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1. Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan (KBA) - Rabi 2026

About the News

The Government of India is implementing **Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan (KBA) - Rabi 2026**, a nationwide campaign from **22 October to 30 November 2026**, to promote soil health, balanced fertiliser use and sustainable agricultural practices.

Key Highlights

- **Theme:** Soil Health and Sustainable Agriculture. **Campaign Slogan:** *Swasth Dhara, Samriddh Kisan.*
- **Coverage:** 34 States and Union Territories; more than 700 districts; 50,000 villages; a target of around 50 lakh farmers.
- **Implementation Mechanism:** 4,150 teams involving Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and Agricultural Technology Management Agencies (ATMA), with more than 12,000 scientists and ATMA functionaries. Priority is given to 100 high fertiliser-consuming districts.
- **Major Focus Areas:** balanced nutrient management; natural farming; Integrated Nutrient Management (INM); Crop Residue Management (CRM); crop diversification; climate-resilient agriculture; Integrated Pest Management (IPM); water conservation and efficient use of natural resources.

Key Objectives of the Campaign

- **Balanced Nutrient Management:** Promote nutrient management based on General Fertiliser Recommendations (GFR) and encourage the **4R Principle** of fertiliser use (Right Source, Right Rate, Right Time, Right Place). Promote efficient fertiliser application according to Rabi crop requirements.
- **Natural Farming:** Encourage natural farming through awareness campaigns, demonstrations and capacity-building programmes, and promote farmer-to-farmer learning.
- **Integrated Nutrient Management (INM):** Encourage the combined use of suitable organic, biological and chemical inputs, and promote balanced nutrient application to improve soil health.
- **Crop Residue Management:** Promote sustainable management of crop residues and discourage crop residue burning, particularly in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Encourage alternatives such as composting, mulching and vermicomposting.
- **Crop Diversification:** Strengthen oilseed and pulse production, encourage crop diversification and promote productive utilisation of rice-fallow areas.
- **Climate-Resilient Agriculture:** Implement location-specific contingency plans in drought-affected areas of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan, and promote climate-resilient crop and resource management.
- **Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Stewardship:** Promote awareness about pesticide quality and safe use, encourage need-based and label-compliant pesticide application, and discourage indiscriminate use of pesticides.

Farmer Awareness and Capacity-Building Activities

- **Village visits:** Each of the 950 ICAR institute teams is assigned three village visits per week; each of the 700 KVK teams is expected to undertake four per week. Each village visit targets 100 farmers.

- **Awareness programmes:** Over five weeks, the campaign envisages 5,650 awareness programmes, targeting 28.25 lakh farmers.
- **Training programmes:** Cover INM, CRM, natural farming, oilseed and pulse production, and IPM. Each of the 950 ICAR institute teams is expected to conduct one training programme per week and each of the 700 KVK teams two per week, with each programme targeting 40 participants.

Digital Outreach

- Campaign updates will be disseminated through WhatsApp, Facebook, X and other digital platforms.
- Social media outreach is projected to cover 1.5 crore farmers; overall digital outreach is envisaged to expand to 2.5 crore.

Connecting Farmers with Government Schemes and Services

The campaign also promotes awareness and access to the following schemes and services:

- **PM-KISAN:** Awareness about the scheme and its benefits.
- **Soil Health Cards:** Promotion of soil health information and balanced nutrient application.
- **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY):** Awareness regarding crop insurance coverage.
- **Kisan Credit Card (KCC):** Saturation drives to facilitate eligible farmers' access to institutional credit.
- **Farmers' ID:** Creation and updating of Farmers' IDs.
- Awareness about balanced pesticide use, the applicable fertiliser sale framework and potential benefits of trade agreements.

2. GSLV-F18/NVS-03 Mission

About the News

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully accomplished the **GSLV-F18/NVS-03 mission** on **30 October 2026 at 23:51 hours** from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota. The GSLV-F18 launch vehicle injected the Navigation Satellite **NVS-03** into a precise Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO). The first orbit manoeuvre was completed on 31 October 2026 at 16:48 hours. Further manoeuvres are planned to place the satellite in its designated geosynchronous orbital slot at **111.75° East**.

