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Important Days

Top 5 Stories Today

1. **National Plan of Action (NPOA) for small-scale inland fisheries** – target 30 million tonnes in 5 years
2. **UN Loss and Damage Fund** – first country-specific allocation: **\$21.6 million for Nepal**
3. NCDEX to launch equity indices **NDEX & FINNDEX**
4. **Sakharov Prize 2026** – International Criminal Court (ICC) and its officials
5. First **Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award** – **Usha Mangeshkar**



TNPSC Bits

QUICK BITS

- **Wiikwemkoong First Nation** (Ontario, Canada) – a **small data centre** to preserve cultural heritage, **Anishinaabe language** recordings and health data (data sovereignty).
- **MoRTH** proposes **Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS)** mandatory in all new car models from **1 October 2030**.
- **Indian Railways** – record **22.5%** rise in coal loading, 1–18 Oct 2026 (vs same period 2025).
- **₹200 commemorative coin** – Sindhi spiritual leader **Mata Sahib Hasi Devi Ji** (200th birth anniversary) – released by President Droupadi Murmu in **Raipur** (5th head of Shadani Darbar).
- **ICAR-CMFRI** – first full-fledged open-sea **mussel** longline farming unit at **Vizhinjam, Kerala**.
- **Greece** (23 Oct 2026) – law restricting social media for children **under 15**; ban from **1 January 2027**.
- **National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM)** – October 2026, **CERT-In**; theme: “**Build a Culture of Cyber Hygiene**”.



Remember for the exam: **CMFRI** (Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute) – **Kochi** • **CERT-In** – under MeitY; IT Act 2000, Section 70B.



National News

NATIONAL

National Plan of Action for Inland Small-Scale Fisheries (NPOA)

Unit VI

Current annual production

19.7 mn t

5-year target

30 mn t

- Developed under the **FAO** framework by the **Department of Fisheries** with **BOBP-IGO** (Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation).
- Inland fisheries (rivers, canals, reservoirs, lakes, wetlands, tanks, cold-water systems) – about **three-fourths (75%)** of India's fish production.
- Focus: fishing rights, resource management, decent work, **gender equality**, value chains, post-harvest trade, climate & disaster risks.



Remember for the exam: India – **2nd-largest fish producer** in the world • **PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (2020)** • Department of Fisheries – Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.



International News

INTERNATIONAL

Loss and Damage Fund for Nepal

\$21.6 million

Earmarked for Nepal

First

Country-specific allocation

Aug 2026

Bhotekoshi floods

- **UN Loss and Damage Fund** – supports vulnerable developing countries facing climate-related losses.
- 26 Aug ice-and-rock avalanche – debris flow & flooding along the **Bhotekoshi-Trishuli-Narayani** system (Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Chitwan).
- Bhotekoshi → **Trishuli** in Nepal → joins Kali Gandaki at Devghat to form the **Narayani** → enters India as the **Gandak**.



Remember for the exam: Loss and Damage Fund – established at **COP27, Sharm el-Sheikh (2022)**; operational mechanism agreed at **COP28, Dubai (2023)**.



Economy News

ECONOMY

NDEX and FINNDEX – NCDEX Equity Indices

Unit VI

Index	Tracks
NDEX	20 large, actively traded companies
FINNDEX	15 financial-sector companies (excluding insurance)

Free-float market cap	30%
Avg daily traded value	30%
Beta	20%
Volatility	20%

Stock selection & weighting factors

- **National Commodities and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)** enters the equity-index segment; calculated by **NSE Indices** using NSE prices.
- Launch: **Q1 FY 2027-28** (Apr–Jun 2027); later mutual funds, ETFs, futures & options.



