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Greetings from ReadingRoomz! This week brought important Andhra Pradesh topics (Udayagiri Fort and Chandavaram, ICE Policy 4.0, Cyclone Murasu, APSCHE's mandatory internships), key polity and economy themes (the National Social Security Board, Legislative Councils, social security coverage, urbanisation), ISRO's NVS-03 launch, pumped storage, Project 18A destroyers, the Fast Track Special Courts and VISTAR schemes, the World Bank's poverty findings, and Manisha Bhanwala's historic world wrestling title.

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1. International Current Affairs

108 Buddhist Stupas Built in Nine Hours at Gelephu

Bhutan constructed **108 Buddhist stupas**, known as **Jangchub Chortens**, in just **nine hours** under **Project 108** at **Gelephu**. King **Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck** dedicated **Chorten No. 76** to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in recognition of India's support for the **Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC)** project.

About Gelephu Mindfulness City: Planned urban development in **southern Bhutan**, envisioned by the King — combining economic development, environmental sustainability and **Buddhist spiritual values** | Gelephu is about **240 km** south-south-east of **Thimphu** and borders **Assam's Chirang district**

2. National Current Affairs

Government Amends Motor Vehicle Rules to Permit E100 Ethanol Fuel

The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** amended the **Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989**, to permit fuels with up to **100% ethanol (E100)** in compatible vehicles, facilitating **flex-fuel vehicles** that run on petrol, ethanol blends or pure ethanol. E100 is included alongside **E85** under **Rule 115** (emission standards). E85 and E100 can be used **only in OEM-designed flex-fuel vehicles**; existing vehicles need not switch or be modified.

About Ethanol: Biofuel made by fermenting **sugarcane, maize and broken rice**; blended with petrol to cut fossil-fuel dependence | **Concerns**: older-vehicle compatibility, lower energy density (fuel efficiency), water contamination in storage, land and water use, **food vs fuel** competition

Sikkim's Soreng District Becomes India's First Notified Organic Fisheries Cluster

Soreng district, Sikkim, is **India's first notified organic fisheries cluster** under the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**. It promotes fish farming **without harmful chemicals, antibiotics and pesticides**, focusing on **Amur carp, Indian major carps (IMC) and trout**, building on Sikkim's organic farming ecosystem. Under PMMSY, **34** fish production and processing clusters have been notified, including organic clusters in **Sikkim and Meghalaya**. New projects worth **₹3.75 crore** in Sikkim include hatcheries, feed mills and cold storage.

Technologies: Biofloc — beneficial microorganisms recycle waste nutrients and improve water quality | **Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS)** — treats and reuses water, cutting freshwater needs

Khet Bachao Abhiyaan – Rabi 2026

The Government is implementing **Khet Bachao Abhiyaan (KBA) – Rabi 2026**, a nationwide campaign from **22 October to 30 November 2026** under the theme **"Healthy Earth, Prosperous Farmers"**, to improve **soil health** and promote **balanced fertiliser use**. It covers **34 States/UTs**, **700+ districts** and **50,000 villages**, targeting about **50 lakh farmers**, and prioritises **100 districts** with high fertiliser consumption.

Key Objectives: Balanced and integrated nutrient management, natural farming, crop residue management, crop diversification, climate-resilient agriculture | **4R Principle** — **Right Source, Right Rate, Right Time, Right Place**

Andhra Pradesh Relevance: AP is among States identified for **climate-resilient agriculture in drought-affected areas**, with Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Rajasthan

'Suvikalp' Digital Tool for Repurposing Closed and Abandoned Mines

The **Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO)** under the **Ministry of Coal** developed **'Suvikalp – Mine Repurposing Tool'**, a digital decision-support platform to turn closed and abandoned **coal and lignite mines** into productive assets. It evaluates geology, environment, infrastructure, financial feasibility and socio-economic needs.

