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TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- Nobel Prize Winners 2026
- Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford win the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economics.
- Sunil Bharti Mittal will receive France's highest civilian honour, the Legion of Honour.
- INS Sahyadri reaches Russia for India-Russia naval exercise INDRA-2026
- Tukaram Mundhe appointed secretary of the committee for overhauling the Maharashtra PSC.
- Prakash Rajpurohit was appointed Deputy Election Commissioner.
- World Standards Day 2026
- Ayodhya Ram Temple receives FSSAI's 'Eat Right Place of Worship' certification.

1. 2026 Nobel Prize Winners

The Nobel Prizes were established in accordance with the will of Alfred Nobel. They are awarded in six categories: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace, and Economic Sciences. Their objective is to honour individuals and institutions for outstanding contributions to humanity. The Nobel Prizes were first awarded in 1901. The Prize in Economic Sciences was established in 1968 and first awarded in 1969. Different institutions are responsible for selecting laureates in different categories.



2. Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford Win the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences

Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford were awarded the 2026 Prize in Economic Sciences. The award recognises their contributions to the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation. Macroeconomics studies output, employment, and inflation, whereas microeconomics focuses on the decisions of households, consumers, and firms. Decisions related to saving, consumption, and investment influence the overall economy. Through monetary policy, central banks attempt to manage economic activity and inflation.



3. Sunil Bharti Mittal to Receive France's Highest Civilian Honour, the Legion of Honour

Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, has been selected for the Chevalier distinction of France's Legion of Honour. The Legion of Honour is France's highest national honour. It was established by Napoleon Bonaparte on 19 May 1802. The honour recognises outstanding contributions in civilian and military fields. It has five ranks: Chevalier, Officer, Commander, Grand Officer, and Grand Cross. Sunil Bharti Mittal's contributions are associated with telecommunications, satellite communications, and business cooperation.



4. INS Sahyadri Arrives in Russia for the India-Russia Naval Exercise INDRA-2026

The Indian Navy's INS Sahyadri arrived at the Russian port of Vladivostok on 10 October 2026. It is scheduled to participate in the bilateral India-Russia naval exercise INDRA-2026. According to the report, the exercise will be held from 13 to 18 October 2026. INS Sahyadri is an indigenously built stealth multi-role frigate of the Shivalik class. The exercise aims to enhance operational cooperation and coordination between the two navies. It includes professional discussions at the harbour and joint exercises at sea.



5. Tukaram Mundhe Appointed Secretary of Committee to Overhaul the Maharashtra Public Service Commission



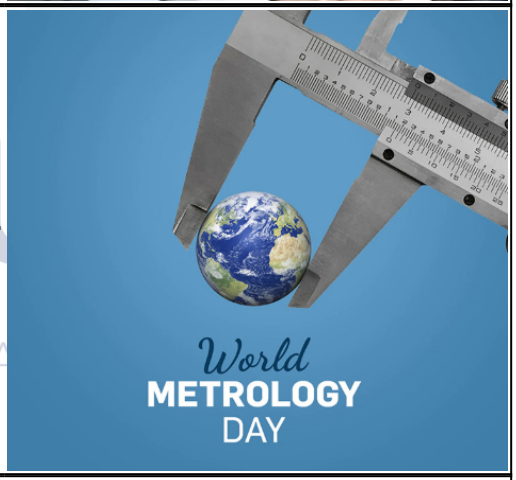
On 11 October 2026, the Maharashtra government constituted a committee to review the recruitment and examination processes of the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC). Retired judge Dilip Bhosale was appointed Chairman, while Tukaram Mundhe was appointed Secretary. The committee aims to improve transparency in recruitment and review candidates' grievances. Its scope includes allegations of question-paper leaks, recruitment delays, and examination irregularities. The committee has been tasked with completing its review within two months. Articles 315 to 323 of the Indian Constitution contain provisions relating to Public Service Commissions.

6. Prakash Rajpurohit Appointed Deputy Election Commissioner



Prakash Rajpurohit, a 2010-batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, has been appointed Deputy Election Commissioner. He will succeed Sanjay Kumar and, according to the report, will hold the position until 8 April 2030. The Election Commission of India was established on 25 January 1950. Article 324 of the Constitution assigns the Commission responsibility for the superintendence, direction, and control of elections. It deals with elections to Parliament, state legislatures, and the offices of the President and Vice-President.

7. World Standards Day 2026



World Standards Day is observed every year on 14 October. Its objective is to raise awareness of the importance of international standards and recognise the work of experts who contribute to their development. According to the supplied report, the 2026 theme focuses on affordable and clean energy. International standards help ensure product quality, safety, and technical compatibility. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) develops standards across various sectors, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) deals with electrical and electronic technologies, and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) focuses on telecommunications and information and communication technologies.

8. Ayodhya Ram Temple Receives FSSAI's 'Eat Right Place of Worship' Certification

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra in Ayodhya has received certification under FSSAI's 'Eat Right Place of Worship' initiative. According to the report, the certificate is valid until 10 October 2028. The initiative aims to ensure hygiene in the preparation and distribution of prasad and community meals at religious places. It focuses on clean kitchens, safe storage, clean water, and food-distribution practices. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. It functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and is responsible for regulating food safety and quality standards.

