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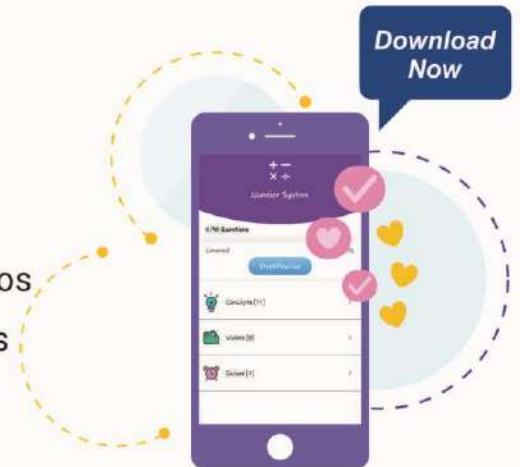
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India's First National Household Travel Survey 2025–26



India's First National Household Travel Survey 2025–26

‘Buses (55.8%) and Railways (17.7%) Account Most of Household Overnight Journeys’

‘Two-Wheelers Lead Workforce Mobility’

The National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released the key indicators and findings from the first ever National Household Travel Survey (NHTS), conducted during July, 2025 – June, 2026 through a Factsheet.

For the purpose of the survey, a trip is defined as travel covering a distance of more than 1 km.

Primary objectives of the survey

The primary objective of the survey is to generate robust, data-driven insights into domestic travel patterns and dynamics to support regional transport planning, infrastructure development and evidence-based policy formulation.

The survey captures key aspects of domestic travel, including: Purpose of travel: Employment, education, social engagements, cultural and leisure activities, tourism, domestic work, caregiving and other purposes.

Mode of transport: Modes of transportation used by different demographic groups for undertaking trips.

Travel duration and distance: Average time taken and distances travelled during trips.

Major Findings

The major findings of NHTS on four central aspects of commuting, namely, (i) mobility, (ii) duration & peak hours, (iii) expenditure involved, and (iv) overnight and non-work travel are summarised below:

Student Mobility

According to the survey, 66.4% of students aged 6 years and above travel at least 1 km to attend their educational institutions.

Among students, the most common modes of transport are:

Walking – 37.0%

Bus – 29.5%

Bicycle – 15.8%

Auto-rickshaw – 10.5%

Two-wheeler – 6.7%

Students aged 15–29 years recorded the highest regular trip participation at 77.0% nationally.

Two-Wheelers Lead Workforce Mobility

One of the most important findings is that two-wheelers are the most widely used mode of transport by workers, accounting for 42.6% of workplace travel.

The share is:

37.1% in rural areas

52.3% in urban areas

Overall, 57.6% of workers aged 15 years and above travel more than 1 km to reach fixed or non-fixed workplaces.

Travel Time to School and Work

The average travel time is:

23 minutes for students

25 minutes for workers travelling to a fixed workplace

Around 87.6% of students reach their educational institutions within 30 minutes, while 83.4% of workers reach their fixed workplaces within 30 minutes.

Peak Travel Hours

The survey also identified major travel periods.

For students:

82% depart between 7 AM and 10 AM

Peak period: 8 AM to 9 AM

For workers:

94.9% leave before 10 AM

Main peak period: 8 AM to 10 AM

Monthly Commuting Expenditure

The average monthly commuting expenditure is:

Students

All India: ₹443

Urban: ₹617

Rural: ₹361

Workers

All India: ₹785

Urban: ₹1,044

Rural: ₹612

Male workers spend an average of ₹835 per month, compared with ₹533 for female workers.

Overnight Travel: Buses & Railways Dominate



For household overnight travel, buses and railways together account for 73.5% of journeys.

The major modes are:

Buses – 55.8%

Inter-city railways – 17.7%

Cars – 15.1%

Two-wheelers – 8.8%

Around 70.2% of overnight trips are undertaken for social, communication and religious purposes.

RBI Revises InvIT, REIT Valuation Norms for AIFIs



RBI Revises InvIT, REIT Valuation Norms for All-India Financial Institutions

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the RBI (All India Financial Institutions – Classification, Valuation and Operation of Investment Portfolio) Amendment Directions, 2026. The amendment aims to bring clarity and uniformity in the valuation of InvIT and REIT investments held by All-India Financial Institutions (AIFIs).

What Have Been Amended by RBI for InvIT and REIT Units?

The RBI has made two additions to Chapter VI of its investment portfolio directions.

Paragraph 58A relates to InvIT units.

Paragraph 58B relates to REIT units.

Valuation of InvIT Units Under New RBI Guidelines

InvIT Investments	Value Method
Quoted InvIT Units	As per existing RBI guidelines for quoted securities
Unquoted InvIT Units	NAV reported by InvIT
Failure to Report NAV	₹1 per unit
Infrequently Traded InvIT Units	₹1 per unit

New REIT Valuation Norms

The RBI has put into place a fairly comparable structure for the valuation of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Units of REITs that are quoted will be valued in accordance with the RBI instructions applicable to quoted securities. In the case of unquoted REIT units, the AIFIs will value the units based on the NAV reported by the REIT. If any REIT is unable to calculate and disclose NAV as per the methodology and periodicity laid down in the SEBI (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014, then the units will be valued at ₹1 under the RBI directions.

REIT Valuation Under the New RBI Norms

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Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT)

Definition: It is an investment vehicle, like a mutual fund or Real Estate Investment Trust (REITs). InvITs enable direct investment of money from individual and institutional investors in infrastructure projects. Investments can be made directly or through SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle)/Holding Company by the InvIT. InvITs earn income through tolls, rents, interest or dividends from their investments. The interest, dividend, and rental income are taxable in the hands of the unitholder.

Regulation: InvITs are regulated by SEBI under the SEBI (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014.

SEBI requires InvITs to distribute at least 90% of their income to investors.

Types of InvITs: Public InvITs, Private Listed InvITs and Private Unlisted InvITs.

Advantages of InvITs: Access to retail investors to invest in large infrastructure projects, low ticket size, liquidity (as units are listed on stock exchanges), etc. Any dividend or interest income earned from InvITs is fully taxable according to the investor's applicable income tax slab rate.

InvITs are specifically recognized as borrowers under the SARFAESI Act (Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002), which primarily deals with the securitization and enforcement of security interests by financial institutions.

First Public InvIT: The first Public InvIT is planned for launch in 2026, following cumulative monetisation of ₹1.52 lakh crore through Toll-Operate-Transfer (ToT) and private InvITs.

National Highways Infra Trust (NHIT): It was set up by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in 2020. NHIT concluded its fourth fundraising round at an enterprise value of ₹18,380 crore. In January 2026, NHAI-sponsored Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) received a AAA (Stable) rating from CARE Ratings Limited.

POWERGRID InvIT: In September 2020, the Government approved monetisation of POWERGRID's assets through the InvIT model.

Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)

REIT is an entity created to channel investible funds into operating, owning or financing income-producing real estate. REITs are modeled on mutual funds and provide investors with a liquid way to invest in real estate.

REITs provide investors with:

Regular income

Portfolio diversification

Long-term capital appreciation

REITs can be listed on stock exchanges. In India, REITs were introduced by SEBI in 2007.

Union Budget 2026–27: The Budget announced the creation of dedicated REITs for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).

InvITs and REITs are recognised as “borrowers” under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002.

Interest income from REITs is taxable in the hands of the unit holder and is generally taxed according to the applicable income-tax slab rate.

Dividend income from REITs is taxable in the hands of the unit holder and is generally taxed at the applicable income-tax slab rate.

20th Asian Games 2026

Host: Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan.

Opening Ceremony: Held at Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium, Nagoya.

Officially Opened By: Japanese Emperor Naruhito.

Edition: 20th Asian Games.

Participating NOCs: 45 National Olympic Committees.

Sports: 43 sports, including cricket, hockey, athletics, shooting, wrestling, kabaddi, esports and teqball.

India's Flag-Bearers: Manu Bhaker and Pawan Sehrawat.

Cauldron Lighting: Shigenobu Murofushi and Koji Murofushi.

Theme: "Harmonic Heart Beat".

Central Stage: A heart-shaped stage represented the vision "IMAGINE ONE ASIA".

Asian Games Debut: Teqball made its debut.



Previous Asian Games: Held in Hangzhou, China, in 2023.

India's 2023 Performance: India won 107 medals — 28 Gold, 38 Silver and 41 Bronze — and finished 4th.

Sahdev Yadav has been appointed as the Chef de Mission of the Indian contingent for the 20th Asian Games 2026, to be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Final Medal Tally of Asian Games 2026

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	169	89	83	341
2	Japan	83	95	91	269
3	South Korea	39	43	68	150
4	India	21	27	37	85
5	Uzbekistan	21	25	24	70
6	Iran	19	18	15	52
7	Thailand	18	13	21	52
8	Kazakhstan	12	24	48	84

Indian Medallists at 2026 Asian Game

No.	Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
1	Elavenil Valarivan, Sonam Maskar, Vidarsa Vinod	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle team	Silver
2	Elavenil Valarivan	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle	Silver
3	Rudranksh Patil, Parth Mane, Himanshu Dhillon	Shooting	Men's 10m air rifle team	Silver
4	Himanshu Dhillon	Shooting	Men's 10m air rifle	Silver
5	Rudranksh Patil	Shooting	Men's 10m air rifle	Bronze
6	Suchika Tariyal	Mixed martial arts	Women's traditional -60kg	Bronze
7	Team India	Cricket	Women's event	Gold
8	Parinaaz Dhaliwal, Raiza Dhillon, Maheshwari Chauhan	Shooting	Women's skeet team	Bronze
9	Anantjeet Singh	Shooting	Men's skeet team	Bronze

No.	Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
10	Jay Meena	Soft tennis	Men's singles	Bronze
11	Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting	Women's 49kg	Silver
12	Team India	Badminton	Men's team	Bronze
13	Satnam Singh, Salman Khan	Rowing	Men's double sculls	Bronze
14	Roshibina Devi	Wushu	Women's 60kg	Silver
15	Anantjeet Singh Naruka, Parinaaz Dhaliwal	Shooting	Mixed skeet team	Bronze
16	Seema Kumari	Athletics	Women's 10000m	Bronze
17	Team India	Athletics	4x400m relay	Silver
18	Aishwary Pratap Rudranksh Patil, Niraj Kumar	Shooting	Men's 50m rifle 3P team	Silver

No.	Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
19	Kamaljeet, Suruchi Singh	Shooting	Mixed team 10m air pistol	Gold
20	Diya Chitale, Manush Shah	Table tennis	Mixed doubles	Bronze
21	Manpreet Kaur	Athletics	Shot put	Bronze
22	Gulveer Singh	Athletics	Men's 10000m	Silver
23	Baranica Elangovan	Athletics	Women's pole vault	Bronze
24	Sawan Berwal	Athletics	Men's marathon	Silver
25	Vidarsa Vinod, Ashi Chouksey, Tilottama Sen	Shooting	Women's 50m rifle 3P team	Silver
26	Joshna Chinappa, Velavan Senthilkumar	Squash	Mixed doubles	Bronze
27	Team India	Kabaddi	Women's event	Gold
28	Team India	Kabaddi	Men's event	Gold
29	Tajinderpal Singh	Athletics	Shot put	Silver
30	Prachi Choudhary	Athletics	Women's 400m	Bronze
31	Abhay Singh	Squash	Men's singles	Silver
32	Anahat Singh	Squash	Women's singles	Silver
33	Haritha Bhadra	Athletics	Women's 200m	Bronze
34	Ancy Sojan	Athletics	Women's long jump	Silver
35	Tejaswin Shankar	Athletics	Decathlon	Bronze
36	Parul Chaudhary	Athletics	Women's 3000m steeplechase	Bronze
37	Sarvesh Kushare	Athletics	Men's high jump	Silver
38	Pincky Balhara	Kurash	Women's -78kg	Bronze
39	Esha Singh	Shooting	Women's 25m pistol	Silver
40	Vithya Ramraj	Athletics	Women's 400m hurdles	Bronze
41	Gulveer Singh	Athletics	Men's 1500m	Silver
42	Parul Chaudhary	Athletics	Women's 5000m	Bronze
43	Murali Sreeshankar	Athletics	Men's long jump	Silver
44	Yash Vir Singh	Athletics	Men's javelin throw	Silver
45	Rohit Yadav	Athletics	Men's javelin throw	Bronze
46	Neeru Dhanda, Manisha Keer, Aashima Ahlawat	Shooting	Women's trap team	Silver
47	Neeru Dhanda	Shooting	Women's trap	Gold
48	Narender Berwal	Boxing	Men's +90kg	Bronze
49	Gulveer Singh	Athletics	Men's 5000m	Bronze
50	Gurindervir Singh, Sneha SS, Animesh Kujur, Harita Bhadra	Athletics	Mixed 4x100 team relay	Bronze
51	Pooja Singh	Athletics	Women's high jump	Bronze