Feature	Detail
Methodology	**Multi-Criteria Decision-Making (MCDM)** based on **TOPSIS** (Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution)
PRISM	**Post-Mining Repurposing Implementation Strategic Model** — planning, investment assessment, **DPRs**, coordination and monitoring

3. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

Historical Heritage of Andhra Pradesh

Udayagiri Fort and **Chandavaram Buddhist Site** are two important heritage sites of Andhra Pradesh.

Site	Key Facts
Udayagiri Fort	In **Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore district**; associated with **Langula Gajapati** of the **Gajapati dynasty** (Kalinga), **14th century** | Gained importance under **Sri Krishnadevaraya (1509–1529 CE)** of the Vijayanagara **Tuluva dynasty** | His siege against **Prataparudra Gajapati** lasted about **18 months** before Vijayanagara took the fort
Chandavaram Buddhist Site	In the **Prakasam** region; known for its **MahaStupa** | Resembles the **Dharmarajika Stupa at Taxila, Pakistan** | **Limestone** sculptural panels of Buddhist symbols and narratives

Integrated Clean Energy (ICE) Policy 4.0 (2024–29)

AP is expanding **EV charging infrastructure** under the **Integrated Clean Energy (ICE) Policy 4.0 (2024–29)**, especially along highways. According to **NREDCAP**, the State aims for **5,000 public EV charging stations by 2029–30**; **1,090** charging points have been approved and about **1,011** installed.

> **Model e-Mobility Cities (May 2026): Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Nellore, Tirupati** | **₹50 crore** each — **₹250 crore** total | Charging within a **3 km × 3 km** grid

Cyclone Murasu

Cyclone Murasu, a **severe cyclonic storm** over the **Bay of Bengal**, affected coastal **Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu** in **November 2026** with heavy rain and strong winds. The name was suggested by the **Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai, India**; **Murasu** is a **Tamil** word for a traditional **drum** used for public announcements and ceremonies.

Andhra Pradesh Makes 360-Hour Internships Mandatory for Undergraduate Students

The **Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE)** introduced a mandatory **360-hour**, semester-long internship carrying **12 credits** for UG students in all State universities and affiliated colleges, effective **16 November 2026**. It follows **NEP 2020**, **UGC** guidelines, **CCFUP** and the **National Credit Framework (NCrF)**.

Feature	Details
Effective date	**16 November 2026**
Duration	**360 hours**
Academic credits	**12**
Three-year UG programmes	**6th semester**
Four-year UG programmes	**8th semester**
Registration platform	**Institute-Industry Connect (IIC)** portal
Preference	**Stipend-based** internships

IIC Portal: Launched by **APSCHE** for registration, industry partnerships and placements | Integrated with **DigiLocker** to fetch **APAAR** (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry) IDs | Colleges to appoint nodal officers, coordinators and mentors

4. Polity & Governance

National Social Security Board for Unorganised, Gig and Platform Workers

The **Ministry of Labour and Employment** notified the constitution of the **National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers, Gig Workers and Platform Workers** under the **Code on Social Security, 2020**. It is a **statutory body**, **chaired by the Union Labour Minister**, with representatives of Central and State Governments, aggregators, employers, trade unions, civil society and gig/platform workers' organisations. It must meet **at least three times a year**.

Function	Details
Welfare schemes	Recommend social security schemes for unorganised, gig and platform workers
Policy advice	Advise the Centre on matters under the Code
Monitoring	Monitor centrally administered welfare schemes
Record keeping	Review State-level record-keeping
Financial oversight	Review expenditure from the social security fund

Gig vs Platform Workers: Gig workers — earn outside traditional employer–employee relationships, often short-term or task-based | **Platform workers** — work through online platforms (app-based delivery, transport) | All platform work is gig work, but not all gig work is platform-based

Legislative Councils in India

Elections to **28 Legislative Council seats** in **Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Karnataka** in **October 2026** renewed attention on State Legislative Councils. A **Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad)** is the **Upper House** of a State Legislature and a revising chamber. **Six States** are bicameral: **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh**.