Environment News

ENVIRONMENT

Amur Falcon Migration – Manipur

Unit III

23

Countries crossed

~20,000 km

Round-trip migration

~6,000 km

Non-stop flight (3,000 km over Arabian Sea)

- Satellite-tagged **Apapang & Alang** returned to Manipur; non-stop between northeast India and **Somalia**.
- **Amur falcon** (*Falco amurensis*) – breeds in NE China & Russian Far East; winters in **southern Africa**; IUCN – LC.
- **Manipur & Nagaland** – key stopovers; birds feed on termites and ants.



Remember for the exam: Nagaland's **Doyang Reservoir (Wokha)** – 'Falcon Capital of the World'.



Reports & Indices

REPORTS & INDICES

GEM Gender Report 2026 – UNESCO

273 million

Out of school (2024) – rising 7th year in a row

45%

Global upper-secondary completion

25%

Girls completing upper-secondary – Sub-Saharan Africa

- Released on **9 Oct 2026** around the **International Day of the Girl Child**; examines gender equality in education access.
- Tracks disparities by gender, location, wealth and disability over 25 years.
- **4 in 10** adolescent girls & young women do not complete upper-secondary • **9 in 10** adolescent girls in low-income countries lack internet access.



Remember for the exam: **GEM** = Global Education Monitoring • International Day of the Girl Child – **11 Oct**; India's National Girl Child Day – **24 Jan**.



Personalities & Awards

PERSONALITIES • AWARDS

Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2026

- **European Parliament** (22 Oct 2026) – awarded to the **International Criminal Court (ICC)** and its officials.
- ICC – world's first permanent international criminal court; **Rome Statute (1998)**; functioning since **2002**; seat **The Hague, Netherlands**; **125** States Parties.
- 4 crimes: **genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, crime of aggression** • **India is not a State Party**.



Remember for the exam: ICC ≠ **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** – ICJ is the UN's principal judicial organ (1945) for disputes between states; ICC tries individuals.

World Food Prize 2026 – Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue

- **Des Moines, Iowa (USA)**, 20–22 Oct • Theme: **“Before Hunger Wins”** (World Food Prize Foundation – WFPF).
- **National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS)** showcased Indian agri-research; MoU with **CAST (USA)**.
- **Ameena Nazreen A S** – **GYI Award** with **US\$500** prize.

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award 2026

- Instituted by the **Assam Cabinet** – first recipient **Usha Mangeshkar** (multilingual playback singer).
- **₹10 lakh** + citation • for music, arts or cinema, **once every three years**.
- Bhupen Hazarika – born **8 Sept 1926**, Sadiya (Assam); singer, composer, lyricist, filmmaker • **Bharat Ratna (2019, posthumous)**; 2026 – birth centenary.



Important Days

IMPORTANT DAYS

ITBP Raising Day – 24 October (65th)

24 Oct 1962

Raised after the India–China war

3,488 km

India–China border (Karakoram Pass – Jachep La)

Himveers

ITBP personnel

- **Indo-Tibetan Border Police** – **CAPF** under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**; high-altitude border security.
- **‘One Border One Force’** • Motto: **“Shaurya, Dridhata, Karmanishtha”** (valour, steadfastness, dedication to duty).



Remember for the exam: Border guarding forces: **BSF** – Pakistan & Bangladesh • **ITBP** – China • **SSB** – Nepal & Bhutan • **Assam Rifles** – Myanmar.

World Polio Day – 24 October

- Theme: **“Together, We End Polio”**.
- Polio – highly infectious, caused by poliovirus; mainly affects children **under five**; can cause permanent paralysis.
- **27 March 2014** – WHO South-East Asia Regional Certification Commission certified India **polio-free**.
- Wild poliovirus still endemic in: **Afghanistan & Pakistan**.



Remember for the exam: India's last polio case – **13 January 2011**, Howrah (West Bengal) • **Pulse Polio** – 1995 • Vaccines – **Jonas Salk (IPV)**, **Albert Sabin (OPV)**.



One-Page Quick Revision

QUICK REVISION

AEBS mandate	All new car models • from 1 Oct 2030 (proposed)
Railway coal loading	1–18 Oct 2026 • 22.5% growth
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