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1. Ballon d'Or 2026: Harry Kane and Alexia Putellas Receive Top Individual Football Honors



The Ballon d'Or award was established in 1956 by the French magazine *France Football*. The 70th edition of the ceremony took place at the London Palladium. England's Harry Kane won the men's Ballon d'Or, while Spain's Alexia Putellas secured the women's Ballon d'Or for the third time. Lamine Yamal and Vicky López received the awards for young talent, and Unai Simón and Cata Coll were honored as the best goalkeepers. Paris Saint-Germain and FC Barcelona were named Men's and Women's Club of the Year, respectively, and Bukayo Saka was presented with the Socrates Award.

2. Recognition for NCRTC at UMI 2026: Award for Passenger Services on the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor



The 19th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Expo was held on October 23–24, 2026, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, under the theme "Urban Accessibility and Livable Environments in the Digital Age." NCRTC received the award for 'Best Passenger Service and Satisfaction' for the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor, as well as the first prize for 'Best Exhibitor'—an honor it has secured for the second consecutive year. The Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor is India's first operational RRTS corridor, spanning approximately 82 km with a maximum operational speed of 160 km/h.

3. DAC Approves ₹2.12 Lakh Crore Defense Procurement for Armed Forces; Boost for Indigenous Defense Industry



The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has approved defense procurement proposals worth approximately ₹2.12 lakh crore for the Indian Armed Forces. It is estimated that about 82% of these procurements will be sourced from the Indian industry. The proposals include various modern military equipment for the Army, such as high-mobility vehicles, artillery systems, helicopters, air defense systems, and anti-drone technology. For the Navy, an 'Active Offboard Decoy System' has been approved, while for the Air Force, the approvals cover helicopters, weaponry, air defense systems, and mobile X-band Doppler weather radars.

4. MoSPI Introduces Changes to ASUSE Survey: Financial Year-Based Survey Framework to be Implemented from 2027-28



The National Statistical Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), has been conducting the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) since 2021-22 to collect data on the economic activities of unincorporated non-agricultural enterprises. The 2027-28 edition of ASUSE will incorporate new questions covering the challenges faced by women entrepreneurs, investments in fixed assets, sources of electricity, and activities related to handlooms, power looms, and handicrafts.

5. Expansion of the Jammu & Kashmir Council of Ministers (2026): Number of Ministers and Constitutional Limits in Focus



On October 27, 2026, four MLAs from the National Conference—Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mir Saifullah, Shameema Firdous, and Altaf Ahmed Wani (Kallu)—took the oath as ministers in Jammu & Kashmir. This expansion of the Council of Ministers aims to enhance regional representation and redistribute administrative responsibilities; the inclusion of Shameema Firdous also boosts female representation. According to Section 53 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the total number of ministers, including the Chief Minister, cannot exceed 10% of the total number of members in the Legislative Assembly.

6. 'Tumaini' Clinical Study Launched in DR Congo: Evaluating Vaccine Efficacy Against Bundibugyo Ebola Virus



On October 23, 2026, the 'Tumaini' clinical study was launched in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) in collaboration with the WHO, aimed at evaluating the safety and efficacy of vaccines against the Bundibugyo Ebola virus. The study includes the evaluation of the Ervebo vaccine, as well as vaccine candidates such as ChAdOx1 Bundibugyo (developed by the University of Oxford and the Serum Institute of India) and mRNA-1469 (developed by Moderna). The study will employ a 'ring vaccination' strategy, which targets the contacts of infected individuals, as well as the contacts of those contacts.

7. Brazil Presidential Election 2026: The Victory of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and the Global Significance of Amazon Conservation



In the second round of Brazil's 2026 presidential election, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva defeated Flávio Bolsonaro, securing 51.79% of the valid votes. Lula is a prominent leader of the Workers' Party (PT) and previously served as president from 2003–2010, as well as from January 2023 onwards. In Brazil, if no candidate secures more than 50% of the valid votes in the first round, a runoff election is held between the top two candidates.

8. International Day of Care and Support



The International Day of Care and Support is observed annually on October 29. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2023 through resolution A/RES/77/317. The 'care economy' encompasses both paid and unpaid activities related to the care of children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and those who are ill. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), women globally perform approximately 76.2% of all unpaid care work, which impacts gender equality and employment opportunities.

1. Who was awarded the Socrates Award at the Ballon d'Or ceremony?



A - Unai Simón **B - Harry Kane**

C - Lamine Yamal **D - Bukayo Saka**

The Ballon d'Or award was initiated in 1956 by the French magazine *France Football*. According to the report, in 2026, Harry Kane won the men's Ballon d'Or and Alexia Putellas won the women's Ballon d'Or, while Lamine Yamal received the award for young talent, and Bukayo Saka was presented with the Socrates Award.

