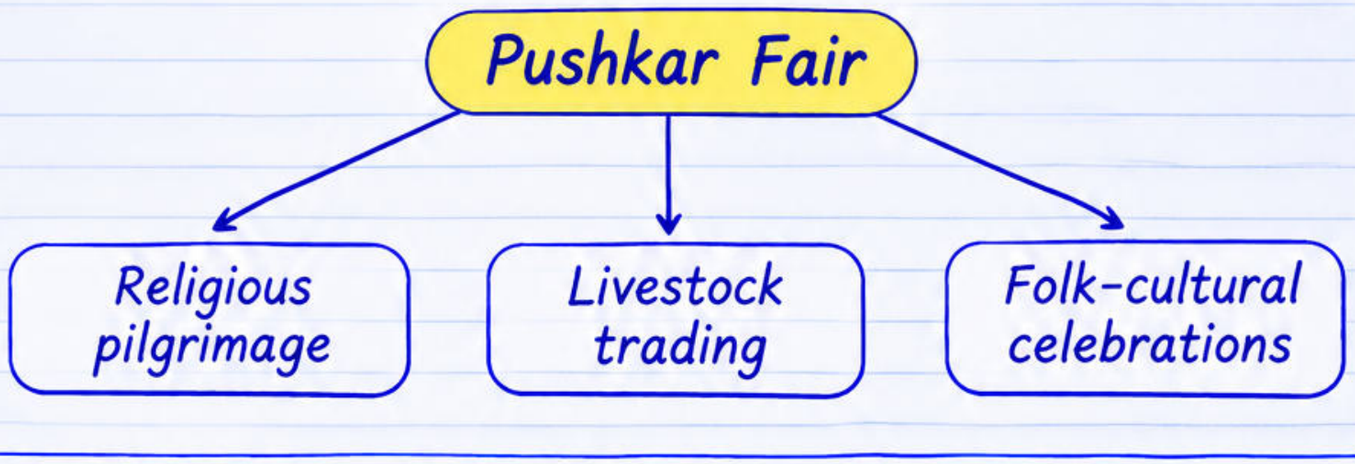
Pushkar Camel Fair

## Key News

- The fair was held in Pushkar, Ajmer district, Rajasthan.
- It is also called the Pushkar Camel Fair.

## Remember for Exams

- Pushkar → Ajmer district → Rajasthan




## MCQ – Q3

The Pushkar Fair 2026, held in Ajmer district of Rajasthan, is popularly known by which other name?

1. Desert Festival
2. Cattle Festival
3. Camel Fair
4. Marwar Festival
5. Gangaur Fair

**Correct Answer: 3. Camel Fair**

# Rajasthan static GK



Pushkar Fair

## Key Facts

- Rajasthan is India's largest state by area, 3,42,239 sq km.
- Capital: Jaipur.

## Chief Minister

- Bhajan Lal Sharma.

## Governor

- Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde.

## Protected areas

- National parks: Desert, Keoladeo, Mukandara Hills, Ranthambore, Sariska.
- Tiger reserves: Ranthambore, Sariska, Mukundara Hills, Ramgarh Vishdhari, Dholpur-Karauli.

## Culture

- Pushkar Fair, Camel Festival, Gangaur and Ghoomar.

## Geography

- Lakes: Sambhar, India's largest inland salt lake. Didwana, Pachpadra and Pichola. Jaisamand (Dhebar), the state's largest artificial freshwater lake.
- Canal: Indira Gandhi Canal, 837 kilometres (520 mi), described in the PDF as India's longest canal.
- Highest peak: Guru Shikhar, Mount Abu, about 1,722 m.

MCQ - Q3 appears on Page 03.

# Third Leitlangpui Music Festival



## Key News

- The third edition was held at Lena Stadium, Serkawn, in Lunglei, Mizoram.
- Theme: "Music Comes Home to Serkawn"

## Remember for Exams

- Mizoram → Lunglei → Serkawn → Lena Stadium

## MCQ - Q4

Which Indian state hosted the third edition of the Leitlangpui Music Festival under the theme "Music Comes Home to Serkawn"?