No.	Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
52	Kiran Pahal, Poovamma MR,	Athletics	Women's 4x400m relay	Gold
53	Dharmveer Choudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar, Vishal TK	Athletics	Men's 4x400m relay	Bronze
54	Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Prithika Pradeep, Chikitha Taniparthi	Archery	Women's compound team	Gold
55	Chikitha Taniparthi, Sahil Jadhav	Archery	Mixed compound team	Gold
56	Priya Ghanghas	Boxing	Women's 60kg	Bronze
57	Kynan Chenai, Neeru Dhanda	Shooting	Mixed trap	Gold
58	Kapil Pokhariya	Boxing	Men's 90kg	Bronze
59	Sahil Jadhav, Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru, Kushal Dalal	Archery	Men's compound team	Gold
60	Sunil Kumar	Wrestling	Greco-Roman 87kg	Bronze
61	Anahat Singh, Joshana Chinappa, Tanvi Khanna, Shameena Riaz	Squash	Women's team	Bronze
62	Prince Kurisinkal Noble, Manu Francis	Sailing	Men's skiff	Silver
63	Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru	Archery	Men's compound individual	Bronze
64	Nitesh Kumar	Wrestling	Greco-Roman 97kg	Silver
65	Abhay Singh, Veer Chotrani, Velavan Senthilkumar, Suraj Kumar Chand	Squash	Men's team	Bronze
66	Harshita Tomar, Shital Verma	Sailing	Women's skiff	Bronze
67	Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Mohod, Kirti Sharma	Archery	Women's team recurve	Gold
68	Kumkum Mohod, Dhiraj Bommadevara	Archery	Mixed team recurve	Silver
69	Nethra Kumanan	Sailing	Women's dinghy	Bronze
70	Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing	Women's 75kg	Gold
71	Dhiraj Bommadevara, Neeraj Chauhan, Yashdeep Bhoge	Archery	Men's team	Silver
72	Team India	Sepaktakraw	Men's quadrant	Bronze
73	Parveen Hooda	Boxing	Women's 65kg	Gold
74	Ankush Panghal	Boxing	Men's 80kg	Gold
75	Sujeet Kalkal	Wrestling	Men's 65kg	Gold

No.	Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
76	Team India	Hockey	Women's event	Gold
77	Kumkum Mohod	Archery	Women's individual recurve	Gold
78	Pranavi Urs	Golf	Women's individual	Gold
79	Pranavi Urs, Aditi Ashok, Diksha Dagar	Golf Women's team	Women's team	Silver
80	Neeraj Chauhan	Archery	Men's individual recurve	Bronze
81	Team India	Cricket	Men's event	Gold
82	Aman Sehrawat	Wrestling	Men's 57kg	Gold
83	Deepak Punia	Wrestling	Men's 97kg	Bronze
84	Antim Panghal	Wrestling	Women's 53kg	Silver
85	Team India	Hockey	Men's Hockey	Gold

India's Asian Games 2026 Medal Tally by Each Sport

Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Archery	5	2	2	9
Shooting	3	8	4	15
Boxing	3	0	3	6
Wrestling	2	2	2	6
Cricket	2	0	0	2
Hockey	2	0	0	2
Kabaddi	2	0	0	2
Athletics	1	9	14	24
Golf	1	1	0	2
Squash	0	2	3	5
Sailing	0	1	2	3
Weightlifting	0	1	0	1
Wushu	0	1	0	1
Badminton	0	0	1	1
Kurash	0	0	1	1
Mixed martial arts	0	0	1	1
Rowing	0	0	1	1
Sepaktakraw	0	0	1	1
Soft tennis	0	0	1	1
Table tennis	0	0	1	1
Total	21	27	37	85

Edition	Year	Host City	India's Total Medals	India's Rank
1st	1951	New Delhi, India	51	2nd
19th	2023	Hangzhou, China	107	4th
20th	2026	Aichi-Nagoya, Japan	85	4th
21st	2030	Doha, Qatar	—	—
22nd	2034	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia		

India – First-Time / Historic Individual & Event Performances

Athlete / Team	Sport	Achievement
Kumkum Mohod	Archery	First Indian woman to win individual recurve gold at the Asian Games
Neeru Dhanda	Shooting	First Indian woman to win individual trap gold at the Asian Games
Pranavi Urs	Golf	First Indian woman to win individual golf gold at the Asian Games
Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing	First Indian gold in women's 75kg category at the Asian Games
Aman Sehrawat	Wrestling	First Indian Asian Games gold in men's 57kg freestyle
Anahat Singh	Squash	First Indian woman to reach the Asian Games women's singles final and won silver
Baranica Elangovan	Athletics	First Indian Asian Games medal in women's pole vault – Bronze
Nethra Kumanan	Sailing	First Indian Asian Games medal in women's dinghy – Bronze
Antim Panghal	Wrestling	First Indian Asian Games silver in women's 53kg
Naorem Roshibina Devi	Wushu	First Indian to win medals at 3 consecutive Asian Games
Neeru Dhanda & Kynan Chenai	Shooting	First Indian gold in trap mixed team
Kamaljeet & Suruchi Singh	Shooting	First Indian gold in 10m air pistol mixed team
Ankita, Kumkum & Kirti Sharma	Archery	First Indian gold in women's recurve team
Dhiraj Bommadevara & Kumkum	Archery	First Indian silver in mixed recurve team
Satnam Singh & Salman Khan	Rowing	First Indian Asian Games medal in men's double sculls
Suchika Tariyal	MMA	India's first Asian Games medal in MMA
Jay Meena	Soft Tennis	India's first Asian Games medal in Soft Tennis
India	Sepaktakraw	India's first Asian Games medal in men's quadrant
India Women's Golf Team	Golf	India's first medal in women's team golf
India	Hockey	First-ever double hockey gold (men + women) at the Asian Games

Gandhi Jayanti 2026



Gandhi Jayanti 2026 will be observed on 2 October 2026, marking the 157th birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi. He was born on 2 October 1869 in Porbandar, present-day Gujarat.

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated across India to honour Mahatma Gandhi's contributions to the Indian freedom struggle.

The day is also observed as the International Day of Non-Violence, as declared by the United Nations in 2007.

MAHATMA GANDHI

Date: 2 October 2026

Occasion: 157th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Born: 2 October 1869, Porbandar, Gujarat

Full Name: Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

Assassinated: 30 January 1948, New Delhi

International Day of Non-Violence: 2 October

Declared by the UN: 2007

Early Life

Father: Karamchand Gandhi

Mother: Putlibai

Married Kasturba Gandhi: 1883

Went to England to study law: 1888

Called to the Bar: 1891

Went to South Africa: 1893

Developed Satyagraha: In South Africa

Early Movements in India

Champaran Satyagraha – 1917: Indigo cultivators

Kheda Satyagraha – 1918: Land revenue relief

Ahmedabad Mill Strike – 1918: Textile workers' dispute

Returned to India: 1915

Major Movements

Non-Cooperation Movement: 1920–22

Withdrawal: February 1922, the Chauri Chaura incident

Civil Disobedience Movement: 1930

Dandi March: Began on 12 March 1930

Salt Law: Gandhi reached Dandi and broke the Salt Law

Gandhi-Irwin Pact: 1931

Quit India Movement: 1942

Famous Call: "Do or Die"

Congress

Belgaum Session: Presided over in 1924

Only Congress Session: The Belgaum Session of 1924 was the only Congress session presided over by Gandhi

Key Focus Areas: Khadi, spinning, communal harmony, and removal of untouchability

Gandhian Philosophy

Satyagraha: Truth and non-violent resistance

Ahimsa: Non-violence

Swaraj: Self-rule

Sarvodaya: Welfare of all

Trusteeship: Wealth as a social trust

Swadeshi: Self-reliance and indigenous production

Important Books

Hind Swaraj (1909): Views on civilisation, modernity, and Swaraj. Written by Mahatma Gandhi, this book explains his ideas on self-rule, non-violence, and the harmful effects of modern civilisation.

The Story of My Experiments with Truth: Autobiography

Gandhi Jayanti

National Holiday: One of India's three national Holidays. Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on 2 October as a national holiday to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Other National Holidays: Republic and Independence Day

Rajghat, New Delhi: Important memorial site

2 October 2026: Listed as a gazetted holiday

Swachh Bharat Mission

Launch Date: 2 October 2014

Focus: Cleanliness, sanitation, and behavioural change

Rural Component: Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)

Second Phase: Sustaining ODF status and improving waste management

Bhagat Singh Birth Anniversary 2026



Bhagat Singh Birth Anniversary 2026 marks his 119th birth anniversary on 28 September, remembering his revolutionary role, sacrifice and contribution to India's freedom struggle.

Bhagat Singh Biography

Born: 28 September 1907

Birthplace: Banga, Lyallpur district, Punjab Province, British India (now in Pakistan)

Parents: Sardar Kishan Singh and Vidyavati

Known For: Revolutionary activities against British rule

Organisation: Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA)

Major Associates: Chandrashekhar Azad, Sukhdev Thapar, Shivaram Rajguru, and Batukeshwar Dutt

Major Activities: Central Legislative Assembly bombing (1929) and participation in revolutionary activities against British rule

Political Ideas: Supported socialism, equality, secularism, and social justice

Famous Slogan: "Inquilab Zindabad"

Important Writing: "Why I Am an Atheist"

Executed On: 23 March 1931

Age at Execution: 23 years

Legacy: Became a lasting symbol of courage, patriotism, sacrifice, and revolutionary nationalism in India.

Early Life and Education of Bhagat Singh

Family Background: Belonged to a patriotic Sikh family involved in the freedom struggle.

Father: His father, Kishan Singh, was associated with nationalist activities.

Influence of Uncles: His uncles Ajit Singh and Swaran Singh also influenced his early nationalist thinking.

Jallianwala Bagh: The Jallianwala Bagh massacre of 1919 deeply affected young Bhagat Singh.

Early Schooling: Studied at Dayanand Anglo-Vedic School, Lahore.

National College: Later joined National College, Lahore, founded by Lala Lajpat Rai.

Academic Interests: Developed a strong interest in history, politics, economics, and revolutionary literature.

Reading Habit: Read extensively about Indian nationalism, socialism, revolution, and international political movements.

Political Awareness: His education and reading helped develop his ideas about freedom, social equality, and resistance to colonial rule.

Bhagat Singh's Role in India's Freedom Struggle

Revolutionary Movement: Joined revolutionary organisations and worked with young nationalists to challenge British colonial rule.

Bhagat Singh played a significant role in India's revolutionary movement against British rule.

He joined hands with fellow revolutionaries to fight for independence and believed that strong action was necessary to awaken the nation.

Hindustan Republican Association: Became associated with the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA) and later played an important role in its transformation into the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA).

Influence of Lala Lajpat Rai's Death: After Lala Lajpat Rai died following injuries sustained during a police lathi charge while protesting the Simon Commission,

Bhagat Singh and his associates sought to avenge his death.

Saunders Assassination: In December 1928, Bhagat Singh and Shivaram Rajguru shot John Saunders, a British police officer in Lahore, in a case of mistaken identity.

Central Legislative Assembly Bombing: On 8 April 1929, Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt threw bombs in the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi to protest against repressive colonial legislation.

Purpose of the Bombing: The bombs were intended to make a political statement rather than cause mass casualties.

Bhagat Singh and Dutt deliberately stayed at the scene and surrendered.

Hunger Strike: During imprisonment, Bhagat Singh participated in a hunger strike demanding better treatment and equal facilities for Indian political prisoners.

Use of the Courtroom: He and his fellow revolutionaries used their trial as a platform to communicate their political ideas and oppose British rule.

Political Ideas: Bhagat Singh increasingly advocated socialism, equality, secularism, and freedom from economic exploitation.

Inspiration for Youth: His courage, writings, and willingness to sacrifice his life made him a major inspiration for Indian youth during the freedom struggle.

Supreme Sacrifice: Bhagat Singh was executed along with Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru on 23 March 1931 in Lahore Jail.

Birth & Family

Full Name: Shaheed Bhagat Singh

Popular Title: Shaheed-e-Azam

Date of Birth: 28 September 1907

Place of Birth: Banga Village, Lyallpur District (now Faisalabad, Pakistan)

He belonged to the Sandhu Jat Sikh family.

Father: Sardar Kishan Singh

Mother: Vidyawati Kaur

Uncles: Ajit Singh and Swaran Singh

Ajit Singh was associated with the Ghadar Movement (1913).

Education

Bhagat Singh completed his higher education at National College, Lahore.

The college was founded by Lala Lajpat Rai.

Early Inspirations

Bhagat Singh was inspired by Kartar Singh Sarabha.

He was also influenced by Madan Lal Dhirgna.

Rowlatt Act & Jallianwala Bagh

The Rowlatt Act was passed in 1919. It was based on the recommendations of the Sedition Committee.

The committee was headed by Justice Sidney

Rowlatt. The Jallianwala Bagh Massacre took place on 13 April 1919.

Sir Michael O'Dwyer was the Lieutenant Governor of Punjab during the massacre.

The firing was ordered by Brigadier General Reginald Dyer.

Revolutionary Organizations

Bhagat Singh became a member of the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA).

The HRA was founded by:

Ram Prasad Bismil

Sachindra Nath Sanyal

Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee

Activities in Lahore & Delhi

Bhagat Singh returned to Lahore during the Jaito Morcha (1925). While staying in Delhi, he used the name Balwant Singh. He worked for the newspaper Vir Arjun.

Kirti Kisan Party

Bhagat Singh joined the Kirti Kisan Party. The party was led by Sohan Singh Josh and Santokh Singh. He regularly contributed articles to the magazine Kirti.

Naujawan Bharat Sabha

The Naujawan Bharat Sabha was founded in March 1926. Bhagat Singh served as its General Secretary.

Kakori Train Action

The Kakori Train Action took place on 9 August 1925. It was carried out by members of the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA). After the Kakori Case, the HRA was reorganized.

Formation of HSRA

In September 1928, the HRA was reorganized as the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA). The reorganization took place at Feroz Shah Kotla, Delhi. Bhagat Singh became the Commander-in-Chief of the HSRA.

Simon Commission & Saunders Case

The Simon Commission arrived in India in 1928. Lala Lajpat Rai was injured during the protest at Lahore on 30 October 1928. He died on 17 November 1928. Bhagat Singh decided to avenge his death. The actual target was James A. Scott. J.P. Saunders was mistakenly shot on 17 December 1928. This incident became famous as the Lahore Conspiracy Case.