Key Highlights

- The satellite is the **third in India's series of five next-generation Navigation satellites** and is designed to strengthen the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC), enhancing India's capabilities in satellite-based navigation.
- **Successful Launch:** GSLV-F18 placed NVS-03 into its intended GTO, another milestone in India's efforts to strengthen its satellite navigation infrastructure.
- **20th GSLV Flight:** The mission marks the 20th flight of India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, demonstrating its continued operational use for strategic space missions.
- **Next-Generation Series Satellite:** NVS-03 is the third satellite of the second-generation NavIC series (NVS-01 to NVS-05), designed to strengthen the coverage, accuracy and reliability of India's regional navigation system.
- **Enhanced Navigation Signals:** NVS-03 carries navigation payloads in the **L1, L5 and S frequency bands**. The inclusion of the L1 signal alongside L5 and S continues to enhance NavIC's capabilities and compatibility. It supports coverage across India's landmass and a region extending **1,500 km** beyond its geopolitical boundary. Multiple frequency bands allow compatible receivers to access signals transmitted at different frequencies and provide options for designing receivers suited to different applications and operating conditions.
- **Indigenous Technology:** NVS-03 carries an indigenously developed atomic clock alongside procured atomic clocks. These provide highly precise time references for navigation signal generation; accurate timing is essential for determining signal travel times and calculating user positions.
- **Wider Applications:** NVS-03 strengthens India's independent Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) capabilities.

Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) and Apogee Motor

- A spacecraft destined for geosynchronous or geostationary orbit is generally first placed in an elliptical GTO, which has a low perigee (closest point to Earth) and a high apogee (farthest point from Earth). For a conventional GTO, the apogee is approximately **35,786 km** above Earth's surface.
- Near apogee, the spacecraft fires its onboard propulsion system to raise its perigee and circularise its orbit. Additional manoeuvres may adjust its orbital inclination and position, depending on the target orbit.
- The propulsion system used for these orbit-raising manoeuvres is commonly called an **Apogee Motor**. For NVS-03, the manoeuvre was performed using its **Liquid Apogee Motor (LAM)**, a type of chemical rocket engine.

Background: GSLV and NavIC

- **GSLV:** The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle is a three-stage launch vehicle developed by ISRO to place satellites into GTO and Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
- **NavIC:** India's regional satellite navigation system, developed by ISRO and earlier known as the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS). It provides Position, Navigation and Timing (PNT) services and was originally designed with a seven-satellite constellation supported by a network of ground stations operating round the clock.
- **NVS-01:** Launched on 29 May 2023 by GSLV-F12 (the 15th GSLV flight) into GTO. It is the first satellite of the second-generation NavIC series, designed to ensure continuity of legacy NavIC services.
- **NVS-02:** Launched on 29 January 2025 aboard GSLV-F15.
- **NVS-04 and NVS-05:** The fourth and fifth satellites planned in the second-generation NavIC series.

General Awareness

1. SEBI extends digital accessibility compliance deadline to January 31

About the News

SEBI has extended the deadline for regulated entities to complete key digital accessibility compliance requirements to **January 31 next year**, following requests from market participants.

Key Highlights

- The extension covers the appointment of an International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP) auditor, accessibility audits of digital platforms and remediation of the audit findings.
- The requirements are part of SEBI's earlier circulars on mandatory compliance by all regulated entities with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and the rules framed thereunder.
- The circular refers to five earlier communications issued in July, August, September and December 2025, and on July 31, 2026. All other provisions of the earlier circulars remain unchanged and must be complied with.
- The direction was issued to protect investors' interests and to promote the development and regulation of the securities market.

2. Average daily value of UPI transactions crosses Rs 1 lakh crore in October 2026

About the News

The average daily volume of UPI transactions rose to its highest level so far in a month, at **821.69 million** in October 2026 against 802.28 million in September 2026.

Key Highlights

- Average daily value of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions crossed the **Rs 1 lakh crore** mark in a month for the

first time in October 2026, per National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) data.

