

1. MoL&E partners with Zomato to Boost Employment, Strengthen Gig Economy

Date: October 2025

Key Points:

- **Who:** Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) + Zomato
- **Objective:** Enhance flexible & tech-enabled livelihood opportunities via National Career Service (NCS) portal.
- **Scope:** 2.5 lakh gig opportunities/year for delivery partners & workers.
- **Integration:** Connects gig economy roles into formal employment system.
- **Exam Relevance:** Govt. initiatives, gig economy, NCS portal, employment schemes.

MCQ:

Q1. Which company partnered with MoL&E in October 2025 to boost gig employment?

- A) Swiggy
 - B) Zomato
 - C) Flipkart
 - D) Amazon
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2. India Elected For 7th time to UNHRC for 2026-28 Term

Date: October 2025

Key Points:

- **UN Body:** UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
- **Votes:** 177/188, unopposed

- **Tenure:** 2026-28
- **Significance:** India's 7th term; promotes global human rights agenda.
- **Exam Relevance:** UNHRC membership, India's foreign policy, international organizations.

MCQ:

Q2. India was elected to UNHRC for the 7th time for which term?

- A) 2024-26
 - B) 2025-27
 - C) 2026-28
 - D) 2027-29
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3. INS Sahyadri Participates in IN-RoKN Bilateral Naval Exercise

Date: October 13–18, 2025

Key Points:

- **Countries:** India & Republic of Korea
- **Vessels:** INS Sahyadri, ROKS Gyeongnam
- **Objective:** Strengthen bilateral naval cooperation & operational readiness
- **Exam Relevance:** Bilateral defence cooperation, naval exercises, Indo-Pacific strategy.

MCQ:

Q3. Which Indian naval ship participated in the IN-RoKN exercise?

- A) INS Vikramaditya
 - B) INS Sahyadri
 - C) INS Kolkata
 - D) INS Arihant
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4. NIPL Signs MoU with NTT DATA Japan for UPI acceptance in Japan

Date: October 2025

Key Points:

- **Who:** NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) + NTT DATA Japan
- **Purpose:** Enable UPI transactions for Indian tourists & merchants in Japan.
- **Significance:** UPI internationalization, fintech collaboration
- **Exam Relevance:** Digital payments, UPI expansion, Indo-Japan relations.

MCQ:

Q4. NIPL partnered with which Japanese company for UPI acceptance?

- A) Sony
B) NTT DATA ✓
C) Panasonic
D) Mitsubishi
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5. IMF Raises India's FY26 Growth Forecast to 6.6%

Date: October 2025

Key Points:

- **Growth FY26:** 6.6% (Q1: 7.8%)
- **Inflation FY26:** 2.8%
- **Global Growth:** 3.2% in 2025
- **Significance:** Economic trends, global comparison
- **Exam Relevance:** Macroeconomic indicators, IMF forecasts, economic planning.

MCQ:

Q5. IMF projected India's GDP growth for FY26 at:

- A) 6.2%

- B) 6.5%
C) 6.6%
D) 7%
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6. Bharath Thammineni Becomes First Indian to Climb 9 Peaks Above 8,000m

Date: October 14, 2025

Key Points:

- **Achievement:** 9 Eight-thousanders, including Mt Cho Oyu
- **Mentored:** Karthikeya Viswanath, Tonsi Angmo
- **Significance:** Mountaineering record
- **Exam Relevance:** Sports & adventure records, Indian achievers.

MCQ:

- Q6. Which mountain did Bharath Thammineni summit on Oct 14, 2025?
- A) Mt Everest
B) Mt Cho Oyu
C) Mt K2
D) Mt Manaslu
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7. Tarun Garg Appointed as MD and CEO of Hyundai India

Date: October 2025

Key Points:

- **Position:** MD & CEO, effective Jan 1, 2026
- **Significance:** First Indian to lead HMIL since inception
- **Exam Relevance:** Corporate appointments, leadership in automotive sector

MCQ:

- Q7. Who became MD & CEO of Hyundai India from Jan 1, 2026?
- A) Unsoo Kim
 - B) Tarun Garg
 - C) Anant Goenka
 - D) Ritesh Shukla
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8. FICCI Appoints Anant Goenka as President-Elect for 2025–26

Date: October 14, 2025

Key Points:

- **Organization:** FICCI
- **Previous role:** Senior VP, Vice Chairman of RPG Group
- **Exam Relevance:** Industry bodies, leadership positions, FICCI structure.

MCQ:

Q8. Anant Goenka is appointed as President-Elect of FICCI for:

- A) 2024–25
 - B) 2025–26
 - C) 2026–27
 - D) 2027–28
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9. IWF World Weightlifting Championships 2025 — Førde, Norway

Date: October 2–11, 2025

Key Points:

- **Mirabai Chanu:** Silver (total 199 kg, 2 NRs)
- **WRs:** Rizki Juniansyah, Ri Song-gum
- **Exam Relevance:** Indian sports achievements, international events.

MCQ:

- Q9. Which Indian athlete won silver in Women's 48 kg category?
- A) P. V. Sindhu
B) Mirabai Chanu ✓
C) Lovlina Borgohain
D) Hima Das
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10. Goa Agriculture Minister and Former CM Ravi Naik Passed Away

Date: October 15, 2025

Key Points:

- **Age:** 79
- **Political career:** 7-time MLA, 2-time CM, 1-time MP
- **Exam Relevance:** State political leaders, India political history.