Central Legislative Assembly Bombing

On 8 April 1929, Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt threw bombs in the Central Legislative Assembly, Delhi.

The bombs were intentionally non-lethal. They protested against the: Public Safety Bill Trade Disputes Bill They shouted the slogan “Inquilab Zindabad” inside the Assembly.

Imprisonment & Hunger Strike

Bhagat Singh was lodged in Mianwali Central Jail.

He demanded equal treatment for Indian political prisoners. Revolutionary Jatin Das joined the hunger strike.

Jatin Das died after 63 days of fasting on 13 September 1929.

Martyrdom

Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev were executed on 23 March 1931.

They were hanged at Lahore Central Jail.

Their bodies were secretly taken to Hussainiwala (Ferozepur) on the banks of the Sutlej River.

Memorial

The National Martyrs Memorial is located at Hussainiwala, Punjab.

It commemorates the sacrifice of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev.

Famous Names, Slogans & Writings

Popularly known as Shaheed-e-Azam.

Famous slogan: “Inquilab Zindabad.”

Famous essay: “Why I Am an Atheist.”

Ideology

Bhagat Singh believed in Revolutionary Socialism.

He was influenced by the ideas of:

Karl Marx

Friedrich Engels

Vladimir Lenin

Mikhail Bakunin

Important Slogans / Quotes



“Inquilab Zindabad” → Coined by Maulana Hasrat Mohani and popularised by Bhagat Singh.

Bhagat Singh’s powerful slogans and patriotic words inspired Indians to fight against British rule. His famous slogan, “Inquilab Zindabad” (Long Live the Revolution), became a symbol of courage, freedom, and resistance against colonial rule.

12 Years of Make in India



Twelve years ago, on 25 September 2014, 'Make in India' was launched with the ambition of becoming a global hub for manufacturing, design and innovation.

The initiative focused on facilitating investment, fostering innovation and developing world-class infrastructure. Guided by 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance', it has also sought to modernise processes and policies.

Over the years, Make in India has opened new opportunities for businesses and investors to participate in India's manufacturing journey. The initiative has subsequently been expanded under Make in India 2.0. The initiative now focuses on 27 sectors, which include 15 in manufacturing and 12 in services.

Sector	Key Achievement
Semiconductors for Space Applications	ISRO and SCL developed VIKRAM3201 and KALPANA3201 microprocessors for space applications. VIKRAM3201 is the first fully Make-in-India microprocessor qualified for the harsh conditions of launch vehicles and was fabricated at SCL. KALPANA3201 is designed to work with open-source software tools and has been tested with flight software.
Solar Cells and Modules	Module manufacturing capacity increased from 2.3 GW (2014) to 192 GW (June 2026). Solar-cell capacity increased from 1.2 GW (2014) to approximately 30 GW (June 2026).
Electric-Vehicle Technology	An indigenous 30 kW drive system, integrating the motor and inverter, was launched in March 2026. It has been designed, fabricated and validated and is ready for commercialisation.
Aircraft Manufacturing	HAL opened its third LCA Tejas Mk1A production assembly line in October 2025, increasing annual capacity to 24 aircraft. It also inaugurated a second HTT-40 trainer aircraft production line covering major structures such as fuselages, wings and control surfaces.
Railway Components	In 2025–26, Rail Wheel Factory produced 2,10,026 wheels, 1,22,000 axles and 1,20,100 wheelsets, registering growth of 4%, 30% and 22%, respectively, over the previous year.
Nuclear Components	In September 2025, Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC) dispatched its eighth set of steam-generator tubes for upcoming 700 MW Indian nuclear reactors. The tubes were manufactured, tested and inspected domestically.

Key Facts

Aspect	Details
Aim & Date	Make in India was launched on 25 September 2014 to transform India into a global design and manufacturing hub under the motto “Vocal for Local.”
Objective	To achieve a 12–14% annual industrial growth rate, generate 100 million jobs, and increase the manufacturing sector’s share to 25% of GDP by 2025.
Four Pillars	1. New Processes: Ease of Doing Business 2. New Infrastructure: Industrial corridors and smart cities 3. New Sectors: FDI in key sectors such as Defence, Railways and Medical Devices 4. New Mindset: Government as a facilitator, not a regulator
Make in India 2.0	Launched in 2021, focusing on 27 sectors across Ministries, Departments and State Govt.

India’s Manufacturing at a Larger Scale

Manufacturing Gross Value Added (GVA) at constant prices recorded a compound annual growth rate of 10.88% between 2022-23 and 2025-26 under the revised national accounts series. Industrial output provides another indication of recent growth. The manufacturing component of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) increased by 7.0% during April-July 2026 compared with the corresponding period of 2025.

Rising Production Across Key Manufacturing Industries

The expansion in manufacturing is also visible across several industries, with substantial increases in production and capacity.

Electronics

Electronics production increased nearly sevenfold, from ~₹1.9 lakh crore in 2014-15 to ~₹13.11 lakh crore in 2025-26. Within this total, mobile-phone production rose approximately 32-fold, from ~₹18,900 crore to ~₹6.3 lakh crore over the same period. India is the world’s second-largest mobile phone manufacturer by volume.

Overall electronics production also recorded 15.8% growth in 2025–26 over the previous year.

Automobiles

Vehicle production reached 31.03 million units in 2024-25, ~33% higher than in 2014-15. Several vehicle segments also recorded significantly higher production in 2024-25 compared with 2020-21: Passenger and commercial vehicle production increased by 65% each.

Three-wheeler production rose by 71%. Two-wheeler production grew by 30%.

Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices

India’s pharmaceutical industry ranks 3rd globally by volume and 11th by value.

Annual turnover reached ₹5,08,630 crore in 2025-26, growing at an average rate of 9.2% over the preceding five years. During 2025-26, pharmaceutical exports stood at ₹2,62,697 crore.

Domestic manufacturing of medical devices rose by ~48.2%, from ~₹28,000 crore in 2019-20 to ₹41,500 crore in 2024-25.

Steel

Crude steel production increased from 81.7 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 170.0 million tonnes in 2025-26.

Railways

Indian Railways manufactured 54,809 coaches over 2014-24. Average annual railway coach production rose from less than 3,300 during 2004-14 to 5,481 during 2014-24.

Domestic production also includes locomotives and modern passenger coaches. In 2025-26,

Indian Railways produced 1,674 locomotives. 6,677 Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches were manufactured in 2025-26. These coaches are lighter, safer and designed for greater comfort and jerk-free travel.

Defence

The value of indigenous defence production increased from ₹46,429 crore in 2014-15 to a record ₹1.78 lakh crore in FY 2025-26.

This reflected an increase of ~283%, bringing production to nearly four times its 2014-15 level.

Deepening Domestic Manufacturing Capability

The increase in final-product manufacturing is only one part of India's manufacturing journey. Domestic capabilities increasingly extend into the inputs, components, systems and machinery used across industrial value chains.

Advanced and Complex Pharmaceutical Products

India now manufactures complex and advanced pharmaceutical products. These include Trastuzumab Emtansine, the world's first biosimilar antibody-drug conjugate for breast cancer. India also manufactures Docaravimab-Miromavimab, the world's first anti-rabies monoclonal antibody combination.

Rare-earth permanent magnets

A pilot plant for Nd-Fe-B (Neodymium-Iron-Boron) rare earth permanent magnets was established at the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad, in March 2026. These magnets are essential for electric vehicles, renewable energy systems, electronics and advanced manufacturing technologies.

Key Initiatives under Make in India

India's investor-friendly policy permits 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through the automatic route in most sectors, excluding certain strategic sectors. Cumulative FDI reached USD 843 billion during 2014-15 to 2025-26, rising 169% over the preceding 12-year period.

The National Single Window System (NSWS) helps businesses identify required approvals and apply through a common digital platform.

It currently provides access to over 327 Central approvals and 3452 State approvals across 34 States and Union Territories. As of 21 September 2026, the platform handles an average of over 3.06 lakh applications annually. It has also onboarded over 5.69 lakh business entities, including proprietorships, companies, LLPs and foreign entities.

India Industrial Land Bank (IILB) is a centralised GIS-enabled platform offering up-to-date spatial and non-spatial information on industrial land across India. As of May 2026, the platform mapped 4,220 industrial parks, covering ~6.98 lakh hectares. PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, launched in October 2021, enables infrastructure planning and coordinated execution across Central ministries/ departments and States/ UTs.

It uses geospatial data, satellite imagery and API integration to support informed decisions on infrastructure development. Under this framework, the Network Planning Group (NPG) evaluates major Central infrastructure projects at the planning stage. It focuses on coordination, connectivity across transport modes, last-mile links and development around project locations.

As of 11 August 2026, NPG had evaluated 396 projects worth ~₹18.66 lakh crore. Of these, 256 projects had been sanctioned, including 198 under implementation. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes incentivise incremental production and sales across 14 sectors, including electronics, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, solar PV modules, specialty steel and textiles.

Name of Scheme	Key Features
Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Specialty Steel (PLI 1.2) (Third round launched in November 2025)	The third round covers advanced and emerging steel categories, including super alloys, CRGO steel, stainless steel long and flat products, titanium alloys and coated steels.
Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (Notified in December 2025)	₹7,280 crore allocated to establish 6,000 MTPA of integrated manufacturing capacity for sintered NdFeB-type rare-earth permanent magnets.
Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA) (Approved in March 2026)	₹33,660 crore allocated to develop 100 investment-ready, world-class industrial parks with integrated industrial infrastructure.
Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) (Approved in July 2026)	₹62,500 crore allocated for FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31 to scale up mobile phone production and deepen domestic value addition. It also aims to strengthen supply-chain resilience and enhance global competitiveness.
Semicon 2.0 (Approved in July 2026)	₹1,27,500 crore allocated to provide sustained, long-term support for India's semiconductor ecosystem, covering design, manufacturing, advanced packaging, materials, equipment, research and talent development.
Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan (BHAVYA Rasayan) (Approved on 24 July 2026)	₹3,030 cr. allocated to facilitate the establishment of three dedicated chemical parks in India.

Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme Completes Eight Years

Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme:

Launched: 2018

Objective: Achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

Type: Centrally Sponsored Scheme

Implementation: National Health Authority (NHA) at the central level + State Health Agencies at state level

Major Components:

Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) – provides free, universal comprehensive primary healthcare.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) – provides ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalization.

PM-JAY Key Features

Pre-hospitalization: Up to 3 days

Post-hospitalization: Up to 15 days

Treatment available at empanelled public and private hospitals

Cashless treatment

Pre-existing diseases covered from Day 1

No restriction based on family size, age or gender

Initially targeted the bottom 40% based on SECC 2011.

Later expanded to include:

All senior citizens aged 70+

37 lakh families of ASHA and Anganwadi workers

PM-JAY Eligibility — SECC 2011 Criteria

1. Rural Households

PM-JAY originally identified eligible rural households using deprivation criteria under SECC 2011.



The important deprivation categories include:

Code	Deprivation Criterion
D1	Households with only one room, with kuccha walls and roof
D2	Households with no adult member aged 16–59 years
D3	Female-headed households with no adult male member aged 16–59 years
D4	Households with a disabled member and no able-bodied adult member
D5	SC/ST households
D7	Landless households deriving major income from manual casual labour

Note: The SECC deprivation codes are often presented as D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D7; there is no D6 category in this PM-JAY rural eligibility list.

2. Urban Households

For urban areas, PM-JAY eligibility was based on specified occupational categories identified under SECC 2011.

These include workers such as:

Ragpickers

Domestic workers

Street vendors

Construction workers

Sanitation workers

Transport workers

Small shop employees

Plumbers

Masons

Security guards

Other specified informal-sector workers

Key Facts

Particular	Details
Full Name	Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
Launch Date	23 September 2018
Launch Place	Ranchi, Jharkhand
Launched By	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Nodal Ministry	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Implementing Authority	National Health Authority (NHA)
Annual Health Cover	₹5 lakh per eligible family
Original Target	Bottom 40% population based on SECC 2011
Original Coverage	Around 10.74 crore families
Type	Government-funded health assurance scheme
Treatment Covered	Secondary & tertiary hospitalisation
Main Objective	Financial protection and progress towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

Ayushman Arogya Mandirs vs PM-JAY

Ayushman Arogya Mandirs	PM-JAY
Focus on primary healthcare	Focus on hospitalisation
Preventive, promotive & basic curative care	Secondary & tertiary care
Screening, medicines & diagnostics	Financial protection for hospital treatment
Community-level healthcare	Empanelled public/private hospitals

Four Major Components/Initiatives

AB PM-JAY → ₹5 lakh annual family-floater cover for eligible beneficiaries.

Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) → Comprehensive primary healthcare.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) → Digital health ecosystem and interoperable health records.

PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) → Strengthening health infrastructure, laboratories and disease surveillance.

Ayushman Vay Vandana

The 70+ senior citizen expansion provides: Eligibility irrespective of income or socio-economic status Up to ₹5 lakh annual cover Separate additional ₹5 lakh cover for eligible 70+ senior citizens already belonging to PM-JAY families Eligible senior citizens receive an Ayushman Vay Vandana Card

Role of National Health Authority (NHA)

The NHA is responsible for national-level implementation of PM-JAY.

Major functions:

Operational guidelines and health benefit packages

Beneficiary identification and verification

Coordination with State Health Agencies

Hospital empanelment

Claims management

Fraud prevention

Implementation of ABDM

ABHA ID — Ayushman Bharat Health Account

ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) is a 14-digit unique health ID created under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) to digitally identify an individual and facilitate the sharing of health records with consent.

