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Read each news item, memorise the exam facts, and attempt the MCQs before checking the answers. Verify time-sensitive facts and figures against official releases before relying on them for an examination.

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Daily Current Affairs — 21 September 2026

A concise English-language compilation for major Indian competitive examinations.

1. Asian Games 2026: India Wins Silver in Men's 10m Air Rifle Team

Indian shooters Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil, Himanshu Dhillon and Parth Rakesh Mane won silver in the men's 10-metre air rifle team event at the Aichi–Nagoya Asian Games 2026.

Exam Facts

- Event: Men's 10m Air Rifle Team
- Medal: Silver
- Indian shooters: Rudranksh Patil, Himanshu Dhillon and Parth Mane
- Host: Aichi–Nagoya, Japan

Exam relevance: Sports medal winners and event details are common current-affairs topics.

2. Seventh Edition of the National Formulary of India Launched

Union Minister of State for Health Anupriya Patel launched the seventh edition of the National Formulary of India (NFI) 2026 and announced approval of a new Biovigilance Programme of India.

Exam Facts

- Publication: National Formulary of India (NFI)
- Edition: Seventh
- Ministry: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Focus: Rational use of medicines and patient safety

Exam relevance: Remember the publication name, edition and ministry.

3. India and Mongolia Begin Exercise Nomadic Elephant 2026

The 18th edition of the India–Mongolia joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant commenced at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. The exercise aims to improve interoperability and capabilities for counter-insurgency operations.

Exam Facts

- Exercise: Nomadic Elephant 2026
- Countries: India and Mongolia
- Venue: Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
- Edition: 18th

Exam relevance: Joint exercises, participating countries and venues are frequently tested.

4. ■586 Crore Contract for Tank Auxiliary Power Units

The Ministry of Defence signed a ■586 crore contract with Accurate Industrial Controls Private Limited for indigenously developed Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) for the Indian Army's T-72 and T-90 tanks.

Exam Facts

- Contract value: ■586 crore
- Equipment: Auxiliary Power Units (APUs)
- Platforms: T-72 and T-90 tanks
- Purpose: Provide auxiliary electrical power to tank systems

Exam relevance: Relevant to defence procurement and indigenous manufacturing.

5. CSIR Launches Science and Innovation Quiz

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Department of Youth Affairs launched CSIR SciQuiz on the MY Bharat portal. The initiative runs from 20 to 26 September 2026 and encourages young people to engage with science and innovation.

Exam Facts

- Organisation: CSIR
- Quiz: CSIR SciQuiz
- Platform: MY Bharat portal
- Dates: 20–26 September 2026

Exam relevance: Remember the organisation, portal and dates.

6. Index of Core Industries Reports 4.8% Growth

The current-affairs briefing for 21 September reported 4.8% growth in the provisional Index of Core Industries (ICI) for August 2026.

Exam Facts

- The index tracks eight sectors: coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity.
- Reported growth: 4.8% in August 2026

Exam relevance: Memorise all eight core sectors; verify the provisional figure with the official release.

7. Solar Energy Corporation of India Marks 15 Years

The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) marked its 15th Foundation Day, highlighting its role in renewable energy and discussions around green hydrogen and distributed energy.

Exam Facts

- Organisation: Solar Energy Corporation of India
- Abbreviation: SECI
- Sector: Renewable energy
- Related topics: Green hydrogen and distributed energy

Exam relevance: SECI is associated with India's renewable-energy ecosystem.

8. Seminar Focuses on Critical-Minerals Recycling

A national seminar focused on strengthening India's critical-minerals recycling ecosystem. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy highlighted the importance of recovering minerals from secondary sources for clean energy, advanced manufacturing and defence.

Exam Facts

- Theme: Critical-minerals recycling
- Related concept: Circular economy
- Importance: Resource security and sustainable manufacturing

Exam relevance: Relevant to critical minerals, clean energy and industrial policy.

9. Telecom Manufacturing Zone in Gwalior

An investors' meeting was convened in Bengaluru for the proposed Telecom Manufacturing Zone in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. Earlier investor meetings reportedly secured investment commitments of ₹5,500 crore.

Exam Facts

- State: Madhya Pradesh
- City: Gwalior
- Sector: Telecommunications manufacturing
- Reported investment commitments: ₹5,500 crore

Exam relevance: Useful for Madhya Pradesh state examinations.

10. Cheetah Gaurav Dies at Kuno National Park

A ten-year-old Namibian cheetah named Gaurav reportedly died during treatment at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh on 21 September 2026.

Exam Facts

- Animal: Cheetah
- Name: Gaurav
- Origin: Namibia
- Location: Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh

Exam relevance: Useful for wildlife conservation and Madhya Pradesh current affairs; verify details with official park or government updates.

Practice MCQs

Choose the best answer before checking the answer key.

Q1. The Nomadic Elephant military exercise is conducted between which countries?

- A. India and Nepal
- B. India and Mongolia
- C. India and Sri Lanka
- D. India and Thailand

Answer: B. India and Mongolia

Q2. Who launched the seventh edition of the National Formulary of India?

- A. Anupriya Patel
- B. Prataprao Jadhav
- C. Arjun Ram Meghwal
- D. Jitendra Singh

Answer: A. Anupriya Patel

Q3. Which Indian shooters won silver in the men's 10m air rifle team event?

- A. Rudrankksh Patil, Himanshu Dhillon and Parth Mane
- B. Neeraj Chopra, Kishore Jena and Avinash Sable
- C. Manu Bhaker, Elavenil Valarivan and Sonam Maskar
- D. Swapnil Kusale, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Sandeep Singh

Answer: A. Rudrankksh Patil, Himanshu Dhillon and Parth Mane

Q4. The ₹586 crore contract for APUs covers which tanks?

- A. Arjun and T-55
- B. T-72 and T-90
- C. K9 Vajra and M777
- D. BMP-2 and Pinaka

Answer: B. T-72 and T-90

Q5. CSIR SciQuiz was launched on which portal?

- A. DigiLocker
- B. MY Bharat
- C. GeM
- D. e-Shram

Answer: B. MY Bharat

Q6. How many sectors are included in the Index of Core Industries?

- A. Six
- B. Seven
- C. Eight
- D. Ten

Answer: C. Eight

Q7. SECI is associated with which sector?

- A. Renewable energy
- B. Railways
- C. Space exploration
- D. Banking

Answer: A. Renewable energy

Q8. Kuno National Park is located in which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

Answer: C. Madhya Pradesh

Quick Revision One-Liners

Topic	Remember
Asian Games 2026	India won silver in men's 10m air rifle team event
National Formulary of India	Seventh edition launched; Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Nomadic Elephant	India–Mongolia joint exercise; Pithoragarh
Tank APUs	■586 crore contract for T-72 and T-90 tanks
CSIR SciQuiz	MY Bharat portal; 20–26 September
Index of Core Industries	Eight sectors; reported August growth 4.8%
SECI	Solar Energy Corporation of India; renewable energy
Critical minerals	Recycling and circular economy
Telecom zone	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh; ■5,500 crore reported commitments
Cheetah Gaurav	Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh

Sources and Verification

- [Ministry of Defence / PIB](#)
- [Ministry of Health and Family Welfare](#)
- [CSIR](#)
- [Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation — ICI](#)
- [Madhya Pradesh Forest Department](#)

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