Article	Provision
Article 168	Constitution of State Legislatures, incl. Legislative Councils
Article 169	**Creation or abolition** of Councils by **Parliament**
Article 171	Composition of Legislative Councils
Article 172	Duration of State Legislatures and tenure of Council members

Powers of the Council: Ordinary Bills: delay up to **3 months** + **1 month** — maximum **4 months** | **Money Bills**: only in the Assembly; Council recommends within **14 days**, not binding | **No joint sitting** | Council of Ministers responsible **only to the Assembly**

Second ARC (2007, Local Governance): Convert Councils into **"Councils of Local Governments"** | Councils in all States | Members elected through local body representatives | End separate **graduates' and teachers'** constituencies

Andhra Pradesh: AP Legislative Council **abolished in 1985** under CM **N. T. Rama Rao**; **re-established in 2007**

Article / Schedule	Provision
Article 243Q	Constitution of Municipalities
Article 243W	Powers, authority and responsibilities of Municipalities
Article 243ZD	District Planning Committees
Article 243ZE	Metropolitan Planning Committees
Twelfth Schedule	**18** functions of municipal governance

5. Economy

India's Social Security Coverage Expands to 68.4% in 2026

India's **social security coverage** was projected to rise from **19% (2015)** to **68.4% (2026)**, per a **Ministry of Labour and Employment** report of **31 October 2026**, bringing **100 crore+** people under the framework. **EPFO** is a **statutory body** under the Ministry providing provident fund, pension and insurance benefits. In **September 2026**, the EPFO wage ceiling for mandatory coverage was raised from **₹15,000 to ₹25,000**, expected to add **51 lakh+** employees.

Scheme / Measure	Key Facts
VISHWAS 2026	EPFO **one-time settlement** of disputes on damages and penalties
Amnesty 2026	EPFO scheme to regularise unexempted PF trusts; applications till **28 December 2026**
e-Shram	Launched **August 2021**; **31.89 crore** registrations by August 2026; One-Stop Solution (**October 2024**) integrates **15** schemes
PM-SYM	Pension of **₹3,000/month** after **60**; voluntary, contributory; ages **18–40**, income up to **₹15,000/month**
Code on Social Security, 2020	Consolidated **nine** central labour laws; covers gig and platform workers

Urbanisation in India

India's upcoming **Census 2027** will continue using **Census 2011** urban criteria, raising concerns about **underestimating** urban population. A **World Resources Institute (WRI) India** analysis calls for a **National Urbanisation Policy**.

Census Town Criteria (all three): Population at least **5,000** | Density at least **400 persons/sq. km** | At least **75%** of male main workers in **non-agricultural** work | Statutory towns are notified by State governments

Initiative	Detail
Union Budget 2026	**₹5,000 crore** each to **City Economic Regions**
16th Finance Commission	Share of local grants for **ULBs** raised to **45%**
Urbanisation Premium	**₹10,000-crore** incentive proposed by the 16th FC to integrate peri-urban villages
Economic Survey 2026	Satellite estimates of **63% urbanisation in 2015**

WRI India's Seven Reforms: Standardise urban classification | Modernise spatial and regional planning | Strengthen urban financing | **National Urbanisation Council** | Sectoral reforms around functional regions | Align governance with incentives | Knowledge exchange and local innovation

6. Science & Technology

ISRO Successfully Launches NVS-03 Satellite Using GSLV-F18

ISRO launched the **NVS-03** navigation satellite aboard **GSLV-F18** from the **second launch pad, Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh**, on **30 October 2026**, placing it in **Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO)** about **18 minutes** after launch. NVS-03 carries an **indigenous atomic clock** and should help restore NavIC — the last working atomic clock on **IRNSS-1F** stopped on **13 March 2026**, and **NVS-02** could not reach its operational orbit.

About NavIC: Navigation with Indian Constellation, formerly **IRNSS** | India's independent regional navigation system | **Position, Navigation and Timing (PNT)** services over India and about **1,500 km** beyond

Pranos Fusion Develops PRAGYA Tokamak for India's Private Nuclear Fusion Reactor

Pranos Fusion, a **Bengaluru** startup, developed **PRAGYA**, a compact **tokamak** to test plasma control and superconducting magnets, and aims to finalise the design of **PRANIK**, a larger fusion reactor, by **2027**. Commercial fusion electricity remains a longer-term goal. A **tokamak** is a doughnut-shaped device using magnetic fields to confine plasma at around **100 million °C**.