- UPI logged its highest average daily value of **Rs 1,00,871.30 crore** in October 2026, against Rs 97,913.22 crore in September 2026.
- Total monthly volume and value were also higher in October 2026 (volume: 25.47 billion; value: Rs 31.52 lakh crore) than in September 2026 (volume: 24.07 billion; value: Rs 29.37 lakh crore).
- UPI is an instant payment system developed by NPCI, an RBI-regulated entity. It is built over the Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) infrastructure and allows instant transfer of money between any two parties' bank accounts.

3. GST collections surge to Rs 2.32 lakh crore in October

About the News

Driven by festive restocking and robust sales, Goods & Services Tax (GST) collections reached **Rs 2.31 lakh crore** in October, according to data released by the GST portal.

Key Highlights

- This is nearly 23 per cent higher than October 2025. Collections in October relate to goods consumed and services availed in September.
- Collections from domestic sources rose around 16 per cent to about Rs 1.59 lakh crore.
- Collections from imported sources rose over 42 per cent to over Rs 72,000 crore.
- Refunds were around Rs 28,000 crore, 6.5 per cent higher than in October last year. Net collections were therefore over Rs 2 lakh crore, around 26 per cent higher.

4. ADB approves $139.55 million loan to upgrade urban infrastructure, water supply in Puducherry

About the News

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a **$139.55 million loan** to improve urban infrastructure and municipal governance in Puducherry, including the expansion and rehabilitation of water supply and sewerage networks, according to a statement by the development bank.

Key Highlights

- The funding, under the **Puducherry Integrated Urban Livability Improvement Project**, aims to support climate-resilient water supply and sanitation infrastructure, modernisation of urban public spaces and measures to strengthen municipal finances and institutional capacity.
- The project will enhance water supply and sanitation services by upgrading 100 km of water supply network, laying 80 km of new pipelines, constructing new overhead service reservoirs, and establishing district metered areas and brackish water reverse osmosis desalination plants.
- It will also upgrade urban public spaces by constructing 4.5 km of pedestrian walkways accessible to persons with disabilities and improving drainage systems through concrete lining and stabilisation.

5. Coal India Marks 51 Glorious Years with Record-Breaking Performance in October 2026

About the News

Coal India Limited (CIL), under the Ministry of Coal and the country's leading coal producer, marked its **51st Foundation Day on 1 November 2026** on a remarkable note, registering a series of record-breaking achievements during October 2026.

Key Highlights

- CIL recorded its highest-ever monthly coal production and total coal supply, as well as the highest-ever monthly supply to the power sector.
- **Total coal supply:** 70.3 Million Tonnes (MT), the highest in any month, surpassing the previous record of 69.4 MT (March 2026); year-on-year growth of 19%.
- **Supply to the power sector:** 57.1 MT, a new high, against the previous record of 56.5 MT (May 2024); year-on-year growth of 19%.
- **Production:** 67.2 MT, surpassing the previous record of 62.47 MT (October 2024); year-on-year growth of 19%.
- **Rail evacuation:** Daily rake loading for the power sector reached 310 rakes, the highest in any month, surpassing the previous record of 302.8 rakes per day (March 2025).
- CIL was established on 1 November 1975 and now embarks on its 52nd year of service. Annual production has grown from 79 MT in its first year to 768 MT in FY 2025-26, an almost tenfold increase over five decades. The production target for FY 2026-27 is 815 MT.

6. Centre approves Rs 989 crore for 39 road projects across Keralam

About the News

The Centre has approved **Rs 988.75 crore** for 39 road development projects in Keralam, with construction scheduled to begin in December.

Key Highlights

- The allocation is under the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) scheme and will facilitate development of 486.33 km of roads across the state. Rs 570 crore is earmarked for road projects in the Malabar region (north Keralam).
- The approval covers 21 projects spread across Kasaragod, Kannur, Wayanad, Kozhikode and Malappuram districts.
- The projects cover major district roads, ordinary district roads and Corporation roads. The state government has already accorded administrative sanction, and the roads will be developed in accordance with National Highway standards.

