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TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- **Public Examination Reforms 2.0 (PER 2.0)**
- **HDFC Bank MD and CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan will retire on October 26, 2026.**
- **Germany retained the Hockey World Cup title with a 1–0 win.**
- **PM Modi receives Uzbekistan's highest honour**
- **India finished eighth in the FIH World Cup after losing to Belgium in a shootout.**
- **e-Shram Portal 2026**
- **Indian Army to buy US FGM-148 Javelin anti-tank missiles**
- **National Small Industries Day 2026**

1. Public Examination Reform 2.0 (PER 2.0)

Public Examination Reform 2.0 (PER 2.0) envisions an end-to-end examination security framework designed to make high-stakes recruitment and entrance examinations "Secure-by-Design." Its objective is to ensure security and accountability at every stage, from question formulation to the declaration of results. It incorporates measures such as chain of custody, role-based access, biometric authentication, digital watermarking, and activity logging. Post-examination, the focus shifts to safeguarding the integrity of merit through statistical analysis, cyber forensic audits, and whistleblower protection. Institutional accountability requires time-bound Action Taken Reports (ATRs) and mandatory Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).



2. HDFC Bank MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan to Retire on October 26, 2026

HDFC Bank MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan has decided not to renew his term and will retire on October 26, 2026. He assumed the role of CEO in October 2020, and a key development during his tenure was the merger of HDFC Ltd. with HDFC Bank. Following his decision, the bank's Board of Directors will accelerate the process of selecting and appointing a new CEO. This development underscores the importance of succession planning, corporate governance, and leadership transition in major financial institutions.



3. Germany retains Hockey World Cup title with a 1-0 victory.

Germany won their second consecutive FIH Men's Hockey World Cup title by defeating Spain 1-0 at the Belfius Hockey Arena, with Michel Struthoff scoring the decisive goal in the 44th minute. With this victory, Germany secured their fourth World Cup title, joining Pakistan as one of the teams with the most titles. In the final, Germany employed a strong defensive strategy to successfully withstand sustained pressure from Spain. Spain reached the World Cup final for the third time but failed to win the title. Argentina won the bronze medal by defeating the Netherlands 2-1. This tournament is one of the premier international hockey competitions organized by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).



4. Prime Minister Modi Receives Uzbekistan's Highest Honor

During his visit to Tashkent on August 30, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with Uzbekistan's highest honor, the 'Oliy Darajali Do'stlik' (Order of Friendship of the Highest Degree). India and Uzbekistan decided to elevate their bilateral relations to the level of a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The two nations also signed an agreement regarding the long-term supply of uranium to India, which is crucial for India's nuclear energy program and energy security. Under India's 'Connect Central Asia' policy, Uzbekistan holds strategic importance regarding energy, connectivity, trade, and counter-terrorism cooperation.



5. India finishes eighth in FIH World Cup after shootout loss to Belgium.

The Indian men's hockey team finished eighth in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup after losing 4-3 in a penalty shootout following a 3-3 draw against Belgium. Abhishek scored the opening goal for India, while Belgium staged a comeback with goals from Romain Duvekot and Hugo Labouchere. Captain Harmanpreet Singh scored twice, including a late equalizer that forced the match into a shootout. In the shootout, Shilanand Lakra, Dilpreet Singh, and Abhishek scored for India, but Belgium secured a 4-3 victory. This result highlights the need for the Indian team to improve in areas such as penalty conversion, defensive stability, and match management.



6. e-Shram Portal 2026

The e-Shram portal is a national database for unorganized sector workers, launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in collaboration with the NIC on August 26, 2021. Under this initiative, every registered worker is issued a 12-digit Universal Account Number (UAN), which serves as their digital identity. The portal covers various categories of unorganized workers, including those in agriculture, construction, and domestic work, as well as street vendors, migrant workers, and gig/platform workers. Registration is free, and assistance is available through CSCs and State Seva Kendras using Aadhaar-based e-KYC.



7. Indian Army to Procure US-made FGM-148 Javelin Anti-Tank Missiles

The Indian Army is set to procure a limited number of US-made FGM-148 Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs) using the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) route and the Army's emergency procurement powers. The Javelin features an Imaging Infrared (IIR) seeker and 'fire-and-forget' technology, meaning the operator does not need to continuously control the missile after locking onto the target. Its 'top-attack' capability allows it to target the relatively vulnerable upper section of tanks, and it is effective even against armored vehicles equipped with Explosive Reactive Armour (ERA).



8. National Small Industry Day 2026

National Small Industry Day is observed in India on August 30th, aiming to highlight the contribution of small industries to entrepreneurship, job creation, and regional industrialization. The MSMED Act, 2006, provided a comprehensive statutory framework for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). MSMEs play a vital role in manufacturing, services, agro-based activities, exports, and supply chains, serving as key pillars for inclusive growth and local employment. Their presence in rural and semi-urban areas expands opportunities for women, youth, and first-generation entrepreneurs. Measures such as TReDS and Udyam Registration are being emphasized to address challenges like delayed payments and working capital constraints.



1. What is the main objective of Public Examination Reform 2.0 (PER 2.0)?

- A - Reduce exam fees
B - Make exams Secure-by-Design
C - Reduce exam duration
D - Digitise only results

Public Examination Reform 2.0 (PER 2.0) is an End-to-End Examination Security Framework for high-stakes recruitment and entrance examinations. Its objective is to ensure security and accountability at every stage, from question creation to the declaration of results. It includes Chain of Custody, Role-Based Access and Biometric Authentication. Digital Watermarking and Activity Logging are also important security measures. Statistical Analysis, Cyber Forensic Audit and Whistleblower Protection help protect Merit Integrity after examinations.