Nuclear Fusion	Nuclear Fission
Combines light nuclei	Splits **heavy** nuclei
Fuel: deuterium and tritium (hydrogen isotopes)	Fuel: commonly **uranium**
Produces helium and a high-energy neutron (D–T)	Produces smaller nuclei, neutrons and energy
Needs extreme temperature and plasma confinement	Sustains a controlled **chain reaction**

Pumped Storage Projects

India is accelerating **Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs)** — **"water batteries"** using two reservoirs at different heights — to integrate renewables and stabilise the grid. A **PIB backgrounder** of **2 November 2026** outlined a roadmap to reach about **105.56 GW** by **2035–36**. The **southern region** has **97.76 GW** potential, with **Andhra Pradesh**, Telangana and Tamil Nadu among major contributors.

Types of PSPs: On-stream — both reservoirs on a river | **Off-stream open-loop** — one reservoir on a watercourse | **Off-stream closed-loop** — neither on a perennial watercourse

Rank	Country	Installed Capacity (End of 2025)
1	China	~66 GW
2	Japan	~22 GW
3	United States	~19 GW
4	**India**	**7.18 GW**

Global: IRENA: global pumped hydro capacity ~**159.8 GW** at end-2025

IndiaAI Mission Unveils Indigenous AI Foundation Models EKA-1 and Dheer

The **IndiaAI Mission** under **MeitY** unveiled two indigenous AI foundation model families on **3 November 2026** in **New Delhi**.

Model	Detail
EKA-1	Supports all **22 Scheduled Indian Languages** — **Socket Labs Technology**
Dheer 2B and Dheer 5B	Multilingual models — **GentiQ AITech Innovations**

NITI Aayog and TEXMiN Sign Agreement to Strengthen India's Critical Minerals Sector

NITI Aayog and **TEXMiN (Technology Translation Research Park)** at **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad** signed a joint **Letter of Intent (LoI)** to strengthen research, innovation and indigenous technology in **critical and strategic minerals**. TEXMiN is a **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** initiative.

Green Firecrackers

The **Supreme Court** permitted **green firecrackers** in **New Delhi** for **two days** during **Deepavali**. Developed by **CSIR-NEERI**, they produce either **30% less particulate matter**, or **20% less PM and 10% less gaseous emissions**, than conventional crackers. They can be

used in sparklers and flowerpots.

Type	Full Form	Special Feature
SWAS	Safe Water Releaser	Releases **water** to suppress particulate matter
STAR	Safe Thermite Cracker	**Thermite**-based composition for efficient combustion
SAFAL	Safe Minimal Aluminium	**Less aluminium** to reduce emissions

7. Environment

Cockscomb Flower (Celosia cristata): Kashmir's Natural Food Colouring

The **cockscomb flower (Celosia cristata)**, called **Mawal** when dried, is cultivated in the **Kashmir Valley** and used as a **natural food colouring** in Kashmiri cuisine, especially the multi-course feast **Wazwan**, prepared by chefs called **Wazas**. Its velvety, crimson, fan-shaped crest resembles a **rooster's comb**; dried petals steeped in hot water give a ruby-red colour to gravies.

8. Defence

Indian Navy's Project 18A: ₹80,000 Crore Next-Generation Destroyer Programme

The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, chaired by **Rajnath Singh**, gave **in-principle approval** to the Navy's **Project 18A**, a proposed **₹80,000 crore** programme for next-generation **stealth guided-missile destroyers**, more advanced than the **Visakhapatnam-class**.

Destroyer Class	Project
Visakhapatnam-class	**Project 15B**
Kolkata-class	**Project 15A**
Delhi-class	**Project 15**

First BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise

The **first BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise** was held from **30 October to 3 November 2026**, bringing together all **seven** BIMSTEC members — **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand** — to enhance maritime security and coordination in the **Bay of Bengal**.