7. Bhutan raises 108 sacred Buddhist stupas simultaneously in Gelephu Mindfulness City

About the News

In a remarkable display of faith, devotion and collective participation, Bhutan witnessed the simultaneous raising of **108 sacred Buddhist stupas**, each 15 metres tall, in Gelephu Mindfulness City. The raising was heralded by the sounding of 58 sets of traditional dungchen (long Buddhist horns).

Key Highlights

- Envisioned by the King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the initiative brought together around 40,000 volunteers from across the country.
- Each chorten is 15 metres tall, with 108 metres between consecutive structures, together forming an approximately 12-km spiritual corridor along the banks of the Mau Chhu river.
- The main ceremony was held in the presence of the Bhutanese Royal Family, with the country's highest spiritual authority, the Je Khenpo, leading the religious observances. The King also addressed the gathering.
- The occasion coincides with Lhabab Düchen, commemorating Lord Buddha's descent from the heavenly realm, and the 18th Coronation Anniversary of the King.

8. India wins 14 medals at 46th International Tammer Boxing Tournament in Finland

- India won **14 medals (4 gold, 2 silver, 8 bronze)** at the 46th International Tammer Boxing Tournament in Tampere, Finland, and finished at the top of the medal tally.
- **Gold:** Aarti Dhariyal (women's 54 kg), Ankushita Boro (women's 65 kg), Arundhati Chaudhary (women's 70 kg) and Pawan Bartwal (men's 55 kg).
- **Silver:** Mohammed Hussamuddin (men's 60 kg) and Jaismine (women's 57 kg).
- **Bronze:** Vivek Meena (men's 65 kg), Hitesh (men's 70 kg), Akshay (men's 80 kg), Bobin Chauhan (men's 90 kg), Chetan Choudhary

(men's 90+ kg), Tanu (women's 51 kg), Disha Patil (women's 60 kg) and Imroz Khan (women's 75 kg).

9. Hylo Open 2026: Lakshya Sen & PV Sindhu win Men's and Women's Singles titles

- Lakshya Sen and PV Sindhu won the men's and women's singles titles at the Hylo Open 2026 in Saarbrücken, a double badminton triumph for India.
- **PV Sindhu** became the first Indian woman to win the Hylo Open women's singles crown, beating Denmark's Line Kjaersfeldt 21-12, 21-14 in the final. Entering her second BWF final in as many weeks, the double Olympic medallist dominated to clinch her first title since the Japan Open in July.
- **Lakshya Sen** defeated defending champion Jonatan Christie of Indonesia 21-17, 21-10 to win the men's singles crown for the second time. It is his first BWF title of the year and makes him the first Indian to win two titles at the Hylo Open.

10. Indian archers win three silver and one bronze at Swiss Open IWS Championship

- India registered an impressive medal haul at the ongoing Swiss Open IWS Archery Championship: **silver** for Sachin Chechi, Tania Rani and Priya Gurjar, and **bronze** for Aditya Wadhwa.
- **Sachin Chechi** (Compound Under-21 Men) lost narrowly, 145-147, to Germany's Simon Moritz, the Under-21 World Record Holder and U-18 World Champion.
- **Tania Rani** (Compound Under-21 Women) won silver after facing Youth World Championship medallist Fenna Stallen in the final, India's second medal at the championship.
- **Priya Gurjar** (Compound Women) defeated Mexico's Andrea Maya Becerra Arizaga to clinch her medal.
- **Aditya Wadhwa** (Recurve Under-21 Men) secured bronze, defeating Slovenia's Gal Frank 6-2 in the bronze medal match.

11. Indian Army's Biten Singh wins Ironman 70.3 Goa 2026, sets new course record

- Indian Army personnel **Biten Singh** won the men's category of the Ironman 70.3 Goa, India 2026 international triathlon and set a new course record of **4 hours 24 minutes 29 seconds**. The earlier record, 4 hours 25 minutes 47 seconds, was set by Uzbekistan's Konstantin Belousov in 2025.
- Ironman 70.3 is an internationally recognised triathlon comprising 2 km of swimming, 90 km of cycling and 21 km of running. The sixth edition was held along Miramar beach in Goa, with more than 2,000 athletes from over 30 countries.
- In the women's category, Marina Shliakhtina won in 5 hours 30 minutes 29 seconds; Sabina Iskakova finished second and Mellanie Vendt third.