Particular	Details
Full Form	Ayushman Bharat Health Account
Commonly Called	ABHA ID / ABHA Number
Length	14 digits
Introduced Under	Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)
Purpose	Digital identification and management of health records
Key Function	Enables secure digital sharing/access of health records with the individual's consent
Nature	Digital health identity
Linked Ecosystem	ABDM
Coverage	Can be created by individuals across India

ABHA ID ≠ Ayushman Card

ABHA ID	Ayushman Card
Digital health identity	Health assurance/benefit card
Under ABDM	Under AB PM-JAY
Used for digital health records	Used to access eligible PM-JAY healthcare benefits
14-digit health ID	Provides access to eligible ₹5 lakh annual cover

72nd National Film Awards



The National Film Awards constitute the most prestigious and highest accolades that are awarded to the filmmakers for their work in cinema in India. Awarded since 1954, the award includes a range of recognition for creative and technical achievement in feature films, non-feature films and the field of film criticism.

The winners of the 72nd National Film Awards, which honour films released in 2024, were announced on 18 July 2026. The award ceremony will take place on 22 September 2026 in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, India.

The 72nd National Film Awards recognise the outstanding contributions of actors, directors, musicians, technicians and other professionals who have enriched Indian cinema.

The awards celebrate excellence in filmmaking and highlight the diversity of Indian films across different languages and genres. The awards cover several categories, including Best Feature Film, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress and Best Non-Feature Film. They also honour achievements in music, cinematography, editing, screenplay and other technical fields. The National Film Awards play an important role in promoting artistic creativity, encouraging emerging talent and preserving India's rich cinematic heritage.

History of National Film Awards

Year	Historical Event
1913	<i>Raja Harishchandra</i> was produced by Dadasaheb Phalke, marking the beginning of Indian feature filmmaking.
1954	The National Film Awards were instituted.
1967–68	Acting and technical awards were introduced.
1969	The Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted.
1973	The Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF) started administering the National Film Awards.
2022	The Directorate of Film Festivals was merged with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).
2026	The 72nd National Film Awards ceremony is being held in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.

72nd National Film Awards, 2024 – Feature Films Section Winners List

No.	Award Category	Film	Language	Winner/ Awardee	Medal & Cash Prize
1	Best Feature Film	Article 370	Hindi	Producer: Jio Studios & B62 Studios; Director: Aditya Suhas	Swarna Kamal & ₹3,00,000/-
2	Best Debut Film of a Director	Swatantrya Veer Savarkar	Hindi	Director: Randeep Hooda	Swarna Kamal & ₹3,00,000/-
3	Best Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	Kalki 2898 AD	Telugu	Producer: Vyjayanthi Movies; Director: Nag Ashwin	Swarna Kamal & ₹3,00,000/-
4	Best Film Promoting National, Social, Env.	Captain Miller	Tamil	Producer: Sathya Jyothi Films; Director: Arun Matheswaran	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
5	Best Children's Film	35 – Chinna Katha Kaadu	Telugu	Producer: S Originals & Waltair Productions Pvt. Ltd.; Dir: Nanda Kishore	Swarna Kamal & ₹3,00,000/-
6	Best Direction	Amaran	Tamil	Director: Rajkumar Periasamy	Swarna Kamal & ₹3,00,000/-
7	Best Actor in a Leading Role	Bramayugam	Malayalam	Mammootty	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/- (Shared)
	Best Actor in a Leading Role	Chandu Champion	Hindi	Kartik Aaryan	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/- (Shared)
8	Best Actress in a Leading Role	Article 370	Hindi	Yami Gautam	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
9	Best Actor in a Supporting Role	Bhakshak	Hindi	Sanjay Mishra	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
10	Best Actress in a Supporting Role	Maharaja	Tamil	Sachana Namidass	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/- (Shared)
10	Best Actress in a Supporting Role	Mithya	Kannada	Ropashree Varkady	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/- (Shared)
11	Best Child Artist	Mithya	Kannada	Athish S Shetty	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/- (Shared)
	Best Child Artist	35 – Chinna Katha Kaadu	Telugu	Arundev Pothula	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/- (Shared)

No.	Award Category	Film	Language	Winner/ Awardee	Medal & Cash Prize
	Best Child Artist	Onko Ki Kothin	Bengali	Riddhiman Banerjee, Tapomoy Deb & Gitashree	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/- (Shared)
12	Best Male Playback Singer	Gharat Ganpati	Marathi	Abhay Jodhpurkar – “Navasachi Gauri Mazi”	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
13	Best Female Playback Singer	A. R. M	Malayalam	Vaikom Vijayalakshmi – “Angu Vaana Konilu”	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
14	Best Cinematography	Bramayugam	Malayalam	Shehnad Jalal	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
15	Best Screenplay – Original	Pushpa: The Rule Part-02	Telugu	Bandreddi Sukumar	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
	Best Screenplay – Adapted	Swargandharva	Marathi	Yogesh Deshpande	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
15	Best Screenplay – Dialogue	Lucky Baskhar	Telugu	Venky Atluri	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
16	Best Sound Design	Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3	Hindi	Manas Choudhury	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
17	Best Editing	Amaran	Tamil	R. Kalaivannan	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
18	Best Production Design	Kalki 2898 AD	Telugu	Nitin Zihani Choudhary	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
19	Best Costume Design	Pushpa: The Rule Part-02	Telugu	Deepali Noor & Sheetal Sharma	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/- (Shared)
20	Best Make-up	Committee Kurrollu	Telugu	P. Ravi Kumar	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
21	Best Music Direction – Songs	Article 370	Hindi	Shashwat Sachdev	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
	Direction – Back. Music	Amaran	Tamil	G. V. Prakash Kumar	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
22	Best Lyrics	Maidaan	Hindi	Manoj Muntashir – “Jaane Do”	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
23	Best Choreography	Stree 2	Hindi	Vijay Ganguly – “Aaj Ki Raat”	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
24	Best Action (Stunt) Choreography	Maharaja	Tamil	Anl Arasu	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-

Best Feature Film – Language-wise Awards

No.	Language	Winning Film	Medal & Cash Prize
1	Assamese	Juiphool	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
2	Bengali	Chalchitra Ekhon	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
3	Gujarati	Maaran	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
4	Hindi	Srikanth	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
5	Kannada	Mithya	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
6	Konkani	Mog Asum	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
7	Malayalam	Feminichi Fathima	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
8	Manipuri	Sunita	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
9	Marathi	Mukkam Post Bombilwadi	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
10	Odia	Lahari	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
11	Tamil	Raayan	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
12	Telugu	Committee Kurrollu	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
13	Garhwali	Dholi	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-
14	Tulu	IMBU	Rajat Kamal & ₹2,00,000/-

Key Points

Best Feature Film: Article 370 (Hindi).

Best Actress (Leading Role): Yami Gautam for Article 370.

Best Actor (Leading Role): Mammooty (Bramayugam) and Kartik Aaryan (Chandu Champion) shared the award.

Best Debut Director: Randeep Hooda for Swatantrya Veer Savarkar.

Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: Kalki 2898 AD.

Best Direction: Rajkumar Periasamy for Amaran.

Best Feature Film Promoting National, Social and Environmental Values: Captain Miller.

Best Children's Film: 35 – Chinna Katha Kaadu.

Best Non-Feature Film: Bhangaar.

Best Documentary: Ram-Nami.

Best Film Critic: Sanjeev Shrivastava (Hindi).

Best Book on Cinema: Naaniruvude Nimagaagi

Naadiruvude Nanagaagi: Kannada Cinemada Thathva matthu Rajakeeya by Kenchanuru Pradeep Kumar Shetty.

PMMSY Completes Six Years



Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) –

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) was launched in 2020 to strengthen India's fisheries sector.

PMMSY builds on the Blue Revolution, which was launched in 2015.

PMMSY has a total financial outlay of ₹20,750 crore.

A record ₹2,500 crore was allocated to PMMSY in BE 2026–27.

PMMSY is an umbrella scheme comprising a Central Sector Scheme (CS) and a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).

CSS Component: Includes beneficiary-oriented activities (₹12,340 crore) and non-beneficiary-oriented activities.

Central Sector Component: Provides support to Government and Government entities, with CG entities undertaking beneficiary-oriented activities.

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is implemented under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

Fish production increased from 141.64 lakh tonnes in 2019–20 to a record 197.75 lakh tonnes in 2024–25.

Fisheries exports increased from ₹46,663 crore in 2019–20 to ₹73,890 crore in 2025–26.

PMMSY created employment opportunities for around 58 lakh persons in fisheries and aquaculture-related activities.

Fisheries and aquaculture projects worth ₹21,394.88 crore were approved during 2020–21 to 2025–26.

The approved projects included a Central share of ₹9,510.89 crore.

₹2,797 crore was approved for cold-chain and marketing infrastructure.

PMMSY approved 12 Integrated Aquaparks with a total investment of ₹713.80 crore.

Projects worth ₹198.17 crore were approved for seaweed cultivation and allied activities during 2020–25.

PMMSY supported 12,081 Recirculatory Aquaculture Systems (RAS).

PMMSY supported 4,205 Biofloc units to promote technology-driven aquaculture.

The scheme supported 2,672 ornamental fish rearing and integrated ornamental fish units.

Projects worth ₹544.86 crore were approved for 2,195 Fish Farmers Producer Organisations (FFPOs) during 2021–22 to 2025–26.

100 coastal fishermen villages have been identified as Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Villages (CRCFV).

Each identified CRCFV receives ₹200 lakh in government funding for resilient infrastructure, livelihoods and post-harvest facilities.

PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) – Targets

Particular	Details
Fish Production and Productivity	
Fish Production	Increase from 13.75 million tonnes to 22 million tonnes by 2024–25
Aquaculture Productivity	Enhance from 3 to 5 tonnes per hectare
Domestic Consumption	Raise from 5 kg to 12 kg per capita
Economic Value Addition	
Agriculture GVA Contribution	Increase from 7.28% to 9% by 2024–25
Export Earnings	Double from ₹46,589 crore to ₹1,00,000 crore by 2024–25
Private Investment	Boost entrepreneurship and private investment in fisheries
Post-Harvest Losses	Reduce from 20–25% to 10%
Income & Employment	
Employment Opportunities	Create 55 lakh jobs across the fisheries value chain
Income Doubling	Double the incomes of fishers and fish farmers

PMMSY Scheme Eligibility Criteria

The PMMSY scheme is designed to benefit a wide range of participants in the fisheries sector. The PMMSY eligibility criteria are as follows:

Fishers and Fish Farmers: Individuals engaged in fishing and aquaculture activities.

Fisheries Cooperatives: Organizations involved in fisheries production and management.

Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs): Groups working in fisheries or aquaculture.

Entrepreneurs: Individuals or private firms engaged in fisheries-related businesses.

SC/ST/Women/Differently-abled Persons: Special provisions are made to include marginalized groups in the scheme.

Contribution to SDG 14: Life Below Water

PMMSY promotes sustainable and responsible fisheries and aquaculture, supporting the sustainable use and conservation of aquatic resources. It encourages modern and sustainable fish production methods such as Bio-floc, Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS), cage culture and mariculture, thereby contributing to SDG 14 – Life Below Water.

Blue Revolution

The Blue Revolution, launched in 2015, aims to increase fish production and strengthen the fisheries value chain across inland and marine sectors through improved

productivity, infrastructure and modern practices. Building on these efforts, the Government launched Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in 2020 to promote post-harvest management, traceability, fisher welfare and market linkages.

Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS)

RAS is a modern fish-farming method in which water is filtered and reused.

It removes waste and impurities, allowing the same water to be used repeatedly.

It is suitable for high-density fish farming while requiring relatively less land and water.

Bio-floc Technology



Bio-floc technology uses beneficial microbes to convert organic waste into feed, thereby improving water quality and fish health. It is an eco-friendly and cost-effective method suitable for high-density fish farming and supports sustainable aquaculture practices.

UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026



Awarding Organisation: UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

Established: 1967

Theme: “Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity”

Venue: Chiapas, Mexico **Total Laureates:** 6

Prize Money: US\$30,000 per laureate, along with a medal and diploma/certificate

Objective: Promote literacy, lifelong learning, equity and sustainable development, contributing to SDG Target 4.6. (Ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults achieve literacy and numeracy by 2030)

1. UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize — 3 Laureates

Supported by: Government of the Republic of Korea

Established: 1989

Focus: Mother-tongue and multilingual literacy

Escuelas LEO Programme — Colombia: Implemented by BibloRed, Bogotá; focuses on intercultural and multilingual literacy for Indigenous peoples, Deaf people, migrants and displaced communities.

Language Friendly School Programme — Netherlands: Run by the Rutu Foundation; promotes the use of students’ home languages alongside the language of instruction.

Project PAL (Primary Accelerated Literacy) — Nigeria

Implemented by WAER Waters Charity Foundation; supports out-of-school children in conflict-affected areas through solar-powered literacy hubs, indigenous-language teaching and Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL).

2. UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy — 3 Laureates

Supported by: Govt. of the People’s Republic of China

Established: 2005

Focus: Functional literacy, rural communities, out-of-school youth and technology

Accelerated Education for Out-of-School Displaced Youth — Lebanon

Alsama Project provides accelerated education combining literacy, numeracy and life skills for displaced youth.

Chiapas Puede State Literacy Programme — Mexico

Covers 121 municipalities in Chiapas and focuses particularly on Indigenous communities and women through bilingual education, digital tools and community study circles.

Language for Life Programme — Thailand

Started by Hat Yai City Municipality; promotes multilingual literacy and practical language skills related to disaster communication, environment and economic activities.