INS Sudarshini Completes 10-Month Transoceanic Expedition 'Lokayan-26'

Sail Training Ship **INS Sudarshini** completed its **10-month** expedition **'Lokayan-26'** and returned to **Kochi** on **2 November 2026**, covering **22,000+ nautical miles**. Starting on **20 January 2026**, it visited **17 ports in 11 countries** across Asia, Europe, Africa and North America and crossed the **Atlantic twice**.

India-US Tri-Service Exercise 'Tiger Triumph 2026'

The **5th edition** of the **India–US** tri-service exercise **'Tiger Triumph 2026'** began at the **Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**, on **2 November 2026**, focusing on **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)**.

9. Schemes

Fast Track Special Courts Scheme

The **Union Cabinet** approved continuation of the **Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs)**, including **Special POCSO Courts**, for **five years (1 April 2026 – 31 March 2031)**. It aims to expand FTSCs from **779 to 850** for speedy trials of rape and **POCSO Act, 2012** cases. Each FTSC has a Judicial Officer, a Special Public Prosecutor and **six** support staff; it also encourages **Vulnerable Witness Deposition Centres (VWDCs)**.

Key Detail	Fact
Total outlay	**₹3,788.04 crore** — Centre **₹2,353.15 crore**, States/UTs **₹1,434.89 crore**
Central funding	**Nirbhaya Fund**
Launched	**2 October 2019**, after the **Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018** and SC directions of **25 July 2019**

VISTAR Scheme

The **Union Cabinet** approved the **VISTAR Scheme** (**Develop India Initiative – Statistical Transformation, Analysis and Research**) for **FY 2026–27 to 2030–31** with an outlay of **₹4,371.10 crore**, implemented by **MoSPI** to modernise official statistics through digital transformation and **AI**.

Component	Key Objective
Comprehensive Statistical Operations and Ecosystem Strengthening	Expand national surveys; AI-based processing
Statistical Strengthening Support	Assistance to **States and UTs**
Economic Census	Conduct the **8th Economic Census** of non-agricultural establishments

10. Awards & Honours

Nirmala Lakshman Wins Sharjah Award for Best International Non-Fiction Book

Nirmala Lakshman, author, journalist and Director of **The Hindu Group**, won the **Sharjah Award** for the **Best International Non-Fiction Book** for **"The Tamils: A Portrait of a Community"**.

11. Ranks & Reports

World Bank Reports Sharp Decline in Poverty in India Between 2011 and 2023

The **World Bank's October 2026 Poverty and Equity Brief for India** said **extreme poverty** fell from **27.1% (2011)** to **2.6% (2023)**. At the **$4.20/day** lower-middle-income line, poverty fell from **57.7% to 16.1%**, lifting about **496 million** people above it.

Indicator	Findings
Extreme poverty ($3.00/day)	**27.1% → 2.6%** (2011–2023)
Poverty at $4.20/day	**57.7% → 16.1%**
Multidimensional poverty (OPHI MPI)	**53.8% (2005–06) → 16.4% (2019–21)**
World Bank MPI measure	**15.5%** in 2022–23
Employment growth	~**134 million** more employed (2017–2023)
Wage disparity	Top 10% median earnings ~**13 times** the bottom 10% (2023)

Challenges: About **57%** of the poor live in a belt from **Uttar Pradesh to West Bengal** | Youth unemployment rose from **14.6% (Q1 FY2026)** to **15.9% (Q1 FY2027)** | Real earnings broadly flat | **OPHI MPI** dimensions: **health, education, living standards**

Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024–25

MoSPI released detailed **ASI 2024–25** results on **4 November 2026** (April 2024–March 2025). The **manufacturing corporate sector** — over **89%** of manufacturing GVA — recorded **9.28% GVA growth**, **3.45%** growth in operational factories and **7.57%** growth in employment; **NVA per factory** rose **6.59%**.

