

# Daily Current Affairs

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### Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026

- Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik from Odisha became the first Indian to win the prestigious Russia Grand Sand Master Cup of 2026. He received this award at the II International Festival of Sand Sculpture in the Russia on 11th of June, 2026.
- Pattnaik was honored for his exceptional contribution to the sand art and his thought-provoking sculpture highlighting the issue of Global Warming.
- Sudarsan Pattnaik won the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup of 2026.
- He became the first Indian sand artist to receive this honor.
- The award was presented at the II International Festival of Sand Sculpture in the Russia.
- His sculpture was based on the theme of the Global Warming.
- The artwork stood approx. at 3 metres high.
- Sudarsan Pattnaik is world's one of the most celebrated sand artists. He is from Puri, Odisha and he has spent decades using sand art to communicate the messages related to the environmental protection, social awareness, humanitarian causes and global peace.



## BIS Releases IS 20201

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has released the IS 20201:2026 which is a new standard for the Community Seed Bank Management. It was announced on 11th June, 2026 and this standard provides the structured framework for the establishment and operation of the community seed banks across the country.
- It is developed under the Biodiversity Sectional Committee of BIS and this initiative aims to safeguard the indigenous crop varieties, strengthen food security and improve the resilience against climate change.
- India's agricultural sector is increasingly facing the challenges from climate change which includes the irregular rainfall, rising temperatures, floods and prolonged droughts.
- Many indigenous crops have the unique characteristics such as the drought tolerance, pest resistance, disease resilience and its superior nutritional value.
- This newly released standard establishes the comprehensive management framework for Community Seed Banks (CSBs). These community-led institutions function as the decentralized repositories where farmers can collect, store, preserve and exchange locally adapted seeds.
- The development of the IS 20201:2026 involved the contributions from several leading institutions working in to biodiversity and agriculture.
- The draft standard was prepared under the convenorship of the **ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR)**.



## JNPA Emerges as India's Top Container Port

- The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) has emerged as the India's best-performing container port in the Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) 2025. It is jointly published by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.
- It ranked 22nd globally in CPPI 2025.
- Improved by the one position from the previous ranking.
- Recognized as among the world's most improved ports over the last six years.
- Continues to lead the India's container port ecosystem.
- Rank of Top Indian Container Ports in CPPI 2025
- JNPA: 22nd Rank
- Pipavav Port: 28th Rank
- Mundra Port: 30th Rank
- Visakhapatnam Port: 104th Rank
- Pipavav has overtaken the Mundra to become the India's highest-ranked private container port.
- Mundra has dropped five positions to the 30th rank.
- Visakhapatnam Port had witnessed the sharp decline of 34 places.
- **Port Performance Index 2025**

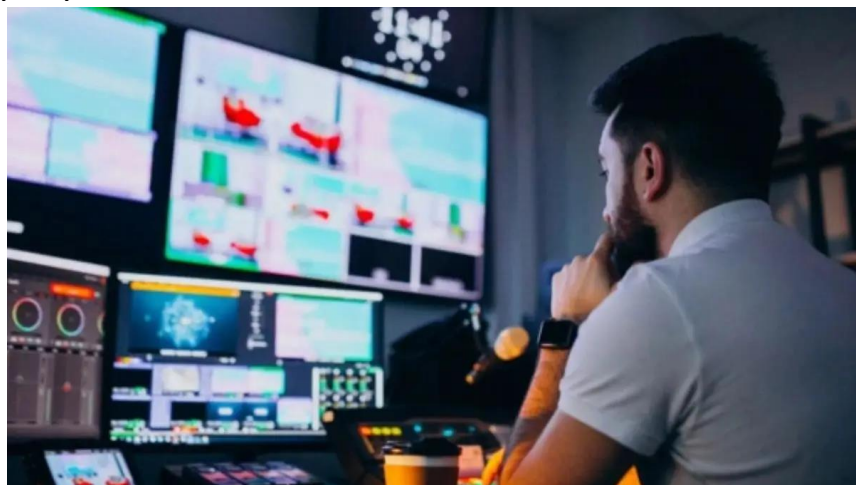
Rank	Port	Country/Territory
1	Fuzhou	China
2	Dalian	China
3	Salalah	Oman
4	Mawan	China
5	Chiwan	China
6	Tanger Med	Morocco
7	Ningbo	China
8	Hamad Port	Qatar
9	Hong Kong	Hong Kong SAR, China
10	Kobe	Japan

EXAMS

## Centre Proposes Unified Broadcasting Rules

- The Government of India has released the draft Telecommunications (Television, Radio and Associated Services) Rules of 2026 and it proposed the common regulatory framework for all television and radio broadcasting services in the country.
- The draft rules were issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) on 12th of June, 2026 and issued under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- The draft Telecommunications Rules, 2026 aim to replace the multiple guidelines that currently govern the television and radio broadcasting separately.
- The proposed rules creates the unified regulatory structure under the Telecommunications Act, 2023. They clearly define the obligations for broadcasters while maintaining provisions related to the public service content.