UNESCO – Important Facts

Full Form: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Established: 16 November 1945

Headquarters: Paris, France

Type: UN Specialized Agency

Current Director-General: Khaled El-Enany (Egypt)

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Sikkim Launches AI-FunZone in Government Schools



- The Government of Sikkim, in collaboration with the EkStep Foundation, has begun implementing the AI-FunZone project in government schools.
- The programme focuses on foundational literacy, numeracy in English, Nepali and Mathematics.
- The programme includes a 60-minute AI-FunZone class within the regular school day.

Delhi Launches PM Surya Ghar Portal



- The portal has been launched under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana to facilitate the installation of rooftop solar systems for households in Delhi.
- Under Delhi's PM Surya Ghar / Delhi Solar initiative, eligible households can receive combined Central and Delhi Government subsidy of up to ₹1.56 lakh for rooftop solar systems up to 3 kW.
- The Central Govt. subsidy under PM Surya Ghar is ₹30,000 per kW for the first 2 kW and ₹18,000 per kW for additional capacity up to 3 kW, with the total Central subsidy capped at ₹78,000.

Punjab Government Notifies 8% DA Hike for Employees and Pensioners



- The Punjab Government has formally notified an 8% increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for state government employees.
- The existing DA rate has increased from 42% to 50%.
- The enhanced DA is effective from 1 Sept. 2026.

Delhi Launches DURGA Scheme for 1,300 Pink E-Autos



- The Delhi Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, approved the DURGA e-auto scheme.
- DURGA stands for Driving Upliftment and Rozgar for Women/Transgender Green E-Auto.
- The scheme aims to provide safe, clean and dignified employment opportunities to women and transgender persons.

WEF Survey Places India at Top of Global Growth Outlook



- The World Economic Forum (WEF) published its Chief Economists' Outlook – September 2026.
- India was marginally ahead of South-East Asia, where 73% of economists expected strong or very strong growth.
- The World Economic Forum (WEF), headquartered in Cologne, Geneva, Switzerland.

Ministry of Ayush to host 11th Ayurveda Day in Nagpur

- The 11th Ayurveda Day will be hosted by the Ministry of Ayush in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- The theme of 11th Ayurveda Day is “Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow.”
- Safety Dossiers on Gokshura (*Tribulus terrestris*) and Chandrasura (*Lepidium sativum*) will be launched during the celebrations.

7th OPEC–India Energy Dialogue Held in New Delhi



- The meeting was co-chaired by Hardeep Singh Puri, India's Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Haitham Al Ghais, Secretary General of OPEC.
- OPEC was established at the Baghdad Conference in Iraq in September 1960 by five founding members—Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela—with its headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

- 8th High-Level Meeting of the OPEC–India Energy Dialogue will be held at a mutually convenient date in Vienna, Austria.

Ministry of health launches 7th National Formulary of India



- Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Anupriya Patel, launched the 7th Edition of the National Formulary of India (NFI) 2026.
- The launch was organised by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- The National Formulary of India (NFI) is a guidance document for healthcare professionals that promotes the rational and safe use of medicines.

NHAI signs pact with SSNNL to fast-track infra projects in Gujarat



- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited (SSNNL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The MoU establishes a simplified and time-bound approval framework for National Highway, canal and pipeline crossings in Gujarat.
- The headquarters of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is located in New Delhi.

Delhi's Chandni Chowk Town Hall to Become Global Heritage Centre



- Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC) and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to redevelop the historic Chandni Chowk Town Hall as a Global Heritage Centre.
- The project covers the historic Town Hall, Press Building and adjoining Park.
- The Town Hall is classified as a Grade-I heritage property.

Jharkhand Celebrates Karam Festival with Cultural Programme



- The festival symbolises crop protection, respect for nature and the bond between brothers and sisters.
- On the occasion, sisters traditionally observe a Nirjala fast and pray for the well-being and long life of their brothers.
- A sacred branch of the Karam tree is installed at the akhara during the festival.

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan Inaugurates 38th Pune Festival

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the 38th Pune Festival at Shri Ganesh Kala KridaRangmanch, Pune.
- The festival was dedicated to the memory of its founder, Suresh Kalmadi.

- Veteran actor Mohan Joshi received the newly instituted Founder Suresh Kalmadi Pune Festival Lifetime Achievement Award.

Odisha Plans 870-Acre Silicon Valley Hub in Cuttack



- Odisha signed an LoI with QuadQuantum for a facility to manufacture silicon carbide (SiC) substrate wafers.
- The site has access to Paradip and Dhamra ports, major national highways and the Cuttack–Bhubaneswar corridor.
- Odisha received proposals worth about ₹23,600 crore, with potential to create around 6,100 jobs, during SEMICON India 2026.

Andhra Pradesh Police Launches AI Drone Portal, SafeStay App



- Andhra Pradesh Police has introduced two technology-based initiatives are the AI-based Centralised Drone Monitoring Portal (CDMP) and the SafeStay AP application.
- The initiatives were launched in Guntur by Andhra Pradesh DGP Harish Kumar Gupta.
- The SafeStay AP application provides police with real-time information about people staying in hotels and paying guest (PG) accommodations.

Tamil Nadu to Launch One-Gram Gold Ring Scheme



- Inspired by the Tamil tradition of “Thaai Maaman Seer”, where the maternal uncle welcomes a newborn with gifts.
- Joyalukkas and Kalyan Jewellers, in a 70:30 ratio for the initial procurement.
- The scheme has also been extended to certain babies abandoned in government facilities under the Thottil Kuzhanthai Thittam.

India Ranks First in Business Climate Among 41 Global Markets



- India has been ranked 1st globally for business climate among 41 markets in the Global Business Climate Survey 2026.
- The survey is conducted by Business Sweden, in collaboration with Swedish Chambers of Commerce and Swedish embassies/consulates.
- India and Ireland emerged as the top-ranked markets for a favourable business climate, followed by Vietnam, Poland and Denmark.

Uttarakhand Launches ‘Seva Sankalp’ Campaign



- The campaign is based on four key themes: Service, Public Participation, Dialogue and Innovation.
- 11 major programmes have been proposed across the state, involving students, youth, women, beneficiaries, parents, elected representatives, social organisations and citizens.
- It's aligned with vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Government Approves 18.77 Lakh Houses Under PMAY-U 2.0



- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has approved 18.77 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0).
- These approvals covered Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Telangana, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.
- Category-wise, 3.25 lakh houses have been sanctioned for SC beneficiaries, 1.02 lakh for ST beneficiaries and 8.22 lakh for OBC beneficiaries.

India to Host World Circular Economy Forum 2026



- India will host the World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The theme of WCEF 2026 is “Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity.”
- This will be the first time that the World Circular Economy Forum is being held in South Asia.

Tata Steel Commissions India's First COG Injection Project in Odisha

- Tata Steel has commissioned India's first Coke Oven Gas (COG) injection project at its Meramandali plant in Odisha.
- The project has been commissioned at Blast Furnace 1 of the Meramandali steel plant.
- Coke Oven Gas is a hydrogen- and hydrocarbon-rich by-product gas generated during coke production.

PM Modi to Inaugurate SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Centre), Dwarka, New Delhi.
- It is the 5th edition of SEMICON India.
- The theme of SEMICON India 2026 is “Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem.”

Dr Jitendra Singh launches ‘SPROUT’ Genome Facility

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the SPROUT facility at BRIC-National Institute of Plant Genome Research (BRIC-NIPGR), New Delhi.
- SPROUT stands for Speed Seed Phenotyping and Resource Optimization for Unified Trait Analysis.
- SPROUT is an indigenous, season-independent, controlled-environment facility with a major focus on chickpea research.

Ashwini Vaishnaw launches India's first salt-container train



- Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off a salt-loaded freight train from Shivlakhya GCT to Mithapur, Gujarat.
- The train uses lightweight stainless-steel salt containers.
- Shivlakhya Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal (GCT) was inaugurated, while 3 GCTs at Bhimsar, Devaliya & Chandisar were dedicated to nation.

Delhi doubles monthly incentive for ASHA workers



- The Delhi Government approved doubling the fixed monthly incentive for ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers from ₹3,000 to ₹6,000.
- ASHA Workers were introduced under NRHM (2005) and serve as a link between the community and the health system, with incentive-based payment.
- An ASHA is a local woman, preferably aged 25–45 years and married/widowed/divorced, with preference to women educated up to Class 10.

DoRD and PFRDA sign MoU, 'Pension Sakhis'



- Department of Rural Development and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority signed an MoU to establish a community-based outreach mechanism of 'Pension Sakhis' across rural India.
- Pension Sakhis are trained women/community resource persons who promote pension awareness, financial literacy and pension enrolment among rural households.

Kumik Declared Ladakh's First Heritage Village

- Kumik village in Zaskar, Ladakh has been declared Ladakh's first designated Heritage Village.
- The declaration was made by Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena, during the Ladakh Zaskar Festival 2026.
- The village preserves important Kanjur/Kangyur Buddhist manuscripts.

Delhi Tops NITI Aayog's Electric Mobility Index



- Delhi topped the index with an overall score of 84.
- Maharashtra secured the second position with 78 points, while Karnataka ranked third with 73 points.
- Delhi improved its score from 77 in the previous edition to 84 in IEMI 2025.

India Launches Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard

- India's Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard were launched on the occasion of World Ozone Day 2026.
- The 2026 World Ozone Day theme was "Global Action for a Cooler Planet."
- The NAPCC Dashboard provides information on the progress and implementation of 8 National Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change.

EPFO Wage Ceiling Increased from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000



- Employees drawing wages between ₹15,000 and ₹25,000 per month will become eligible for mandatory EPFO coverage, subject to applicable provisions.
- The estimated annual Government outgo is around ₹11,339 crore, compared with existing annual budgetary support of around ₹10,250 crore.
- EPFO functions under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India.

India Begins First Soil Carbon Payments for Farmers



- India has made its first soil-carbon payments to farmers, marking a shift from agricultural carbon-market policy to actual farm-level payments.
- More than 2,500 smallholder farmers from Punjab and Haryana are set to receive over ₹2.9 crore through digital payments.
- The first payments were initiated at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, making Ludhiana an important location associated with this initiative.

Ladakh Unveils World's Highest Flower Fields at 10,600 Feet

- Ladakh Administration inaugurated the world's highest-altitude twin flower fields at Choglamsar and Stakna in Leh.
- The flower fields are located at an altitude of approximately 10,600 feet (3,230 metres).
- The twin fields cover a combined area of around 40 acres.

India Ranks 131st in Global Gender Gap Index 2026



- The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Gender Gap Report 2026, marking the 20th edition of the index.
- Iceland ranked 1st, Finland ranked 2nd, and Norway ranked 3rd in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index 2026.
- India ranked 131st out of 145 economies, with a gender-parity score of 64.5%.

Government Launches DILRMP 3.0

- The Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under the Ministry of Rural Development launched the operational guidelines for Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) 3.0.
- DILRMP 3.0 will be implemented during 2026–2031 with a total financial outlay of ₹565.50 crore.
- The programme will operate as a Central Sector Scheme.

18th BRICS Summit to Begin in New Delhi



- The theme is “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability”.
- The term “BRIC” was coined by Jim O’Neill, an economist at Goldman Sachs, in 2001.
- The BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) was established in 2014.

Chhattisgarh Approves ₹500 Crore NIPUN Mission

- NIPUN in this Chhattisgarh mission stands for New-age Industry Preparedness through Upskilling of New Generation Youth.
- The mission focuses on employment, skill development, entrepreneurship and innovation among the youth.
- The government has approved the establishment of 100 Emerging Technology Labs.

UIDAI Launches Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox



- UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) launched a new Aadhaar Face Authentication Software Development Kit (SDK) in September 2026 to facilitate secure digital on boarding.

- The SDK is particularly aimed at banks, fintech companies and other BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) entities.
- UIDAI introduced a Sandbox environment to help organisations test Aadhaar authentication services before deployment.

Rajasthan’s Shekhawati Havelis Added to UNESCO Tentative List



- UNESCO has added the “Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati” of Rajasthan to India’s Tentative List of World Heritage Sites.
- The nomination falls under the Cultural category of UNESCO World Heritage nominations.
- Inclusion in the Tentative List does not mean that Shekhawati has already received final UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

ADB Signs First TAS Mandate in India with Madhya Pradesh



- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed its first Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) mandate in India with the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- ADB Country Director for India Mio Oka signed the agreement in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav.
- ADB will provide transaction-advisory support for three renewable-energy projects.

Lucknow Tops Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026



- Lucknow topped the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 among cities with a population of more than 10 lakh.
- Indore secured second place and Jabalpur stood third in the million-plus category.
- The survey evaluates cities on their efforts to reduce air pollution and improve air quality under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

Amit Shah Presents President's Colour to Goa Police



- Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the prestigious President's Colour to Goa Police in Panaji, Goa.
- The honour recognises Goa Police's eight decades of dedicated service, valour, discipline and professional excellence.
- Goa Police has also contributed to coastal security, tourist safety and national security.

NITI Aayog Launches PACT for Zero-Emission Freight



- NITI Aayog's e-FAST India launched the Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT) to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission trucks.

- PACT will aggregate freight demand and connect stakeholders to strengthen the commercial case for clean freight transportation.
- The ZET Marketplace was also introduced to facilitate business, financing and charging partnerships.

Vice President Launches India Valve Registry in Chennai



- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan launched the India Valve Registry in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The registry will collect systematic data on transcatheter valve interventions across India.
- It aims to generate India-specific evidence on valvular and structural heart diseases.

Chhattisgarh Tops Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0



- Chhattisgarh ranked first in India under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0.
- The campaign focuses on rainwater harvesting and water conservation through community participation.
- Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0 is an initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah to be Launched in Varanasi



- The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 will be launched on 9 September 2026 at Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The theme of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 is “Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari” (Our Anganwadi, Our Responsibility).
- The campaign will be launched by Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annpurna Devi and is organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development under the Poshan Abhiyaan.