Rank	State	Note
1	Maharashtra	Top five together: **more than 54%** of registered manufacturing GVA
2	Gujarat	
3	Tamil Nadu	
4	Karnataka	
5	Uttar Pradesh	

Top Employment Industries (41%+ of jobs): Food products | Textiles | Basic metals | Motor vehicles | Wearing apparel

World Bank's Poverty and Equity Brief Report 2026

About **49.6 crore** people moved out of extreme poverty between **2011 and 2023**, but India's **Prosperity Gap** is **4.9**, showing consumption must rise substantially to reach the World Bank's prosperity benchmark of **$28 per person per day (2021 PPP)**. About **63.9%** of the population lies between **$4.20 and $8.30** a day — escaped extreme poverty but still vulnerable.

Poverty Threshold (2021 PPP)	Population Below (2023)
$3.00/day – Extreme poverty	**2.6%**
$4.20/day – Lower-middle-income line	**16.1%**
$8.30/day – Upper-middle-income line	**80.0%**

12. Committees & Conferences

Committee on Banking for a Developed India

The Government constituted a **High-Level Committee on Banking for a Developed India** under **Suresh N. Patel** (former **Central Vigilance Commissioner**) to recommend structural, regulatory and legislative reforms for a globally competitive banking system in line with **Viksit Bharat 2047**. It was announced by **Nirmala Sitharaman** in the **Union Budget 2026–27** speech.

First International Maize Conference 2026 Held in Hyderabad

The **first International Maize Conference 2026** was held from **2 to 4 November 2026** at the **JD Convention Centre, Hyderabad**, under the theme **"Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in a Changing World" (M4FS)**. It proposed expanding the **4F** approach (Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel) into **5F** by adding **Farmers**.

13. Person in News

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

India celebrated **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)** on **31 October 2026**, the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, India's **first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister**.

Key Point	Fact
National Unity Day	Introduced in **2014**; Run for Unity, unity pledges
Iron Man of India	Integrated **560+ princely States**; Home Minister **1947–1950**
150th birth anniversary	**31 October 2025**
Statue of Unity	**182 m**, near **Sardar Sarovar Dam** on the **Narmada**, Gujarat; inaugurated **31 October 2018**; **world's tallest statue**

14. Important Days

Foundation Day of Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu – 1 November 2026

1 November marks the **Foundation Day** of **Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu**, commemorating their formation or reorganisation as Indian States.

World Tsunami Awareness Day – 05 November

World Tsunami Awareness Day 2026 was observed on **5 November** with the theme **"Be Tsunami Ready: Resilience Starts With You"**. The **UNGA** designated the day in **December 2015** through **Resolution 70/203**; it has been observed since **2016**.

15. Sports

Manisha Bhanwala Becomes India's First Female Senior World Wrestling Champion

Manisha Bhanwala, 29, from **Jind district, Haryana**, became **India's first female senior world wrestling champion**, winning gold in the **women's 59 kg freestyle** at the **2026 World Wrestling Championships** in **Astana, Kazakhstan**.

P.V. Sindhu and Lakshya Sen Win Singles Titles at Hylo Open 2026

P.V. Sindhu and **Lakshya Sen** won the women's and men's singles titles at the **Hylo Open 2026**, a **BWF World Tour Super 500** tournament in **Saarbrücken, Germany**.

16. Miscellaneous

Udyami Mitra and Udyam Prabha Magazines

Udyami Mitra and **Udyam Prabha** are magazines linked to the **Ministry of MSME**: the Ministry publishes **Udyami Mitra**, while the **National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)** publishes **Udyam Prabha**.

Quick Revision Table

Topic heading on the left. One complete sentence with all key facts on the right.

