

Important Current Affairs

1. Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026

The Indian Air Force inaugurated the second edition of the multilateral air exercise Tarang Shakti at Air Force Station Jodhpur on 26 September. The exercise runs until 12 October and includes air forces from seven partner countries. Its theme is "Power in Partnership".

2. India's first port-based e-methanol plant

The foundation stone was laid for a 150-tonne-per-day e-methanol plant at Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla, Gujarat. The ₹2,300 crore joint project involves Deendayal Port Authority and Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited. E-methanol can be produced using renewable electricity, water and captured biogenic CO₂, and is being developed as a lower-carbon marine fuel.

3. CSIR launches science magazines in five Indian languages

On CSIR's 85th Foundation Day, Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched five popular-science magazines through CSIR-NIScPR in Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Tamil and Telugu. These add to existing publications such as Science Reporter (English), Vigyan Pragati (Hindi) and Science ki Duniya (Urdu).

4. SHE-Mart initiative launched

The women-led SHG retail initiative SHE-Mart was launched from Kollam, Kerala, with plans for more than 300 outlets across Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The outlets will sell products made by self-help groups along with selected Bharat Brand products.

5. Indian Railways approves ₹4,178 crore projects

Indian Railways approved infrastructure projects worth ₹4,178 crore for Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh to improve capacity, operational efficiency and rail connectivity.

6. CSIR Foundation Day

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) was established on 26 September 1942. Its headquarters is in New Delhi, and it works across scientific and industrial research through a network of laboratories.

7. International update: shipping and seafarers

India and Liberia launched a Group of Friends on the Safety and Security of Shipping and Seafarers at the United Nations in New York, aiming to strengthen cooperation for the safety of merchant shipping and seafarers.

Practice MCQs

Q1. Where was Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 inaugurated?

- A. Jodhpur
- B. Pune
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

Answer: A. Jodhpur

Q2. What is the planned daily capacity of the e-methanol plant at Kandla?

- A. 50 tonnes
- B. 100 tonnes
- C. 150 tonnes
- D. 300 tonnes

Answer: C. 150 tonnes

Q3. Which organisation launched science magazines in five Indian languages?

- A. ISRO
- B. CSIR-NIScPR

- C. UGC
- D. NCERT

Answer: B. CSIR-NIScPR

Q4. SHE-Mart is primarily associated with which group?

- A. Women self-help groups
- B. Defence veterans
- C. School students
- D. Exporters only

Answer: A. Women self-help groups

Q5. In which year was CSIR established?

- A. 1935
- B. 1942
- C. 1950
- D. 1962

Answer: B. 1942