Piyush Goyal Inaugurates 2nd Skill Development Centre in Kandivali



- Union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the second Skill Development Centre in Thakur Village, Kandivali East, North Mumbai.
- The initiative involves collaboration between Brihan mumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- The first Skill Development Centre was inaugurated in Borivali, North Mumbai.

Dahi Handi Festival celebrated in Maharashtra

- Dahi Handi is a popular and exuberant festival celebrated primarily in Maharashtra as part of Janmashtami, the birthday of Lord Krishna.
- The festival is particularly famous in Mumbai, Thane and Pune in Maharashtra.
- Dahi Handi is also known as “Gopalakala” in Maharashtra.

PM Modi Inaugurates Global Fintech Fest 2026



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The festival brings together stakeholders from fintech, banking, financial services, technology, regulation and investment.
- He particularly highlighted the success of India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

India Joins Global Initiative on 6G Technology



- India has joined the United States and 24 other countries in an international initiative to shape the development of next-generation 6G networks.
- The initiative focuses on shared security interests, competitiveness and technological innovation.
- India is simultaneously advancing its domestic Bharat 6G Mission and Bharat 6G Alliance to strengthen its role in global 6G technology and standards.

India to host iBRICS Global Sovereign Capital Summit



- The summit will be held at The Oberoi, New Delhi.
- It is being hosted by the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI).
- The iBRICS Summit is designed to bring together sovereign, institutional and private capital from BRICS member and partner nations. (iBRICS : i means Investment)

India's 7th Postal Training Centre to Come Up in Shivpuri

- Union Minister for Communications and DoNER, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, laid the foundation stone of India's 7th Postal Training Centre.
- The centre will be established at Kakarvaya in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.
- The six existing Postal Training Centres are located at Saharanpur, Vadodara, Mysuru, Guwahati, Madurai and Darbhanga.

Government launches BIO-NIVESH for Biotechnology Start-ups



- BIO-NIVESH was launched by Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences.
- It aims to create a stronger bridge between biotechnology innovators, start-ups and investors.

- The major objective is to attract private capital into promising biotechnology innovations.

Andhra Pradesh Approves Quantum & AI University Campus



- The Andhra Pradesh Government approved the establishment of India's first dedicated Quantum and Artificial Intelligence University campus in Amaravati.
- The initiative is being developed by NIELIT — National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The approval was given under the leadership of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at a Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) meeting.

Telangana Launches Devadurga Gold and Copper Exploration



- Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has entered the gold and copper exploration sector.
- Exploration has been launched in the Devadurga region of Karnataka.
- The Devadurga block is strategically important because of its proximity to Hutti Gold Mines.

Vice President Launches 'Gnani Artha', a Sovereign AI Stack



- Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan launched 'Gnani Artha', a sovereign Artificial Intelligence (AI) stack, in New Delhi.
- Gnani Artha has been developed by Gnani AI, an Indian AI technology company (Bengaluru-based company).
- Gnani Artha comprises Evon 3.3, its core LLM, and Plexus, an agentic AI platform for connecting AI capabilities with practical applications.

West Bengal to Introduce 'Janatar Darbar' for Grievance Redressal



- The West Bengal has announced 'Janatar Darbar', a public hearing initiative aimed at providing quicker, direct and effective grievance redressal to citizens.
- Through Janatar Darbar, citizens will have the opportunity to directly approach government officials with their complaints and concerns.
- Officials participating in the initiative include District Magistrates (DMs), Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs), and Block Development Officers (BDOs).

Himachal Pradesh Gets 1st Ozone-Based Water Project in Dehra

- Himachal Pradesh is set to get its first ozone-based drinking water treatment project, estimated to cost around ₹46 crore.

- The project will be established in Dehra, located in Kangra district.
- Ozone-based treatment can be effective against a wide range of bacteria, viruses and other microorganisms.

India Inaugurates Green Forge Complex at BRIC-NABI Mohali



- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the first-of-its-kind "Green Forge" Complex at BRIC-NABI, Mohali, Punjab.
- The Green Forge facility is a major facility for genetically modified (GM) crop research and was described as a milestone in the genetically modified crop revolution.
- BRIC-NABI stands for Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council – National Agri-food & Biomanufacturing Institute (NABI).

Kissht Launches Campaign with Sachin Tendulkar



- Kissht, an RBI-registered Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), launches its new brand campaign titled "Loans Without Any Hiccups".
- Sachin Tendulkar is appointed as Kissht's brand ambassador for a three-year period.
- Kissht states that loans can be approved in as little as 5 minutes.

Bihar & Jharkhand Sign Agreement on Sone River Water Sharing



- The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren.
- The Sone River is an important right-bank tributary of the Ganga and is an important source of irrigation in eastern India.
- The river originates near Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh and flows through Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar before joining the Ganga.

MoCA Launches Hub & Spoke Flights from Ahmedabad



- The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) launched Hub & Spoke International Flight Operations from Ahmedabad in Gujarat.
- Ahmedabad became 3rd spoke airport integrated into India's International Aviation Hub Strategy.
- Earlier, Varanasi joined framework on 25 June 2026, followed by Amritsar on 28 July 2026.

India Post Payments Bank Celebrates 9th Foundation Day

- IPPB was launched on 1 September 2018. It operates under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications.



- IPPB is 100% owned by the Government of India.
- On its 9th Foundation Day, IPPB launched the DakPay Sound Box for Merchants and new Digital Insurance and Digital Mutual Fund Platforms for customers.

Econz & Google Cloud Launch Bengaluru's First Gemini Centre

- Econz IT Services, in collaboration with Google Cloud, launched Bengaluru's first dedicated Gemini Enterprise Experience Centre located in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The centre provides enterprises with an environment to experience, build, test and deploy Agentic AI solutions powered by Gemini Enterprise.
- The launch coincided with the inauguration of Econz IT Services' new Bengaluru office.

Punjab launches 'Pehchaan' portal to identify unclaimed bodies



- Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh launched the 'Pehchaan' portal in Chandigarh.
- Punjab has become the first state in India to launch a statewide public digital portal for identification of unknown and unclaimed deceased persons.
- The portal has been built on MedLEaPR, Punjab's digital medico-legal software developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

Gollala Gudi Temple Gets National Monument Status



- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has notified Gollala Gudi at Palampet, Mulugu district, Telangana, as a Monument of National Importance.
- It is situated on the south-western side of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple.
- The temple is a Trikutalaya, meaning a temple with three sanctums (garbhagrihas). The central sanctum houses a Shiva Lingam.

VP C. P. Radhakrishnan Releases 'Mission Rangen Machhli 2031



- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the 'Mission Rangen Machhli 2031' Strategic Action Plan for Ornamental Fisheries Development in Lakshadweep.
- The programme was organised by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India.
- Fisheries development projects worth over ₹62 crore have been approved for Lakshadweep under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

LIC Launches 'Bima Platinum' & 'Jeevan Raksha' Plans



- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched two new non-linked insurance plans on the occasion of its 70th anniversary.
- LIC's Bima Platinum (Plan 770) is a savings and protection plan with a minimum sum assured of ₹3 lakh, maturity benefits, and guaranteed additions of ₹70 per ₹1,000 of annual premium.
- LIC's Jeevan Raksha (Plan 894) is a pure-risk term insurance plan with a minimum sum assured of ₹5 lakh, a maximum sum assured of ₹24 lakh, and no maturity or survival benefit.

Vodafone Idea onboards Shah Rukh Khan as brand ambassador

- Vodafone Idea (Vi) has onboarded Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan as the face of its upcoming brand campaign.
- The campaign featuring Shah Rukh Khan is titled "Vi badal raha hai... tayaar rahiye".
- Abhijit Kishore is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vodafone Idea.

Kerala to Set Up Coconut Park to Boost Value Addition and Exports



- Kerala Chief Minister V. D. Satheesan announced the establishment of a Coconut Park.
- The park will be developed with support from the Coconut Development Board (CDB).
- The proposed Coconut Park will be established at Malappuram district, Kerala.

Tamil Nadu Olympic City to Be Established in Chennai



- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay announced the establishment of a world-class Tamil Nadu Olympic City in Chennai.
- It will include international-standard sports arenas, advanced equipment and a High Performance Training Centre.
- The Olympic City will be developed through the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT).

Phone Pe–MeitY MoU to Strengthen PM GatiShakti



- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed an MoU with PhonePe on 20 August 2026.
- The MoU aims to strengthen PM GatiShakti through granular and hyperlocal data intelligence.
- PhonePePulsePro will provide data insights for the PM GatiShakti mission.

India Launches 1st Non-GMO High-Expansion Popcorn Maize Hybrid

- The new hybrids are named Krisna459 and Godari234.
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan launched the new hybrids.
- The launch ceremony was held at Musunuru in Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh.

West Bengal to Launch ‘Arjun Bahini’ Disaster Response Force

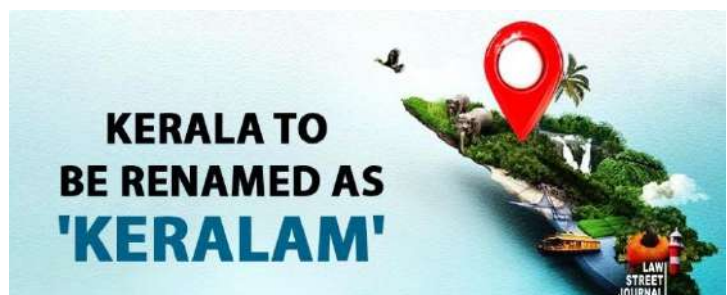


- The force will focus on providing rapid assistance during natural disasters and emergencies.
- Arjun Bahini will primarily consist of Agniveers.
- Arjun Bahini will be modelled on the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

AIIA Launches ‘Garbhini Mitra’ Course

- The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi has launched the ‘Garbhini Mitra’ Course for the 2026–27 academic session.
- AIIA is an autonomous premier institute under the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India.
- The course is designed as a healthcare skill-development programme.

Kerala Officially Renamed “Keralam”



- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued the notification bringing the name-change law into force.
- The name change is legally implemented through the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026.
- The proposed name “Keralam” is the Malayalam name traditionally used for the state.

Mumbai Enters IWG Work From Anywhere Index



- Mumbai has entered the 2026 Work From Anywhere (WFA) Index published by the International Workplace Group (IWG).
- Mumbai is the only Indian city included in the 2026 index.
- The index assesses cities according to their suitability for remote working while travelling.

e-Shram Portal Completes 5 Years



- It was launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- e-Shram was created primarily for India's unorganised workforce.
- The portal created India's first Aadhaar-seeded National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW).

ICAR-CCARI Launches “Carbon Pathshala” for Goa Farmers



- ICAR-CCARI, Goa organised a one-day workshop titled “Carbon Pathshala: Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM) for Farmers.”

- ICAR-CCARI functions under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). ICAR-CCARI stands for ICAR–Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute.
- ICAR is under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Himachal Pradesh Signs MoU with ISB to Unlock ₹22,600 Crore Forest Economy Potential



- The Himachal Pradesh Forest Department has signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bharti Institute of Public Policy (BIPP), Indian School of Business (ISB).
- The MoU was signed in August 2026 to unlock the state's estimated ₹22,600 crore untapped forest and pastoral economy potential.
- The agreement aims to promote science- and technology-enabled forest governance.

DMRC Becomes 1st Metro Org. in India to Receive ISO Certification



- DMRC Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has become the first metro organisation in India to receive ISO 55001:2024 certification.
- The certification recognises DMRC's systematic approach to managing its infrastructure and other physical assets.
- The certification is specifically associated with Mumbai Metro Line-3 (Aqua Line).

JNPA becomes world's fastest-growing container port



- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) is located at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, and is one of India's major container ports.
- JNPA recorded 13.6% growth in container throughput during H1 2026, making it the fastest-growing among the world's top 30 container ports.
- It improved its global position to 21st among the world's top container ports.

Meghalaya Launches Read & Rise Programme



- Meghalaya launched the CM-IMPACT Read & Rise Meghalaya programme.
- The programme was launched by Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma in Shillong.
- Its primary objective is to strengthen foundational reading skills among schoolchildren. CM-IMPACT (Chief Minister's Initiative for Promoting Academic and Cognitive Transformation).

Tribal Languages & Museums Conclave Begins in Mysuru



- The National Conclave on Tribal Languages & Museums began in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- The three-day conclave was organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- It brings together policymakers, linguists, researchers, technologists and tribal representatives.

DRDO Tests Indigenous Combat Parachute System in Ladakh



- The trial was conducted at the Nyoma-Mudh Drop Zone in Leh district, one of the world's highest-altitude drop zones.
- The test jump was carried out from 22,000 feet above mean sea level. The temperature during the trial was around -15°C .
- The MCPS was designed and developed by Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra, a DRDO laboratory.

Sprite Tejas Express Becomes India's First Brand-Named Train



- The Lucknow–New Delhi Tejas Express is being branded as "Sprite Tejas Express" under a commercial branding arrangement.
- The branding rights have been given to Sprite, the soft-drink brand of The Coca-Cola Company.
- The train is operated by IRCTC and runs between Lucknow and New Delhi.

Karnataka Launches Sandhya Kiran Cashless Healthcare Cover

- It is primarily aimed at Karnataka State Government pensioners below 70 years of age.
- The main objective is to provide cashless medical treatment to eligible retired government employees and their families.
- The scheme is connected with recommendations of the 7th Karnataka Pay Commission concerning cashless healthcare for government pensioners.

