SSBCrack EXAMS

Daily Current Affairs
23 November 2026

FSSAI Sanctions Prosecution Against Bisleri

- Packaged drinking water company Bisleri International Pvt Ltd has been asked to face prosecution by the **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India** (FSSAI) as a sample of the product was found to be unsafe.
- This is based on laboratory test results showing the presence of Bromate and **Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons** (PAHs). However, Bisleri has challenged some of the test results and claims that the product is safe. (Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)
- The initial test conducted by the laboratory found 12 mcg/l of Bromate in comparison to the permitted level of 10 mcg/l. Hence, according to FSSAI, the product sample was deemed unsafe under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
- However, after an appeal was made by Bisleri, the sample was tested by a reference food laboratory. It was found to be unsafe due to the presence of Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs).
- Bromate is a compound in water, in certain circumstances.
- It can be found in water during ozonation processes if there is Bromide present.
- Exposure to high levels of Bromate causes concerns. Concentration of Bromate in drinking water is therefore regulated.
- PAHs are a group of compounds containing multiple aromatic rings.
- They are typically formed from incomplete burning of organic substances.
- Certain PAHs are classed as carcinogenic.
- PAHs can be emitted into the environment by industrial processes, vehicle fumes and other burning processes.



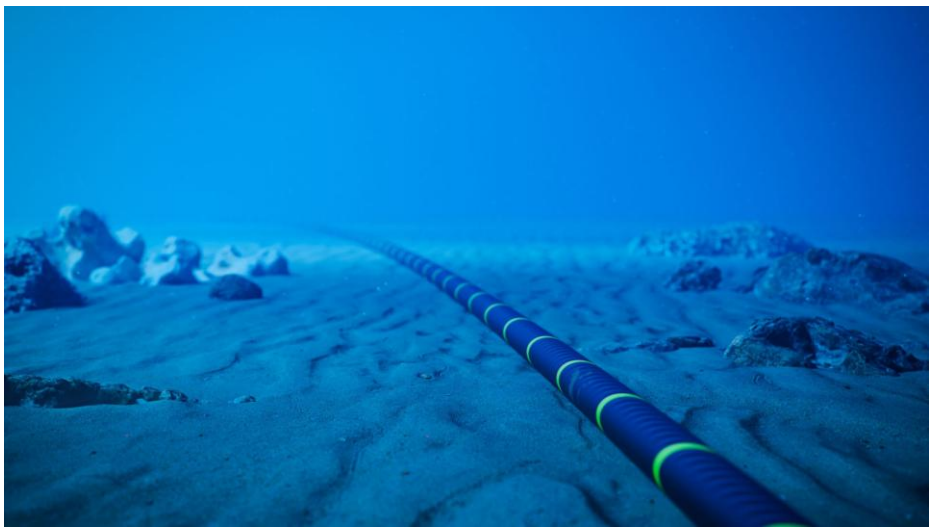
Nayi Chetna 5.0

- On 25th November 2026 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women), the Ministry of Rural Development will launch the 5th edition of **Nayi Chetna – Pahal Badlav Ki.**
- This awareness building campaign will run from 25th November to 23rd December under the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)** with the aim of empowering women economically, providing equal opportunities, ensuring safety and enabling women to make independent decisions.
- Nayi Chetna – Pahal Badlav Ki was launched in 2022 as a national collaborative activity to tackle gender based violence, change harmful social norms and improve gender equality.
- **Key Focus Areas of Campaign**
- Economic empowerment of women
- Improving women's access and ownership of assets/resources
- Freedom to move safely within communities and access workplaces, markets and public spaces
- Equitable sharing of unpaid care responsibilities



PANI Project: Centre Proposes Undersea Fibre Cable

- Improvements to digital connectivity within the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are being considered through the development of this new undersea optical fibre cable. Eight islands will be connected by the Port Alternative Network for Islands (PANI), which will originate from Puri in Odisha.
- It provides an alternative to the current submarine cable connecting the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to Chennai. The government is also considering extending 4G mobile networks to 87 currently unconnected villages and increasing connectivity via **Bharat Net.**
- Eight islands will be connected,
- Diglipur, Mayabunder, Shaheed Dweep, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal, Nancowry
- Little Nicobar
- It was proposed to extend 4G mobile networks to 87 unconnected villages. Priority will be given to villages with larger populations to improve digital connectivity in remote areas.
- The Digital Bharat Nidhi is a fund set up by the government to improve telecommunications in rural/underserved areas.



COP31 2026 Ends Without Agreement

- There was no overall agreement reached at COP31. Countries could not agree on whether fossil fuel sources (coal, oil and natural gas) should be included in the outcome document. The European Union and vulnerable countries did not agree with the outcome document as fossil fuels were not explicitly mentioned.
- However, oil-producing countries (including Saudi Arabia and Russia) did not agree with the inclusion of fossil fuels. Disagreements arose on climate funding and carbon capture.
- Fossil fuels are coal, petroleum and natural gas. Burning fossil fuels causes emissions of greenhouse gases (particularly CO2), contributing to global heating.
- At COP28, held in Dubai in 2023, countries agreed to move to phase out fossil fuels. However in later climate conferences, fossil fuels were not explicitly mentioned.