12. India Clinch both Men's & Women's Titles at Inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship in Ahmedabad

- The Indian men's and women's teams became champions of the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship in Ahmedabad, winning the maiden edition on home soil.
- The men's team won gold by defeating Sri Lanka 54-20 in the final.
- The women's team won gold with a convincing 35-15 victory over Uganda in the final.

13. Japanese major Omron targets 3 million BP machine capacity for new Chennai plant

About the News

Japanese conglomerate **Omron** inaugurated its first India manufacturing facility in Chennai, a dedicated unit for its medical devices arm, Omron Healthcare.

Key Highlights

- The facility currently has an annual capacity of 300,000 Omron Blood Pressure machines, with plans to expand to over **3 million** within the first year.
- The Kyoto-based company had signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu government in 2023 to set up the facility, with a proposed investment of Rs 128 crore.

14. One Planet Partners raises PE fund, ties up with Japan's SMTB

About the News

India-focused private equity firm **One Planet Partners** launched its maiden fund and announced a strategic partnership with Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank (SMTB) of Japan, targeting deployment of over **Rs 3,000 crore** with a first close planned by mid-2027.

Key Highlights

- SMTB has made a strategic equity investment in One Planet Partners and anchored a dedicated private equity fund managed by the firm.
- The fund will provide scale-up capital of Rs 100-500 crore to mid-market businesses with revenues between Rs 200 crore and Rs 2,000 crore, focusing on energy transition, mobility and manufacturing.
- One Planet Partners was founded in 2024 by four partners.

15. Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal AVSM, VM Takes Over as Air Officer Commanding-In-Chief Eastern Air Command

- Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal, AVSM, VM assumed the appointment of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command, IAF, on 01 November 2026. He was commissioned in the flying branch of the IAF as a fighter pilot on 14 June 1989.
- He has over 3,200 hours of flying experience on a number of fighter aircraft, is a specialist in strike aircraft and air defence roles, and is a qualified Pilot Attack Instructor.
- An alumnus of the National Defence Academy (NDA) and National Defence College, he has held several field and staff appointments, including Air Officer Commanding of two flying bases and Commanding Officer of a fighter squadron.
- He was posted at the Embassy of India in Pakistan as Air Attaché, and has served as Director General (Weapon Systems) at Air HQ. Before taking over, he was Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO) at HQ SWAC.
- In recognition of his distinguished service, he has been awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vayu Sena Medal.

16. Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Assumes Charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff

- Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM, commenced his tenure as the **29th Chief of the Air Staff** of the Indian Air Force on 01 November 2026 by paying homage at the National War Memorial to the bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice in service of the Nation.
- An Experimental Test Pilot and Qualified Flying Instructor with over 3,500 hours of flying experience, he has held key appointments including Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC), HQ IDS; Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command; and Vice Chief of the Air Staff.
- In his opening address, he coined the guiding theme **'VAYU'**, with four pillars that will shape the IAF's future trajectory:
  - **V - Vigilance, Victory and Readiness:** Maintaining the highest state of operational preparedness across all formations, while restoring combat strength to sanctioned levels.
  - **A - Aatmanirbharta:** Accelerating indigenous capabilities across platforms, sensors, weapons and technologies, with a focus on operational self-reliance and sustained combat capability.
  - **Y - Yukti:** Harnessing ingenuity and innovation in doctrine, technology and operational procedures, including AI-enabled command and control, counter-drone capabilities, resilience and emerging operational domains.
  - **U - Unity of Effort:** Strengthening jointness with the Army, Navy and national agencies, in consonance with the national vision of JAI - Jointness, Aatmanirbharta and Innovation.

- Through the 'VAYU' vision, the Chief has articulated a clear direction for an operationally ready, technologically advanced, self-reliant and seamlessly integrated IAF, committed to safeguarding the nation's interests and deterring conflict through credible air power.