- Single regulatory framework for the television and radio broadcasting services.
- It introduced under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- TV channels must broadcast at least 30 minutes of the public-interest content daily.
- Public-interest content must air between 6 AM and 11 PM in a day.
- Private FM radio stations must broadcast one hour of the public-interest programming every day.
- **What Changes for Television Channels?**
- Television broadcasters were already required to air content related to the national importance under the 2022 Uplinking and Downlinking Guidelines.
- **What Changes for Television Channels?**
- The new draft rules address this gap by mandating the,
  - Minimum 30 minutes of the public-interest programming daily.
  - Have to broadcast between 6 AM and 11 PM.
  - Mandatory public service via broadcasting obligations.
- **What Changes for Private FM Radio Stations?**
- Private FM radio operators will experience the more significant regulatory change.
- Under the earlier FM Phase-III Policy, stations were required to air the public-interest announcements as directed by the government.
- The draft rules replace this provision with the clearer obligation to broadcast one hour of programs that are related to national importance and social relevance every day.



## Bharat Innovates 2026

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron are set to jointly inaugurate the Bharat Innovates 2026 on June 14th 2026 at the Palais des Expositions in Nice, France.
- It is organized by the Ministry of Education under the Government of India and this event aims to showcase the India's rapidly growing deep-tech and innovation ecosystem to global investors, industry leaders and research institutions.
- This initiative comes under the India-France Year of Innovation 2026 and it is expected to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in advanced technologies, startups, research and cross-border investments.
- It will covers 13 strategic sectors, including the,
  - Semiconductors
  - Space Technology
  - Advanced Computing
  - Healthcare
  - Energy
  - Manufacturing
- Conducted under the India-France Year of Innovation 2026.
- Aims to promote technology transfer, startup scaling, and cross-border investments.
- Focused on research collaborations and emerging technologies.
- India and France have steadily expanded their strategic partnership since its establishment in 1998. Over the years, cooperation has grown across defense, space, civil nuclear energy, climate action, education and technology.
- In a February 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron jointly inaugurated the India-France Year of Innovation 2026 in the Mumbai. Bharat Innovates 2026 is one of the flagship initiatives under this framework.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Who became the first Indian to win the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026?**

- (a) Jatin Das
- (b) Sudarsan Pattnaik
- (c) Anish Kapoor
- (d) Satish Gujral

Ans: (b) Sudarsan Pattnaik

**2. Sudarsan Pattnaik received the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026 at which event?**

- (a) Moscow Art Festival
- (b) Eurasian Cultural Summit
- (c) II International Festival of Sand Sculpture
- (d) International Climate Conference

Ans: (c) II International Festival of Sand Sculpture

**3. The award-winning sand sculpture created by Sudarsan Pattnaik focused on which theme?**

- (a) Biodiversity Conservation
- (b) World Peace
- (c) Ocean Pollution
- (d) Global Warming

Ans: (d) Global Warming

**4. Which organization released IS 20201:2026 for Community Seed Bank Management?**

- (a) ICAR
- (b) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Ministry of Agriculture

Ans: (b) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

**5. IS 20201:2026 aims primarily to strengthen the management of:**

- (a) Fertilizer Banks
- (b) Food Processing Units
- (c) Community Seed Banks
- (d) Agricultural Markets

Ans: (c) Community Seed Banks

**6. Which Indian port ranked highest among Indian ports in the Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) 2025?**

- (a) Mundra Port
- (b) Pipavav Port
- (c) Visakhapatnam Port
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)

Ans: (d) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)

**7. What was the global rank of JNPA in the CPPI 2025?**

- (a) 18th
- (b) 22nd
- (c) 28th
- (d) 30th

Ans: (b) 22nd

**8. According to the draft Telecommunications Rules, 2026, television channels must broadcast at least how much public-interest content daily?**

- (a) 15 minutes
- (b) 30 minutes
- (c) 45 minutes
- (d) 60 minutes

Ans: (b) 30 minutes

**9. Private FM radio stations will be required to broadcast how much public-interest programming every day under the proposed rules?**

- (a) 30 minutes
- (b) 45 minutes
- (c) 1 hour
- (d) 2 hours

Ans: (c) 1 hour

**10. Bharat Innovates 2026 is being organized under which initiative?**

- (a) Make in India 2.0
- (b) Digital India Mission
- (c) India-France Year of Innovation 2026
- (d) Startup India Global Initiative

Ans: (c) India-France Year of Innovation 2026