Uttarakhand Approves High Court Relocation to Haldwani



- The Uttarakhand High Court is to be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani.
- The Uttarakhand High Court was established in 2000, following the creation of Uttarakhand (then Uttaranchal) as a separate state from Uttar Pradesh.
- The High Court is presently located in Nainital, in the historic Mallital area.

Chhattisgarh's Folk Festival – Hareli



- Hareli Tihar is one of the major traditional agricultural festivals of Chhattisgarh.
- It is particularly important for farmers and rural communities of Chhattisgarh.
- It is celebrated during the Shravan month, traditionally on Shravana Amavasya.

West Bengal Renames Kanyashree Scheme as Kanya Ratna Scheme

- The scheme is aimed at promoting girls' education and empowerment.
- Financial assistance of ₹1,000 is being provided to eligible girl students in 2026.
- The annual assistance is scheduled to increase to ₹2,000 from the 2027 academic year.

CCI Hosts BRICS Competition Authorities Meeting in Udaipur



- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) hosted the Meeting of Heads of BRICS Competition Authorities was held in Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- Ravneet Kaur is the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- It was conducted under India's BRICS Chairship 2026.

Uttar Pradesh to Train 'Gau Mitras' for Cow Protection



- The Uttar Pradesh Government has announced plans to train around 10,000 'Gau Mitras' (Friends of Cows) across the state.
- The initiative aims to involve the younger generation, particularly Gen Z, in cow protection and cow-care activities.
- Shyam Bihari Gupta, Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Go Seva Commission, highlighted the initiative's focus on linking cow protection with rural prosperity and employment.

Parichha Dam Recognised as World Heritage Irrigation Structure

- Parichha Dam/Weir is located in Jhansi district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The recognition is given under the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) heritage programme.
- The structure is associated with the Betwa River irrigation system.

NABARD launches RSVC-AMRIT Platform for Rural Innovation



- RSVC-AMRIT was launched by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.
- The platform was developed by NABARD in collaboration with the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (OPSA).
- RSVC stands for RuTAGe Smart Village Centre. AMRIT is the digital backbone of the RSVC ecosystem.

NCW launched the 'Yashoda AI' initiative in Jalandhar



- The National Commission for Women (NCW) launched the YASHODA AI initiative in Jalandhar, Punjab to promote digital empowerment of women.

- The programme was taken to Lovely Professional University (LPU), Jalandhar.
- YASHODA stands for "Your AI Skills & Holistic Opportunities for Digital Advancement" AI is described as a national AI-literacy movement focused specifically on women. NCW Chairperson: Vijaya Rahatkar.

Maharashtra Declares Snakebite a Notifiable Disease



- Maharashtra declared snakebite a Notifiable Disease under the state public health framework.
- Reporting of every suspected, probable and confirmed snakebite case and death has been made mandatory.
- The order covers government hospitals, private hospitals, medical colleges and healthcare practitioners.

The 5th Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival org. in Mamallapuram



- The 5th Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival (TNIKF 5.0) was organised in Mamallapuram (Mahabalipuram), Tamil Nadu.
- The 2026 edition was held at Thiruvadanthai Beach along the East Coast Road (ECR).
- The festival was organised by Global Media Box in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, Government of Tamil Nadu.

India to Host SEMICON India 2026 in New Delhi



- SEMICON India 2026 will be held at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention & Expo Centre), New Delhi.
- It will be the fifth edition of SEMICON India.
- The event will bring together the global semiconductor and electronics ecosystem, including companies, innovators, policymakers and technology leaders.

HM Amit Shah to chair Southern Zonal Council

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah chaired the 31st meeting of the Southern Zonal Council at Mahabalipuram/Kovalam, Tamil Nadu.
- Zonal Councils were established under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956.
- The Southern Zonal Council comprises Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

India Launches Transshipment Cargo Operations



- Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu flagged off the expanded phase of India's transshipment cargo reform at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport.

- The operation was launched at the Transshipment Excellence Centre (TEC) at Terminal 2 of Delhi International Airport.
- The initiative follows a successful Proof of Concept (PoC) phase.

West Bengal Hosts First Kaushal Mahotsav in Balurghat



- West Bengal hosted its first-ever Kaushal Mahotsav was held at Balurghat Stadium in Dakshin Dinajpur district.
- It was organised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- The event was held under the broader vision of "Kaushal Bharat, Viksit Bharat."

Razorpay Launched Vulcan, India's first AI payments foundation model



- Fintech company Razorpay launched Vulcan, described as India's first AI foundation model specifically built for payments.
- Vulcan is a transformer-based AI foundation model designed for the digital payments ecosystem.
- Vulcan was developed with technology support from NVIDIA and Amazon Web Services (AWS).

Punjab Tops NITI Aayog School Education Rankings



- Punjab has secured the top position in the latest national assessment of school education, overtaking Kerala.
- Punjab recorded 82% proficiency in language in Class 3, compared with 75% for Kerala.
- Punjab recorded 78% proficiency in mathematics in Class 3, compared with 70% for Kerala.

Karnataka Launches AI-Powered Digital Crop Survey



- Karnataka launched the Composite Digital Crop Survey (CDCS) on 6 August 2026 as a state-level initiative for agricultural mapping and crop-data collection.
- The initiative uses Artificial Intelligence, Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), high-resolution satellite imagery, drone surveys, GIS data and machine learning for plot-level crop assessment.
- Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) data is also part of the technological framework.

Ladakh to Lead Independent India's First Caste Census

- Census 2027 will be conducted in two phases, namely Houselisting & Housing Census and Population Enumeration.

- Census 2027 will be India's first digital Census, with data collection being carried out through digital/mobile-based systems.
- Census mascots: Pragati – Female and Vikas – Male. Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs.

Odisha's DALKHAI Initiative to Tackle Distress Migration



- The Government of Odisha has identified distress migration as an issue requiring intervention through livelihood and development measures.
- The DALKHAI initiative focuses on addressing the underlying/root causes of distress migration rather than dealing only with migration after it occurs.
- Odisha is also implementing livelihood-focused programmes for tribal communities and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

Amit Shah – 'Bank in a Box' and Security Operations Centre



- Amit Shah, Union Minister of Cooperation, launched initiatives aimed at strengthening the technology and cybersecurity capabilities of Urban Cooperative Banks.
- Bank in a Box is designed to help Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) adopt modern digital banking infrastructure.
- UCB stands for Urban Cooperative Bank, which is an important part of India's cooperative banking ecosystem.

V.O.C. Port Becomes India's First Scope-2 Emission-Free Major Port



- V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority is located at Thoothukudi (Tuticorin), Tamil Nadu.
- The recognition was provided by Bureau Veritas. The port received a Renewable Energy Verification Statement.
- VOC Port is named after V. O. Chidambaram Pillai, a freedom fighter and pioneer of India's indigenous shipping movement.

Gujarat Launches Plastic Waste Management Project at Nalsarovar



- Nalsarovar is an important wetland ecosystem of Gujarat.
- It aims to improve collection, segregation and scientific disposal of plastic waste.
- Nalsarovar is particularly important for migratory and resident birds.

Jitendra Singh Dedicates First-of-Its-Kind 'Eco-Educational Hub'

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh dedicated the country's first-of-its-kind eco-educational hub to Nation in Lucknow, UP
- The hub is named Prakriti Gyan Dham.
- It has been established at the Maharishi Parashar Bioresource Centre (MPBC).

India Gifts Five Peacocks to UN Geneva



- India gifted five Indian peacocks to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).
- India's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva, Arindam Bagchi, presented the birds.
- Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of UNOG, received them. The Indian peacock is the national bird of India.

Ladakh Hosts First-Ever Black-Necked Crane Festival



- Ladakh is hosting the first-ever Black-Necked Crane Festival to promote the conservation of the species and its fragile high-altitude habitat.
- The festival is centred on the Changthang region, which is an important breeding and wintering habitat for the Black-necked Crane.
- Important habitats include Tso Kar, Hanle and other high-altitude wetlands.

Uttar Pradesh Becomes India's Largest Milk-Producing State



- Uttar Pradesh has retained its position as India's largest milk-producing state approximately 388.15 lakh metric tonnes of milk during 2024–25.
- The state accounts for around 16% of India's total milk production. India continues to be the world's largest milk-producing country.
- Uttar Pradesh is followed among the major milk-producing states by Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

PM Modi Releases Ram Nath Kovind's Autobiography



- PM Narendra Modi released the autobiography of former P. Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi.
- The autobiography covers Kovind's personal life, struggles, public service and political journey.
- Ram Nath Kovind served as the 14th President of India. He succeeded Pranab Mukherjee as President of India. Ram Nath Kovind was succeeded by Droupadi Murmu.

HM Amit Shah Launches Gramin Gyan Setu App



- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Gramin Gyan Setu App in Gujarat.
- The app aims to integrate and interconnect libraries across the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency.
- The initiative aims to establish a library in every village and promote reading habits among children.

Gujarat to Get Asia's First Desert-Themed Night Safari

- Deesa in Banaskantha district of Gujarat will get Asia's first desert-themed drive-through night safari and zoological park.
- The project has received approval from the Central Zoo Authority (CZA).
- The safari will showcase the desert ecosystem and wildlife.

CBDC-Based DBT Launches in Chd. and Dadra & Nagar Haveli



- The government is launching CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency)-based Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for food subsidy delivery. CBDC is known as the Digital Rupee (e₹).
- The initiative is linked with the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).
- The Digital Rupee is issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Ministry of Textiles Org. 'Srijan'



- The Ministry of Textiles organised 'Srijan: Voices from the Loom'.
- The programme was held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- The programme celebrates the contribution of women handloom weavers.

IIT Delhi Leads 52 Indian Institutions in QS Rankings



- IIT Delhi is India's highest-ranked institution in the QS World University Rankings published annually by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).
- IIT Delhi secured 118th position globally 2027 from 123rd position in QS Rankings 2026.
- IIT Bombay secured 134th position globally.

India Ranked 176th in Environmental Performance Index

- India ranked 176th out of 177 countries, making it the second-lowest ranked country in the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026.
- Laos ranked 177th (last), while Estonia secured 1st rank globally.
- India was the lowest-ranked country in South Asia, behind Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Maldives.

Cabinet Extends PM-KISAN Scheme for Five Years



- The Union Cabinet approved a five-year extension of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme.
- Under PM-KISAN, eligible farmer families receive ₹6,000 per year.
- Financial assistance is provided in three equal installments of ₹2,000 each.

Gujarat's Pithora Painting Receives GI Tag

- It is mainly practised by the Rathwa, Bhilala and Nayaka tribal communities.
- They are dedicated to Baba Pithora, the tribal deity of prosperity and protection.
- Major districts associated with this art include Chhota Udepur, Dahod and Panchmahal.

Glaw Lake Becomes Arunachal Pradesh's First Ramsar Site



- The recognition was granted under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.
- The lake situated in Lower Dibang Valley district.
- The Ramsar Convention was adopted in 1971 at Ramsar, Iran. World Wetlands Day: 2 February.

Meghalaya Launches 'Mission Clouded Leopard'



- Meghalaya Government launched Mission Clouded Leopard to protect the Clouded Leopard, the official State Animal of Meghalaya.
- Objective is to conserve the species through scientific monitoring, habitat protection and anti-poaching measures.
- Clouded Leopard, IUCN Red List Status: Vulnerable.

BRICS WAVES Bazaar Hosted in Mumbai

- BRICS WAVES Bazaar was organised in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Promoted India's AVGC-XR (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality) industry.
- BRICS Members (2026): Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE and Indonesia.

Telangana Launches AI-Powered Emergency Response System 112



- The Telangana Government has launched an AI-powered Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) 112 to improve public safety and emergency services.
- The Emergency Response Support System is implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs as a single emergency number across India.

- Telangana's capital is Hyderabad, the Chief Minister is A. Revanth Reddy, and the Governor is Jishnu Dev Varma.

C-DAC, GSI Sign MoU for Mineral Exploration and Disaster Mgmt.



- The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing and the Geological Survey of India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding
- The partnership will utilize AI, High Performance Computing (HPC), Big Data Analytics, and Geospatial Technologies.
- C-DAC is an autonomous scientific society under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Ladakh to Launch India's First High-Altitude Wildlife Safari



- The High-Altitude Wildlife Safari will be developed in the upper reaches of Ladakh, primarily covering the snow leopard and bird-watching trails in the Changthang region.
- Major wildlife includes Snow Leopard, Tibetan Wolf, Blue Sheep (Bharal), Himalayan Ibex, Kiang, Black-necked Crane and Himalayan Marmot.
- The safari area falls within the Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary.

Assam Launches Nijut Moina and Nijut Babu Schemes



- The Assam Government launched the Nijut Moina Scheme to support higher education for girl students and Nijut Babu Scheme for male students.
- It covers students pursuing Higher Secondary, Undergraduate and Postgraduate education
- Both schemes aim to improve the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education.

Tamil Nadu Government to Launch 'Vetri Vaanmagal' Scheme



- The scheme aims to empower women farmers through modern agricultural technology.
- It focuses on providing training in agricultural drone operations.
- Training will be conducted through the Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO) of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU).

Microsoft Launches Fourth India Cloud Region in Hyderabad



- Microsoft has launched its fourth cloud region in India at Hyderabad, Telangana.

- Hyderabad joins Mumbai, Pune and Chennai as Microsoft's cloud regions in India.
- The new facility provides Microsoft Azure, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cloud computing services.

Punjab Becomes First State to Introduce AI as Mainstream Subject



- Implemented under the Sarbat.AI project which is Punjab Government's flagship Artificial Intelligence (AI) education initiative under Covers Classes I to XII.
- Curriculum aligned with UNESCO's Ethical AI Framework.
- Technology partners include Google, Intel, Canva, Neev AI and FA-AI. Education Minister: Harjot Singh Bains.