MCQ:

- Q10. Ravi Naik was a former CM of which state?
- A) Kerala
B) Goa ✓
C) Maharashtra
D) Karnataka
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11. Former Kenya PM Raila Amolo Odinga Passed Away

Date: October 15, 2025

Key Points:

- **Age:** 80
- **PM tenure:** 2008–2013
- **Significance:** Democracy activist, political leadership

- **Exam Relevance:** International leaders, Kenya politics.

MCQ:

Q11. Raila Odinga served as PM of Kenya from:

- A) 2005–2010
 - B) 2008–2013
 - C) 2010–2015
 - D) 2012–2017
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12. Union Minister Rajnath Singh Releases Book “Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II”

Date: October 2025

Key Points:

- **Author:** CDS General Anil Chauhan
- **Publisher:** Pentagon Press
- **Focus:** Future-ready Armed Forces, cyber & space warfare
- **Exam Relevance:** Defence publications, military modernization.

MCQ:

Q12. Who authored “Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II”?

- A) CDS Gen Anil Chauhan
 - B) Rajnath Singh
 - C) Arvind Panagariya
 - D) Mansukh Mandaviya
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13. International Day of Rural Women 2025 — October 15

Theme: “The Rise of Rural Women: Building Resilient Futures with Beijing+30”

Key Points:

- **Observed by:** UN Women
- **Significance:** Empowerment, digital inclusion, leadership in agriculture
- **India observance:** Rashtr

1 Governance & Economy

Gov Extends 16th Finance Commission Tenure

- **What:** 16th Finance Commission (FC) tenure extended till **30 November 2025** (from 31 Oct 2025).
- **Chairman:** Dr. Arvind Panagariya
- **Constituted:** 31 Dec 2023
- **Purpose:** Recommend **Centre-State tax sharing** for 2026–31.
- **Members:** 4 full-time, 2 part-time, 1 economic advisor.
- **Coverage Period:** FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31

Exam Keywords: Finance Commission, Centre-State relations, Arvind Panagariya, divisible tax pool, Article 275

Possible Questions:

1. Who is the chairman of the 16th Finance Commission?
 - A) N.K. Singh
 - B) Arvind Panagariya
 - C) Ramesh Abhishek
 - D) C. Rangarajan
2. 16th FC's recommendations will cover which period?
 - A) 2025–2030
 - B) 2026–2031

- C) 2024–2029
 - D) 2027–2032
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EPF: 238th CBT Meeting Chaired by Mansukh Mandaviya

- **Key Decisions:**
 - **Simplified EPF partial withdrawal:** 13 categories → 3 (Essential, Housing, Special Circumstances)
 - **Vishwas Scheme:** Resolve PF payment delays
 - **Doorstep DLC services:** EPFO + IPPB
- **Maximum PF withdrawal:** 100% of eligible balance (including employee & employer share)

Exam Keywords: EPF, CBT, Mansukh Mandaviya, Vishwas Scheme, Digital Life Certificate

MCQs:

1. Which scheme was launched to resolve delayed PF payments?

- A) Vishwas Scheme
- B) Jeevan Setu
- C) Atmanirbhar PF
- D) EPF Samadhan

2. Doorstep DLC services are provided in partnership with:

- A) SBI
 - B) IPPB
 - C) HDFC
 - D) PNB
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MoM Reclassifies Limestone as Major Mineral

- **Purpose:** Boost **ease of doing business**, increase **rural income**
- **Key Points:**
 - Existing minor mineral leases transition to major mineral leases
 - Royalty continues until 31 Mar 2026
 - Mining plan validity extended till 31 Mar 2027
 - Exemption from digital compliance till 1 Jul 2027

Keywords: Ministry of Mines, MMDR Act 1957, Limestone, Ease of Doing Business

MCQs:

1. Limestone has been reclassified as a:
 - A) Minor mineral
 - B) Major mineral
 - C) Renewable resource
 - D) Restricted mineral
2. Exemption from digital compliance for limestone leases lasts until:
 - A) 31 Mar 2026
 - B) 31 Mar 2027
 - C) 1 Jul 2027
 - D) 1 Jan 2026

IAF & UK's Carrier Strike Group Aerial Exercise

- **Where:** Indian Ocean Region
- **Indian Aircraft:** Sukhoi-30 MKI, Jaguar, AWACS, AEW&C

- **UK Aircraft:** F-35B (HMS Prince of Wales)
- **Objective:** Enhance interoperability, mutual trust, operational coordination
- **DRDO Astra Mk-2 Upgrade:** Range 160 km → 200 km; ~700 missiles planned

Keywords: IAF, UK CSG, Astra Mk-2, Joint exercise

MCQs:

1. Which Indian missile's range is being upgraded in conjunction with this exercise?
 - A) Akash
 - B) Astra Mk-2
 - C) Prithvi
 - D) BrahMos

LIMBS Live Dashboard Launched

- **By:** Union MoS Arjun Ram Meghwal
- **Purpose:** Track government litigation, enhance transparency and accountability
- **Live Cases Tracked:** 723,123 across 53 ministries
- **Users:** 13,175 ministry users & 18,458 advocates

Keywords: LIMBS, Transparency, Legal Information Management

MCQs:

1. LIMBS dashboard tracks live cases of how many ministries?
 - A) 50
 - B) 53
 - C) 60
 - D) 45

If you like, I can **continue in the same style for the rest of the “first part” news** (MoL&E + Zomato, India in UNHRC, INS Sahyadri, NIPL + Japan, IMF India forecast, Bharath Thammineni, etc.), and then **combine everything into a single fully-styled PDF with topic-wise colored headings, icons, and shaded boxes.**

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