17. Home Minister Amit Shah presents President's Colour to Chandigarh Police on 60th Raising Day

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation **Amit Shah** attended the Diamond Jubilee celebrations marking the establishment of Chandigarh Police and was Chief Guest at its President's Colour Award Ceremony.
- Chandigarh Police currently ranks second in the country in response time and, with the addition of 141 new vehicles, will rank first nationwide. Chandigarh was made a Union Territory and joint capital of both states on 1 November 1966; coordinating closely with the Haryana and Punjab Police, it has effectively managed the tri-city region.
- The justice system, once notorious for 'Tareekh Pe Tareekh', now achieves an 85% conviction rate and an average case disposal time of just 140 days.
- Chandigarh was the first to introduce the Beat Policing system after 2015. The three new criminal laws, replacing the three punitive laws enacted by the British, were also introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Chandigarh. Chandigarh will be the first city in the country to become drug-free.
- Chandigarh Police has won 145 medals at the All India Police Duty Meet (35 gold, 38 silver, 72 bronze). Financial assistance of Rs 8,000 per month is provided to 130 families of widowed police personnel, and educational and sports scholarships of approximately Rs 2.25 crore are also provided.
- He further said that 154 new vehicles were inducted into the force in 2026, while the housing satisfaction rate stands at 48 per cent.

18. IRDAI declares November 2026 as grievance resolution month for insurance policyholders

About the News

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is organising a **'Grievance Resolution Month'** during November 2026 across the insurance industry, to speed up the meaningful resolution of pending policyholder grievances and disputes, particularly long-pending ones.

Key Highlights

- As per IRDAI data, approximately 2.21 lakh cases were pending before Consumer Commissions and Judicial Courts as of March 2026, and around 72.49 per cent of them had been pending for over a year.
- Around 11 lakh cases were reportedly pending before the Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal (MACT).
- The Life Insurance Council, General Insurance Council and Counsel for Insurance Ombudsmen have been asked to support the initiative by sensitising member insurers.

19. International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists | 2 November

- Observed annually on **2 November** to raise awareness about the high rate of unsolved crimes against media workers and to push for justice and press freedom.
- The Arab States was the region with the highest number of murders of journalists, according to the 2026 UNESCO Director-General's Report on the Safety of Journalists and the Danger of Impunity.
- This year's observance focuses on how new technologies and weapons are transforming the threats journalists face, particularly in conflict zones.

20. National Unity Day 2026 | 31 October

- National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) 2026 was observed on **31 October 2026**, marking the **151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**. The Ministry of Ayush is promoting the message of **'Yoga for Unity'**, highlighting the role of Yoga in fostering national integration, social harmony and collective well-being.
- The initiative, integrated with Yoga 365, encourages citizens to make Yoga an integral part of daily life while strengthening the spirit of togetherness and shared responsibility towards health and well-being.

21. Gujarat presents Vibrant Gujarat 2027 pitch to Dubai's business community

About the News

Gujarat is reaching out to the global business community ahead of the **Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS) 2027**, sending multiple delegations to important countries to invite investors and industry leaders to the state's flagship investment event.

Key Highlights

- The **11th edition** will be held from **10 to 12 January 2027** at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar. The summit was conceptualised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2003, when he was Chief Minister of Gujarat.
- A high-level Gujarat Government delegation visited Dubai and met industry leaders in the UAE across sectors including oil & gas, logistics, financial institutions, manufacturing groups and real estate.
- The delegation also interacted with Indian entrepreneurs and the diaspora in the UAE at an event organised by the Indian People's Forum (IPF) UAE. The state government's presentations were followed by an interactive Q&A session addressing participants' queries.

22. Inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise

About the News

The inaugural **BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise**, being conducted from **30 October to 3 November 2026**, marks a significant milestone in maritime cooperation among BIMSTEC member states. It brings together Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand, and reinforces their shared commitment to regional security, stability and prosperity in the Bay of Bengal.

Key Highlights

- The exercise builds on the outcomes of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit, held under the theme **'BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open'**.
- It provides a practical framework for enhancing maritime cooperation and operational linkages among participating nations.
- It reflects BIMSTEC's collective resolve towards **'Translating Vision to Action'** by advancing cooperation in areas of mutual maritime interest and strengthening regional security mechanisms.



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