Asia Power Index 2026

- India ranks as one of Asia's three most powerful countries in the 2026 Asia Power Index. It has a total score of 40.5 points. The top 2 countries are the United States and China. The next country is Japan.
- Name: Asia Power Index
- Producers: Lowy Institute
- Countries Included: 27
- Indicators: 131
- Categories: 8
- First Published: 2018
- Most Recent Edition: 2026
- The index measures the distribution of power across the Indo-Pacific region. This is measured in 131 different indicators divided into 8 different measures. It includes 27 countries and territories.

Rank	Country	Total Score
1	United States	78.9
2	China	73.6
3	India	40.5
4	Japan	38.6
5	Russia	32.2



Global Peace Honours 2026

- On 21st November at the Gateway of India, Mumbai, individuals from various areas of life including Cinema, Sports, spirituality, and Public figures, received awards at the Global Peace Honors 2026.
- These awards recognize people with great courage, peaceful values and who have contributed greatly to humanity and also pay tribute to those who have been victims of terrorism.
- This foundation aims to improve opportunities for children in both tribal groups and disadvantaged communities. In particular, it encourages girls to take part in sport.
- Through its initiatives, children can get involved in,
- Football
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Boxing
- Athletics
- The Global Peace Honors is an annual event held by **Divyaj Foundation**, an NGO founded by Amruta Fadnavis.



Anupama Ramachandran Retains World Snooker Title

- On 21 November 2026, Anupama Ramachandran became the first Indian woman to retain the IBSF World Snooker Championship title. She defeated Hong Kong China's So Man Yan 3-1 at Yeshwant Club in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, and received USD 4,000 in prize money.
- Ramachandran lost the opening frame 16-58, then won the next three 83-7, 85-26 and 65-37. The 24-year-old had won her first senior world title at the IBSF World Women's Snooker Championship in Doha in November 2025, beating Ng On-yee 3-2. She said defending the title on home soil was more special than winning it for the first time.
- Iran's Ali Gharahgozlou won the men's title at the 2026 championship, defeating Hong Kong China's Tam Yun Fung 5-1.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. Which organisation has sanctioned prosecution against Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd. over alleged food safety violations?

A) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
B) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
C) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
D) National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC)

Correct Answer: B) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Explanation: FSSAI sanctioned prosecution after laboratory tests reportedly detected Bromate and Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) in a packaged drinking water sample.

Q2. What was the concentration of Bromate detected in the initial laboratory test of the Bisleri sample?

A) 5 mcg/L
B) 8 mcg/L
C) 12 mcg/L
D) 15 mcg/L

Correct Answer: C) 12 mcg/L

Explanation: The initial test detected 12 mcg/L of Bromate against the permitted level of 10 mcg/L, according to the presentation.

Q3. Nayi Chetna 5.0 is associated with which government programme?

A) PMAY-G
B) DAY-NRLM
C) PM-KISAN
D) MGNREGA

Correct Answer: B) DAY-NRLM

Explanation: Nayi Chetna 5.0 is a women's empowerment and awareness campaign organised under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission.

Q4. On which date is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women observed?

A) 10 December
B) 8 March
C) 25 November
D) 11 October

Correct Answer: C) 25 November

Explanation: The day is observed annually on 25 November. Nayi Chetna 5.0 is scheduled to launch on this date in 2026.

Q5. The proposed PANI Project aims to establish an undersea optical fibre cable originating from which location?

A) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
B) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
C) Puri, Odisha
D) Kolkata, West Bengal

Correct Answer: C) Puri, Odisha

Explanation: The Port Alternative Network for Islands (PANI) proposes an alternative submarine optical fibre cable connecting eight islands of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Q6. How many currently unconnected villages are being considered for 4G mobile network connectivity under the proposal mentioned in the PANI Project?

A) 57
B) 67
C) 77
D) 87

Correct Answer: D) 87

Explanation: The government is considering extending 4G mobile connectivity to 87 unconnected villages in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Q7. Which institution publishes the Asia Power Index?

A) World Economic Forum
B) Lowy Institute
C) International Monetary Fund
D) Asian Development Bank

Correct Answer: B) Lowy Institute

Explanation: The Lowy Institute publishes the Asia Power Index. In the 2026 edition, India secured third position with 40.5 points.

Q8. Where were the Global Peace Honours 2026 organised?

A) India Gate, New Delhi
B) Gateway of India, Mumbai
C) Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad
D) Victoria Memorial, Kolkata

Correct Answer: B) Gateway of India, Mumbai

Explanation: The annual Global Peace Honours were organised on 21 November 2026 by the Divyaj Foundation, founded by Amruta Fadnavis.

Q9. Anupama Ramachandran defeated whom in the final of the 2026 IBSF World Women's Snooker Championship?

A) Ng On-yee
B) Reanne Evans
C) So Man Yan
D) Mink Nutcharut

Correct Answer: C) So Man Yan

Explanation: Anupama defeated Hong Kong China's So Man Yan 3–1 in the final at Yeshwant Club, Indore, becoming the first Indian woman to retain the world title.

Q10. Who won the men's title at the 2026 IBSF World Snooker Championship?

A) Ali Gharahgozlou
B) Tam Yun Fung
C) Pankaj Advani
D) Luca Brecel

Correct Answer: A) Ali Gharahgozlou

Explanation: Iran's Ali Gharahgozlou defeated Hong Kong China's Tam Yun Fung 5–1 to win the men's championship.