Topic	One-Line Summary
Gelephu Stupas	Bhutan built 108 Jangchub Chortens in nine hours under Project 108 at Gelephu, near Assam's Chirang district, and the King dedicated Chorten No. 76 to PM Modi for India's support to Gelephu Mindfulness City.
E100 Ethanol	MoRTH amended Rule 115 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to allow E100 alongside E85, usable only in OEM-designed flex-fuel vehicles.
Soreng Organic Fisheries	Sikkim's Soreng became India's first notified organic fisheries cluster under PMMSY, which has notified 34 fish clusters in all.
Khet Bachao Abhiyaan	Khet Bachao Abhiyaan – Rabi 2026 (22 October–30 November) on the theme "Healthy Earth, Prosperous Farmers" covers 34 States/UTs and 50 lakh farmers and promotes the 4R fertiliser principle.
Udayagiri & Chandavaram	Udayagiri Fort (Nellore) fell to Krishnadevaraya after an 18-month siege against Prataparudra Gajapati, while the Chandavaram MahaStupa (Prakasam) resembles Taxila's Dharmarajika Stupa.
ICE Policy 4.0	Under AP's ICE Policy 4.0 (2024–29), NREDCAP targets 5,000 public EV charging stations by 2029–30, with ₹50 crore each for five model e-mobility cities.
APSCHE Internship	APSCHE made a 360-hour, 12-credit internship mandatory for UG students from 16 November 2026 (6th semester for 3-year, 8th for 4-year courses) via the IIC portal.
Social Security Board	The National Social Security Board for unorganised, gig and platform workers, a statutory body under the Code on Social Security, 2020, is chaired by the Union Labour Minister and meets at least three times a year.
Legislative Councils	Six States have Legislative Councils, created or abolished by Parliament under Article 169, which can delay ordinary Bills by up to four months; AP's Council was abolished in 1985 and revived in 2007.
Social Security Coverage	India's social security coverage rose from 19% (2015) to 68.4% (2026), and the EPFO wage ceiling was raised from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 in September 2026.
Census Town Criteria	Census 2027 retains 2011 urban criteria — population of 5,000, density of 400 per sq. km and 75% of male main workers in non-farm work.
NVS-03 Launch	ISRO's GSLV-F18 launched NVS-03 with an indigenous atomic clock from Sriharikota on 30 October 2026 to restore NavIC, which covers India and 1,500 km beyond.
PRAGYA Tokamak	Bengaluru's Pranos Fusion built the PRAGYA tokamak and plans to finalise its PRANIK fusion reactor design by 2027.

Topic	One-Line Summary
Pumped Storage	India plans about 105.56 GW of pumped storage by 2035–36, ranks fourth globally with 7.18 GW installed, and the southern region (including AP) has 97.76 GW potential.
EKA-1 & Dheer	The IndiaAI Mission unveiled EKA-1 (all 22 Scheduled languages) and Dheer 2B/5B AI models on 3 November 2026.
Green Firecrackers	CSIR-NEERI's green firecrackers (SWAS, STAR, SAFAL) cut particulate matter by 30%, or PM by 20% and gases by 10%.
Project 18A	The DAC gave in-principle approval to the Navy's ₹80,000 crore Project 18A for next-generation destroyers, succeeding the Visakhapatnam-class (Project 15B).
Defence Exercises	The first BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise ran from 30 October to 3 November 2026, and the 5th India–US Tiger Triumph began at Visakhapatnam on 2 November 2026.
Fast Track Special Courts	The FTSC scheme (launched 2 October 2019) was extended to 31 March 2031 with ₹3,788.04 crore from the Nirbhaya Fund and States, raising courts from 779 to 850.
VISTAR Scheme	MoSPI's ₹4,371.10 crore VISTAR scheme (2026–27 to 2030–31) includes conducting the 8th Economic Census.
World Bank Poverty Brief	The World Bank's October 2026 brief showed India's extreme poverty falling from 27.1% (2011) to 2.6% (2023), with about 49.6 crore people moving out, while the Prosperity Gap stands at 4.9.
ASI 2024–25	ASI 2024–25 showed 9.28% GVA growth in the manufacturing corporate sector, with Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and UP contributing over 54% of GVA.
Sardar Patel	National Unity Day (31 October, since 2014) honours Sardar Patel, who integrated 560+ princely States; the 182-m Statue of Unity was inaugurated on 31 October 2018.
Manisha Bhanwala	Manisha Bhanwala of Jind, Haryana became India's first female senior world wrestling champion (59 kg freestyle) at Astana, Kazakhstan.

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