1. On whose will were the Nobel Prizes established?

A - Alfred Nobel B - Isaac Newton

C - Albert Einstein D - Marie Curie

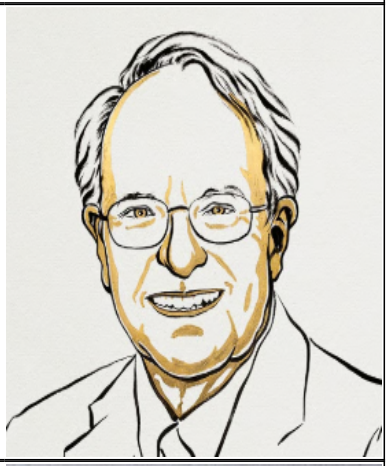


The Nobel Prizes were established on the basis of the will of Alfred Nobel, a Swedish scientist, inventor, and industrialist. The purpose of these awards is to honour individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to humanity. The prizes were first awarded in 1901 in the fields of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace. The Economic Sciences Prize was established in 1968 by Sveriges Riksbank in memory of Alfred Nobel. It was awarded for the first time in 1969. At present, the Nobel Prizes are awarded in six categories.

2. According to the news, who received the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences?

A - Paul Krugman and Joseph Stiglitz **B - Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford**

C - Amartya Sen and Abhijit Banerjee D - Daniel Kahneman and Richard Thaler

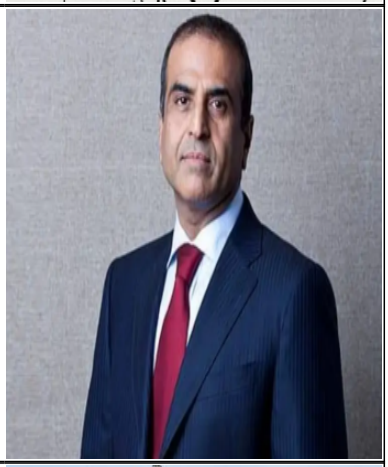


According to the provided news, Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford received the 2026 Prize in Economic Sciences. Their contributions are related to the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation. Microeconomics studies the economic decisions of consumers, households, and companies.

3. Who established France's Legion of Honour?

A - Louis XIV B - Charles de Gaulle

C - Napoleon Bonaparte D - Emmanuel Macron



The Legion of Honour is France's highest national order of merit. It was established by Napoleon Bonaparte on 19 May 1802. The honour is awarded for outstanding contributions and distinguished service in civilian and military fields. It recognises exceptional achievements in science, culture, business, and public life. The order has five ranks: Chevalier, Officer, Commander, Grand Officer, and Grand Cross. Chevalier is the entry-level rank, while Grand Cross is the highest rank.

4. To which class of warships does INS Sahyadri belong?

A - Kolkata Class **B - Shivalik Class**

C - Visakhapatnam Class D - Talwar Class



INS Sahyadri is an indigenously built stealth multi-role frigate of the Indian Navy. It belongs to the Shivalik class of warships, also known as Project 17. Stealth technology aims to reduce the likelihood of a warship being detected by radar. The vessel is designed to perform various naval operations involving surface ships, aerial threats, and submarines. According to the provided news, INS Sahyadri arrived at the Russian port of Vladivostok on 10 October 2026. It was scheduled to participate in the India–Russia bilateral naval exercise INDRA-2026.

5. Which Article of the Indian Constitution provides for Public Service Commissions for the Union and the States?

A - Article 312
B - Article 315
C - Article 320
D - Article 323



Part XIV of the Indian Constitution contains provisions relating to Public Service Commissions for the Union and the States under Articles 315 to 323. Article 315 provides for Public Service Commissions at the Union and State levels. Article 316 deals with the appointment and tenure of their members. Article 317 concerns the removal and suspension of members. Article 320 specifies the functions of these commissions, including conducting recruitment examinations and providing advice on recruitment-related matters.

6. Under which Article does the Election Commission of India derive its power of superintendence, direction, and control over elections?

A - Article 320
B - Article 322
C - Article 324
D - Article 326



The Election Commission of India is an independent constitutional body established on 25 January 1950. Article 324 of the Constitution grants it the responsibility of superintendence, direction, and control over elections. It conducts elections to Parliament, State Legislatures, and the offices of the President and Vice-President. Article 325 prohibits exclusion from electoral rolls on the grounds of religion, race, caste, or sex. Article 326 relates to elections based on adult suffrage.

7. When is World Standards Day observed every year?

A - 5 June
B - 14 October
C - 24 October
D - 10 December



World Standards Day is observed every year on 14 October. Its purpose is to raise awareness about the importance of international standards and recognise the contributions of experts involved in standardisation. According to the provided news, the theme for 2026 is “Shared Vision for a Better World: Spotlight on SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy.” ISO develops international standards for various industries and sectors.

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8. Under which Act was the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) established?

A - Consumer Protection Act, 2019
B - Essential Commodities Act, 1955
C - Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
D - Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016



The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. It functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Its primary objective is to establish standards related to the safety and quality of food and promote compliance with these standards.

One Liner

1. When was the Election Commission of India established? - 25 January 1950

2. In which year was the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences awarded for the first time? - 1969

3. What is the name of the India–Russia bilateral naval exercise? - INDRA-2026

4. To which class does INS Sahyadri belong? - Shivalik Class (Project 17)

5. Under which Act was the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) established? - Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006

6. Who established France's Legion of Honour? - Napoleon Bonaparte

7. When is World Standards Day observed every year? - 14 October

8. On whose will were the Nobel Prizes established? - Alfred Nobel

9. Who was appointed Chairman of the committee reviewing the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC)? - Retired Judge Dilip Bhosale

10. Which Article of the Indian Constitution provides for Public Service Commissions for the Union and the States? - Article 315