2. Which organization received an award for the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor?



A - DMRC **B - NCRTC**

C - NHAI **D - Indian Railways**

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3. For what approximate value did the DAC (Defence Acquisition Council) approve defence procurement proposals?



A - ₹1.12 lakh crore **B - ₹1.52 lakh crore**

C - ₹2.12 lakh crore **D - ₹3.12 lakh crore**

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4. Which organisation conducts the ASUSE survey?



A - Reserve Bank of India (RBI) **B - National Statistical Office (NSO)**

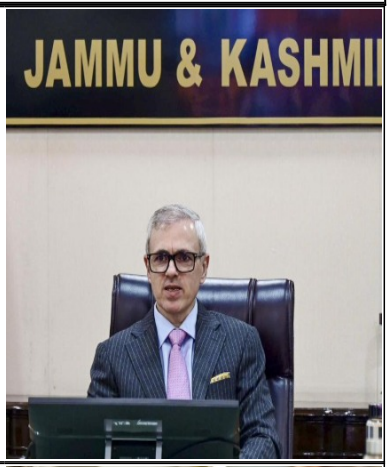
C - NITI Aayog **D - Department of Economic Survey of India**

The ASUSE survey, conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), will include new questions in its 2027-28 edition. These will cover issues faced by women entrepreneurs, investments in fixed assets, sources of power, and activities related to handlooms, power looms, and handicrafts. Spanning from April 2027 to March 2028, the survey will be based on the financial year rather than the calendar year.

5. What is the maximum number of ministers—including the Chief Minister—that the Council of Ministers in Jammu and Kashmir can have?

A - 7 B - 8

C - 9 D - 10



On October 27, 2026, four MLAs from the National Conference—Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mir Saifullah, Shamima Firdous, and Altaf Ahmed Wani (Kallu)—took the oath as ministers in Jammu and Kashmir, thereby enhancing regional and female representation. According to Section 53 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the number of ministers in the Council of Ministers, including the Chief Minister, cannot exceed 10% of the total number of members in the Legislative Assembly; based on 90 elected seats, this limit translates to a maximum of nine ministers.

6. In which country was the 'Tumaini' clinical study launched?

A - Nigeria B - Kenya

C - Democratic Republic of the Congo D - South Africa



On October 23, 2026, the 'Tumaini' clinical study was launched in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) with the support of the WHO. The study aims to evaluate the safety and efficacy of vaccine candidates against the Bundibugyo Ebola virus. It includes the assessment of vaccine candidates such as ChAdOx1 Bundibugyo and Moderna's mRNA-1469. The study will employ a 'ring vaccination' strategy, which targets the contacts of infected individuals as well as the contacts of those contacts.

7. Who won the second round of the 2026 presidential election in Brazil?

A - Flavio Bolsonaro B - Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

C - Jair Bolsonaro D - Geraldo Alckmin



In the second round of Brazil's presidential election, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva defeated his opponent by securing 51.79% of the valid votes. Lula is the leader of the Workers' Party (PT), and his key policy priorities include the conservation of the Amazon rainforest, economic development, social welfare, and a balanced foreign policy. In Brazil, if no candidate secures more than 50% of the valid votes in the first round, a second round of voting is held between the top two candidates.

8. Globally, approximately what percentage of total unpaid care work is performed by women?

A - 46.2% B - 56.2%

C - 66.2% D - 76.2%



The International Day of Care and Support is observed annually on October 29th, established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2023 through resolution A/RES/77/317. This day highlights the importance of caregiving—for children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the ill—as well as the significance of both paid and unpaid work within the "care economy." According to the ILO, women globally perform approximately 76.2% of all unpaid care work.

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One Liner

1. In which year was the Ballon d'Or award introduced? - In 1956

2. Where was the 19th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2026 held? - Bhubaneswar, Odisha

3. What is the full form of 'AoN' in the defense acquisition process? - Acceptance of Necessity

4. Which is India's first operational Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor? - Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor

5. When is the International Day of Care and Support observed every year? - October 29

6. Which section of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, contains provisions regarding the maximum number of members in the Council of Ministers? - Section 53

7. Who approved defense acquisition proposals worth ₹2.12 lakh crore for the Indian Armed Forces? - The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)

8. What is the primary objective of the 'Tumaini' clinical study? - To evaluate the safety and effectiveness of a vaccine against the Bundibugyo Ebola virus

9. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, a key leader of Brazil's Workers' Party (PT), is associated with the politics of which country? - Brazil

10. Under which ministry is the ASUSE survey conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO)? - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)