1. Meghalaya
2. Nagaland
3. Manipur
4. Mizoram
5. Tripura

**Correct Answer: 4. Mizoram**

# Mizoram static GK

## Statehood and leadership

- 20 February 1987, India's 23rd state. Statehood Day: 20 February.
- Capital: Aizawl • Chief Minister: Lalduhoma • Governor: V K Singh

## Nature

- National parks: Murlen, Phawngpui.
- Tiger reserve: Dampa.
- Wildlife sanctuaries: Ngengpui, Khawnglung, Lengteng, Pualreng.
- Highest peak: Phawngpui (Blue Mountain), 2,157 metres.

## Culture

- Festivals: Chapchar Kut, Anthurium, Mim Kut, Pawl Kut.
- Dances: Cheraw, Khuallam.

# India at the UAE Festival of Tolerance and Coexistence



- India participated as the Country Guest of Honour at the 8th National Festival of Tolerance and Coexistence.
- Guest country: India
- Venue: Umm Al Emarat Park, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Theme: "Growing in Unity"

## MCQ - Q5

Which country participated as the Country Guest of Honour at the 8th National Festival of Tolerance and Coexistence, held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, under the theme "Growing in Unity"?

1. Japan
2. India
3. South Korea
4. France
5. Indonesia

**Correct Answer: 2. India**

# Fourth India–Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue



## Key News

- India and Japan held the 4th Foreign and Defence Ministers' Dialogue, popularly called the "2+2 Dialogue."
- Venue: Tokyo, Japan.

Foreign Ministers
Defence Ministers
→ 4th 2+2 Dialogue, Tokyo

- No printed MCQ match in the 19 November quiz.

# Russia named Partner Country for the 57th IFFI

- Russia was designated the Partner Country for the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), scheduled in Goa.
- The festival will showcase four Russian films.

## Remember for Exams

- 57th IFFI
- Goa
- Russia
- Four films

## MCQ – Q7

Which country was designated as the Partner Country for the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI 2026), scheduled to be held in Goa?

1. France
2. Spain
3. Japan
4. Russia
5. Germany

**Correct Answer: 4. Russia**

# BlackRock raises its stake in Axis Bank

BlackRock®
AXIS BANK

4.99% → 5.00%

18,560 additional shares

## Key News

- BlackRock, a US-based investment manager, acted for its discretionary-management clients.
- Its holding in Axis Bank rose from a reported 4.99% to 5.00%.
- It bought 18,560 additional shares through an open-market transaction.

## MCQ – Q8

In which Indian bank did US-based investment manager BlackRock increase its stake to 5.00% after purchasing 18,560 additional shares through an open-market transaction?

1. HDFC Bank 2. ICICI Bank 3. Kotak Mahindra Bank
4. IndusInd Bank 5. Axis Bank

Correct Answer: 5. Axis Bank

# Dictionary.com's Word of the Year 2026

- Dictionary.com selected "Maxxing" as its Word of the Year for 2026.
- It reflects the trend of trying to improve or maximise different aspects of life.

| Word | Meaning | Example |
|---|---|---|
| Maxxing | Doing an activity to the fullest or trying to improve something as much as possible. | Looksmaxxing means trying to improve one's physical appearance. |

## MCQ – Q9

Which term was selected as Dictionary.com's Word of the Year 2026, reflecting the growing trend of maximising or improving different aspects of life?

1. Brainrot 2. Rizz 3. Delulu 4. Maxxing 5. Skibidi

Correct Answer: 4. Maxxing

# MS Dhoni retires from IPL and becomes CSK mentor




Mahendra Singh Dhoni

## Key News

- Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni retired as an IPL player and was appointed **Chennai Super Kings' team mentor.**
- He won two Champions League Twenty20 titles as CSK captain.
- He retired from international cricket in 2020.
- He is popularly known as "Captain Cool" and "Thala."

## Remember for Exams

- He led CSK to five IPL titles.

**2010 • 2011 • 2018 • 2021 • 2023**

## MCQ – Q10

Which former Indian cricket captain, popularly known as "Captain Cool" and "Thala," was appointed as the team mentor of Chennai Super Kings (CSK) following his retirement from the Indian Premier League (IPL) playing career?

