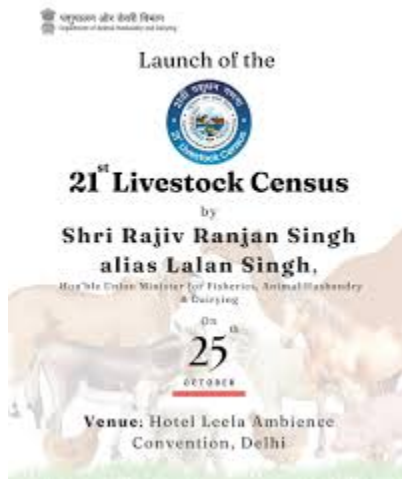


# Current Affairs: 26 October, 2024

## National

### 1. - \*\*Livestock Census\*\*:



The 21st Livestock Census was launched by Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, with an investment of ₹200 crore. It aims to collect data to improve animal health policies. The census will run until February 2025.

## International

### 2. - \*\*Training for Maldivian Civil Servants\*\*:



The National Centre for Good Governance completed its 34th training program for Maldivian civil servants in New Delhi. This initiative enhances Indo-Maldivian relations. It is part of a renewed MoU aimed at training 1,000 officials.

## State

### 3. - **\*\*Sustainable Energy in Ladakh\*\***:-



NTPC and the Indian Army are developing a solar hydrogen-based microgrid in Chushul, Ladakh. This project aims to provide sustainable energy to off-grid Army locations. It will replace diesel generators and support power needs in harsh winter conditions.

## Defence

### 4. - **\*\*Launch of ASW Ship 'Abhay\*\***:-



The Indian Navy launched its seventh Anti-Submarine Warfare ship, named 'Abhay', on October 25, 2024. Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, it bolsters India's maritime defense. The vessel enhances capabilities against underwater threats.

## Summits and Conferences

### 5. - **\*\*Asia Clean Energy Summit 2024\*\***:-



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The Asia Clean Energy Summit 2024 was held in Singapore, focusing on advancing clean energy solutions in Asia. This premier event gathered experts and policymakers. It aimed to discuss sustainable energy innovations.

## Awards

### 6. - **Sakharov Prize** -:



María Corina Machado and Edmundo González Urrutia received the 2024 Sakharov Prize from the European Parliament. The award honors their commitment to restoring democracy in Venezuela. It highlights their efforts amid significant political challenges.

## Important Days

### 7. - **World Day for Audiovisual Heritage** -:



World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is celebrated on October 27. Established by UNESCO, it emphasizes the importance of preserving audiovisual materials. The day raises awareness of the risks faced by cultural heritage.

## Agreements

### 8. - **Electoral Pact with Uzbekistan** -:



The Election Commission of India signed an electoral cooperation pact with Uzbekistan's poll body. This agreement was formalized during a visit by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar. It aims to enhance electoral processes and collaboration.

## Economy

### 9. - \*\*GDP Growth Forecast\*\*:



The NIPFP revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY25 to 6.9-7.1%, citing reduced exports and government spending. This adjustment reflects a notable slowdown in the economy. It highlights concerns over current economic conditions.

### 10. - \*\*Mudra Loan Increase\*\*:



The government has doubled the Mudra loan limit to ₹20 lakh to support entrepreneurs. This change aims to encourage emerging business owners. It reflects the government's commitment to "Funding the Unfunded."

## Appointments

### 11. - **\*\*Axis Bank CEO Reappointment\*\***:



Amitabh Chaudhry has been reappointed as MD and CEO of Axis Bank for a new three-year term. His tenure will be effective from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027. This decision reflects confidence in his leadership.

## Business News

### 12. - **\*\*Nvidia Surpasses Apple\*\***:



Nvidia has surpassed Apple in market value, becoming the world's most valuable company. Its valuation reached approximately \$3.53 trillion amid rising demand for AI technology. This shift marks a significant milestone in the tech industry.