2. When will HDFC Bank MD & CEO Shashidhar Jagdishan retire?

- A - 26 October 2026
B - 30 August 2026
C - 31 December 2026
D - 15 November 2026

HDFC Bank MD & CEO Shashidhar Jagdishan has decided not to renew his next term and will retire on 26 October 2026. He assumed the position of MD & CEO of HDFC Bank in October 2020, succeeding Aditya Puri. The merger of HDFC Ltd. with HDFC Bank was a major development during his tenure. Following his decision, the bank's Board of Directors will accelerate the selection of a new CEO. The development highlights the importance of Succession Planning and Leadership Transition.



3. Which country won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup title for the second consecutive time?

- A - Spain
B - Germany
C - Argentina
D - Netherlands

Germany defeated Spain 1-0 at the Belfius Hockey Arena to win the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup title for the second consecutive time. Michel Struithof scored the decisive goal in the 44th minute. With this victory, Germany secured its fourth World Cup title. Germany thus equalled Pakistan among the teams with the most Men's Hockey World Cup titles. Pakistan has also won the tournament four times.



4. Which is the highest honour of Uzbekistan conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A - Order of Merit
B - Oliy Darajali Do'stlik
C - Order of Friendship
D - National Honour

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred Uzbekistan's highest honour, 'Oliy Darajali Do'stlik', during his Tashkent visit on 30 August 2026. The honour means the 'Highest Order of Friendship'. India and Uzbekistan decided to elevate their bilateral relations to the level of a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The two countries also concluded an agreement related to the long-term supply of uranium to India. This is important for India's nuclear energy programme and energy security.



5. What position did the Indian men's hockey team secure in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup?

A - Sixth

B - Seventh

C - Eighth

D - Ninth

The Indian men's hockey team finished eighth in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup. India drew 3-3 with Belgium in regular time and subsequently lost 4-3 in the penalty shootout. Captain Harmanpreet Singh scored two goals for India. His late equaliser helped take the match to the shootout. Shilanand Lakra, Dilpreet Singh and Abhishek scored for India in the shootout. Belgium won the shootout 4-3 and secured seventh place. The result highlights the need to improve Penalty Conversion, Defensive Stability and Match Management.



6. How many digits are there in the Universal Account Number (UAN) provided to each registered e-Shram worker?

A - 10

B - 11

C - 12

D - 14

The e-Shram Portal is the national database of workers in the unorganised sector and was launched on 26 August 2021. Every registered worker receives a 12-digit Universal Account Number (UAN). It serves as the worker's digital identity and facilitates access to government services and social security schemes. The portal covers agricultural workers, construction workers, domestic workers, street vendors, migrants and Gig/Platform Workers.



7. The FGM-148 Javelin being procured by the Indian Army is which type of missile?

A - Air Defence Missile

B - Anti-Tank Guided Missile

C - Ballistic Missile

D - Cruise Missile

The Indian Army is procuring a limited number of US-made FGM-148 Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM). The procurement is being undertaken through the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) process and Emergency Procurement Powers. Javelin uses an Imaging Infrared (IIR) Seeker and Fire-and-Forget technology. Its Top-Attack capability allows it to target the relatively vulnerable upper portion of tanks.



8. When is National Small Industry Day observed in India?

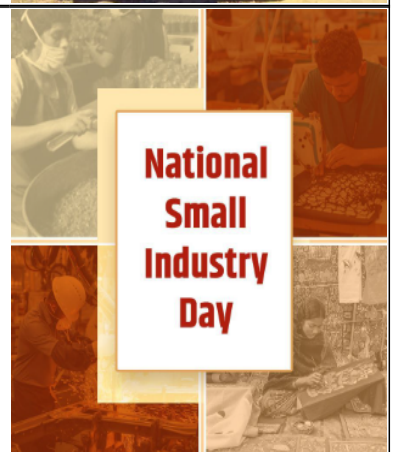
A - 15 August

B - 30 August

C - 5 September

D - 2 October

National Small Industry Day is observed in India on 30 August. The day highlights the contribution of small industries to entrepreneurship, employment generation and regional industrialisation. The MSMED Act, 2006 provided a comprehensive statutory framework for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. MSMEs play an important role in manufacturing, services, agriculture-based activities, exports and supply chains. They are also important for local employment and Inclusive Growth, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas.



One Liner

1. Which technology enables the Javelin missile to follow the Fire-and-Forget principle? - **Imaging Infrared Seeker**
2. What type of missile is the FGM-148 Javelin? - **Anti-Tank Guided Missile**
3. What position did India secure in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup? - **Eighth**
4. Which indigenous anti-tank missile system is being developed by DRDO? - **MPATGM**
5. What is the main objective of Public Examination Reform 2.0 (PER 2.0)? - **Secure-by-Design examination system**
6. When will HDFC Bank MD & CEO Shashidhar Jagdishan retire? - **26 October 2026**
7. When is National Small Industry Day observed in India? - **30 August**
8. Which country won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup title for the second consecutive time? - **Germany**
9. What is the highest honour of Uzbekistan conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi? - **Oliy Darajali Do'stlik**
10. How many digits are there in the UAN provided to each registered e-Shram worker? - **12 digits**