1. Suresh Raina
2. Rahul Dravid
3. Gautam Gambhir
4. Anil Kumble
5. Mahendra Singh Dhoni

**Correct Answer: 5. Mahendra Singh Dhoni**

# Lakshya Sen wins the Kumamoto Masters title



Lakshya Sen

## Key News

- Lakshya Sen defeated Japan's Koki Watanabe to win the men's singles title at Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026.
- He became the first Indian to win the tournament, which began in 2023.
- It was his second consecutive Super 500 title, after the Hylo Open in Germany.

## Tournament Progress

Hylo Open (Germany) → Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026

**Final opponent:** Koki Watanabe

## MCQ – Q11

Which Indian badminton player became the first from the country to win the men's singles title at the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026, defeating Japan's Koki Watanabe in the final?

1. Lakshya Sen
2. H. S. Prannoy
3. Kidambi Srikanth
4. Priyanshu Rajawat
5. Sameer Verma

Correct Answer: 1. Lakshya Sen

# India wins its 10th SAFF Championship title

## Key News

- India defeated Pakistan 2–1 in the 2026 SAFF Championship final at the National Stadium, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**India 2–1 Pakistan**



2–1



## Title record

- India's record-extending 10th title and the first time the Blue Tigers won three consecutive editions.

## South Asian Football Federation (SAFF)

- Formed in 1997.
- Headquarters in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

## Seven members

- India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

## MCQ – Q12

India defeated _____ 2–1 in the final of the SAFF Championship 2026, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh?

1. Bangladesh
2. Pakistan
3. Nepal
4. Bhutan
5. Sri Lanka

Correct Answer: 2. Pakistan

# INS Sahyadri participates in JAIMEX 2026



INS Sahyadri

## Key News

- The Indian Navy's INS Sahyadri took part in JAIMEX 2026.
- It was a bilateral naval exercise with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).
- The exercise took place south of Honshu, Japan.

Indian Navy + Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) → JAIMEX 2026

INS Sahyadri • South of Honshu, Japan

## MCQ – Q13

Which bilateral naval exercise was conducted between the Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) in 2026, with the participation of INS Sahyadri in waters south of Honshu, Japan?

1. VARUNA 2026
2. MALABAR 2026
3. JAIMEX 2026
4. KONKAN 2026
5. SIMBEX 2026

**Correct Answer: 3. JAIMEX 2026**

# Jharkhand Foundation Day

- Jharkhand celebrated its Foundation Day on 15 November 2026, completing 26 years of statehood.
- It was carved out of Bihar on 15 November 2000, becoming India's 28th state.
- The date also marks Birsa Munda's birth anniversary and is observed nationally as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, honouring tribal freedom fighters and their contributions.

**Timeline**

2000 → 2026

**Date**

**15 November**

- Birsa Munda's birth anniversary
- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

## MCQ – Q14

On which date is Jharkhand Foundation Day celebrated annually, marking the formation of India's 28th state in 2000 and coinciding with the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda?

1. 1 November
2. 9 November
3. 18 November
4. 15 November
5. 20 November

**Correct Answer: 4. 15 November**

# Jharkhand static GK

## Leadership

• Capital: Ranchi • Chief Minister: Hemant Soren • Governor: Santosh Gangwar

## Wildlife and culture

- Betla National Park and Palamau Tiger Reserve.
- Wildlife sanctuaries: Dalma, Mahuadanr Wolf, Udhwa Lake Bird. The PDF identifies Udhwa Lake Bird as the state's first Ramsar site.
- Festivals: Sarhul, involving worship of the Sal tree, and Karam.
- Lakes: Udhwa and Dimna.
- Dances: Paika and Mundari.

## Infrastructure

- Maithon Dam, across the Barakar River in Dhanbad district.
- Thermal power plant: Patratu.

MCQ – Q14 appears on Page 16.

# World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence

**Observed:** Every year on 18 November.

**Purpose:** It promotes efforts to protect children from abuse and helps ensure that survivors receive support, dignity and access to justice.

## MCQ – Q15

On which date is the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence observed annually to promote child protection and support for survivors?

1. 20 November
2. 16 November
3. 19 November
4. 14 November
5. 18 November

**Correct Answer: 5. 18 November**

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