Sarnath Gets UNESCO World Heritage Tag



- Sarnath is located near Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon here.
- The first sermon is known as Dharmachakra Pravartana (Turning of the Wheel of Dharma).

Indian Passport Ranking Falls to 81



- India's rank fell from 75th to 81st in the Henley Passport Index 2026. Singapore retained the No. 1 position.
- Indian passport holders have visa-free/visa-on-arrival access to 56 destinations.
- The ranking is based on IATA (International Air Transport Association) data.

Telangana Launches Family Register Initiative



- Available through the MeeSeva platform. MeeSeva is Telangana's Government-to-Citizen (G2C) service delivery platform. Implemented by the Revenue Department.
- Family Register Identification Number (FRIN) is the same as the Ration Card/Food Security Card Number.
- Any major (18+ years) family member can apply.

Uttarakhand to Radio-Collar Elephants for Kumbh 2027

- The initiative aims to ensure the safety of millions of pilgrims expected during the Haridwar Ardh Kumbh 2027.

- The programme is being carried out with technical support from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).
- Total Kumbh Mela venues in India are four—Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik, and Ujjain. Kumbh Mela was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2017.

H.P. Launches Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi Yojana



- The scheme is meant for eligible reservoir fishermen families in the state and It aims to provide financial assistance during the annual fishing ban (closed fishing season).
- Every eligible fisherman family will receive ₹3,500 per year as financial assistance.
- The objective is to provide livelihood security during the period when fishing is prohibited.

India Becomes World's Second-Largest Supplier of Seafarers



- India became the world's second-largest supplier of seafarers according to the BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026. BIMCO stands for Baltic and International Maritime Council.
- Philippines ranks first, while India ranks second globally. India improved from 5th rank (2015) to 2nd rank (2026). India's maritime workforce share increased from 5.2% (2015) to 12.16%.
- India contributes 311,936 seafarers, accounting for 12.16% of the global seafaring workforce.

Gujarat Launches e-Zero FIR System



- It enables victims of cyber financial fraud to register complaints without visiting a police station.
- Complaints made through the 1930 National Cybercrime Helpline are automatically converted into e-Zero FIRs. e-Zero FIR (Electronic Zero FIR) means a First Information Report (FIR) that can be registered digitally without considering the jurisdiction (location) of the police station.
- The initiative was developed in collaboration with the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Chhattisgarh Launches DWEEPTI Yojana



- DWEEPTI stands for Decentralised Women Empowerment on Energy and Policy for Transformative Inclusion.
- Chhattisgarh became the first Indian state to adopt a women-led distributed renewable energy policy.
- The scheme was launched by the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.

India Climbs from 82nd to 57th in Global Reform Rankings



- India improved 25 places, rising from 82nd to 57th in the latest Global Reform/Competitiveness Rankings.
- Its released by the Competere Foundation.
- The Competere Foundation released the latest Market Distortions Performance Index (MDPI). Singapore secured 1st rank in the Global Reform Rankings.

President Droupadi Murmu Launches Raahi & e-Audio Initiatives



- President Droupadi Murmu launched RAAHI and e-Audio initiatives at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- RAAHI stands for Rashtrapati Bhavan Access and Heritage Interconnector. RAAHI is a fare-free electric bus service.
- RAAHI aims to improve the visitor experience at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The e-Audio initiative enhances accessibility through digital audio content.

OmniCard Introduces India's First UPI-Based Flexi Benefits Wallet



- OmniCard Introduces India's First UPI-Based Flexi Benefits Wallet for Employee Tax Savings
- The wallet allows employees to spend flexible benefits through UPI.
- Users can make cashless digital payments directly via UPI.

Gujarat Tops NITI Aayog Investment Friendliness Index 2026

- NITI Aayog released the Investment Friendliness Index 2026, assessing 28 States and 8 Union Territories across 8 investment-related pillars.
- Gujarat ranked 1st (56.6), Maharashtra 2nd (53.7), and Tamil Nadu 3rd (53.3).
- The index was launched to benchmark investment-friendly conditions across India and was announced in the Union Budget 2025–26 following the 9th NITI Aayog Governing Council Meeting.

India Approves Its First Dengue Vaccine – QDENGVA



- India approved Takeda's TAK-003 (Qdenga), its first dengue vaccine, for people aged 4–60 years.

- It was developed by Takeda Pharmaceuticals (Japan).
- The vaccine protects against all four dengue virus serotypes (DENV-1 to DENV-4). Dengue is transmitted by the Aedes aegypti mosquito.

India's First AI-Powered Bird Sanctuary Announced



- India's first AI-powered bird sanctuary will be developed at Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The project is named Bhandup Bird Park. The sanctuary will use AI-based bird tracking and species identification technology.
- Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary is a Ramsar Site (Wetland of International Importance).

Amit Shah inaugurates India's first language museum, 'Shabdlok'



- It is located at Belvedere House, National Library Campus, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- It has been developed by the National Library under the Ministry of Culture.
- It includes 121 languages recorded in Census 2011. National Library, Kolkata is India's largest library by collection.

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US to Build Two Military Bases in Greenland Under Denmark Deal



- The United States, Denmark and Greenland signed a new security/defence agreement concerning Greenland.
- Under the agreement, the United States will be allowed to establish additional defence areas at Narsarsuaq in southern Greenland and Mestersvig in eastern Greenland.
- The United States already operates the Pituffik Space Base in Greenland.

UK Launches First Space Squadron to Defend Satellites



- The United Kingdom (UK) launched the No. III Space Effects Squadron, its first dedicated military unit for defending British satellites against hostile space activities.
- The squadron was established by the Royal Air Force (RAF).
- The unit complements No. I Space Operations Squadron and No. II Space Warning Squadron, strengthening UK space defence.

World's First Artificial Energy Island – Belgium



- Belgium is developing the world's first artificial energy island, named Princess Elisabeth Island.
- It is being developed by Belgian electricity transmission system operator Elia.
- The island will be located approximately 40 km off the coast of Ostend in the North Sea.

Inaugural International Space Summit 2026 Held in Paris



- The first International Space Summit was held in Paris, France, at the Grand Palais.
- The event was held at the invitation of the President of France, with astronaut Thomas Pesquet and entrepreneur H  l  ne Huby serving as special envoys.
- The summit was co-organised with Germany and had a strong focus on strengthening European cooperation and European space autonomy.

GIFT City Advances to 37th Spot in Global Financial Centres Index

- GIFT City, Gujarat, has climbed nine places to 37th globally in the 40th edition of the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 40), rising from 46th in GFCI 39.
- Mumbai also improved its position, rising to 49th globally in GFCI 40.
- 1st Rank is New York, USA, in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 40), with a rating of 761.

Indian and French Space Firms Sign Paris Summit Agreements



- The agreements cover satellite launches, space surveillance and microsatellite technology.
- Safran Space (France) and Dhruva Space (India) signed contracts worth more than €5 million.
- French space company U-Space and Indian company AXISCADES signed a commercial cooperation agreement concerning India's microsatellite market.

UK Recognises India's Carbon Credit Scheme



- The UK has recognised India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) as a qualifying carbon

pricing scheme under its Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

- The Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) was established under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, as amended in 2022.
- The Ministry of Power is the nodal ministry for India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme.

Sikkim Film 'Numahangma' Selected for Nepal Film Festival

- The 2nd Nepal Indigenous Film Festival 2026 is scheduled to be held in London, United Kingdom.
- Numahangma, directed by Niyara Subba, produced by H.M. Subba, has a runtime of 90 minutes.
- The film represents Sikkim's indigenous culture and cinematic traditions.

27th World Knowledge Forum Begins in Seoul



- The 27th World Knowledge Forum (WKF) began in Seoul, South Korea, bringing together global leaders and experts to discuss key global challenges and opportunities.
- The World Knowledge Forum was founded in 2000 by Chang Dae-Whan, chairman of Maekyung Media Group.
- It is being held under theme "The Promethean Moment: Architecting Co-Intelligence Order."

Macron Urges EU Ban on Social Media for Under-15s



- French President Emmanuel Macron has urged the European Union to introduce a bloc-wide ban on social media for children under 15 years..
- France had previously attempted to introduce national restrictions on social-media access for children under 15.
- His proposal has been influenced by the approach adopted by Australia toward social-media access for minors.

India, US Sign Deal for Javelin Anti-Tank Missiles



- India and the United States signed an agreement for the procurement of the Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) system for the Indian Army.
- The Javelin is a medium-range, man-portable, shoulder-launched, fire forget anti-tank weapon.
- The Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) is jointly developed and manufactured by Lockheed Martin and RTX (Raytheon) of the United States.

26th SCO Summit Begins in Bishkek

- The 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit is held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- The SCO currently has 10 member countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India & Pakistan (2017), Iran (2023), Belarus (2024).
- The headquarters of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is located in Beijing, China.

Crown Prince Haakon Becomes New King of Norway



- Crown Prince Haakon has become the new King of Norway, succeeding his father, King Harald V.
- Norway is a Nordic country in Northern Europe, and its capital is Oslo.
- Norway is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system of government.

Giorgia Meloni Becomes Italy's Longest-Serving PM Since WWII



- She is the first woman to become Prime Minister of Italy.
- Her government is the 68th government of Italy since 1946.
- Italy is a country in Southern Europe, and its capital is Rome.

Lahore Named SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2026–27



- The designation was made during the 26th SCO Council of Heads of State meeting in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- Pakistan assumed the SCO chairmanship for 2026–27.
- Previous SCO Tourism and Cultural Capitals were Varanasi, India (2022–23), Almaty, Kazakhstan (2023–24), Qingdao, China (2024–25), and Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan (2025–26).

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir Elected Bangladesh's President

- Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir succeeded Mohammed Shahabuddin as the President of Bangladesh.
- He was elected the 23rd President of Bangladesh.
- He is a senior leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

US Launches 'Operation Economic Outcast' Against Iran



- The operation is a comprehensive economic sanctions campaign against Iran
- The campaign aims to financially isolate Iran from the global economy.

- The U.S. described it as an “economic D-Day” against Iran.

András Baka Elected as Hungary's New President



- He is a former head of Hungary's Supreme Court.
- Baka succeeds Tamás Sulyok as Hungary's president.
- His nomination came from Hungary's ruling Tisza Party, led by Prime Minister Péter Magyar.

SCO summit 2026 held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



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- The SCO's headquarters/Secretariat is located in Beijing, China.

Pakistan's First Lunar Rover Named Jinnah-1

- Pakistan's first-ever lunar rover has been officially named Jinnah-1 by the Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO).
- It will travel to the Moon as part of China's Chang'e-8 mission.
- The mission will target the Moon's South Polar Region.

- The MoU focuses on cooperation in defence research, development, innovation and shared production.
- Rajesh Kumar Singh, Defence Secretary of India, represented the Indian side during the agreement.

Maldives Launches Favara-UPI Payment Service with India



- The service links the Maldives' instant payment system (Favara) with India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- It enables real-time cross-border money transfers between the Maldives and India.
- UPI was developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

Hakainde Hichilema was re-elected as President of Zambia



- Hakainde Hichilema has been re-elected as the President of Zambia for a second five-year term.
- Hichilema defeated Edgar Lungu in the 2021 election and took office as Zambia's 7th President.
- He contested the election under the United Party for National Development (UPND).

India-Armenia Sign MoU to Strengthen Defence Ties



- India and Armenia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Yerevan, Armenia, to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation.

Italy Suspends EU Schengen Free-Travel Pact with Spain



- Italy temporarily suspended free movement with Spain.
- Temporary border checks were introduced under the Schengen Border Code.
- The Schengen Agreement was signed in 1985. The Schengen Area currently has 29 member countries.

China Develops Xianglong Tunnel Boring Machine



- China unveiled its latest indigenous Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) named Xianglong.
- It has been developed by China Railway Construction Heavy Industry Corporation (CRCHI), one of the world's leading manufacturers of tunnel boring equipment.
- It is equipped with AI-enabled intelligent control systems, real-time geological prediction and automated fault diagnosis.

China Harvests First Rice Crop Grown in Space



- The experiment is being conducted aboard China's Tiangong Space Station, which orbits approximately 400 km above Earth.
- The research is carried out under the Shenzhou-23 mission, with astronauts cultivating rice in orbit.
- The experiment was conducted aboard China's Tiangong Space Station under controlled microgravity conditions. India's planned space station is called the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS).

India and China Resume Nathu La Border Trade



- India and China have decided to resume border trade through the Nathu La Pass from 1 August 2026, after a suspension since 2020.
- Nathu La Pass is located in East Sikkim. It connects Sikkim (India) with the Tibet Autonomous Region (China).
- The other two border trade routes are Lipulekh Pass (Uttarakhand) and Shipki La Pass (Himachal Pradesh). Nathu La was part of the ancient Silk Route, connecting India with Tibet and Central Asia.

India Invites Bangladesh PM to Attend BRICS Summit 2026



- India has invited Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to attend the BRICS Summit 2026.
- The BRICS Summit 2026 will be held in New Delhi.
- Bangladesh is not a member of BRICS. BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Venezuela Formally Withdraws the International Criminal Court (ICC)



- Venezuela has formally notified the United Nations of its withdrawal from the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- The ICC is headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands.
- The ICC was established under the Rome Statute (1998) and became operational in 2002.

24 Countries Adopt India's DPI, UPI & DigiLocker



- India has signed MoUs with 24 countries to share its Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) solutions.
- The initiative is led by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) includes Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, e-Sign, FASTag, CoWIN, e-Sanjeevani and ONDC.

India and Nepal Restore Lalitpur Heritage Sites

- India and Nepal jointly completed the restoration of heritage sites in Lalitpur (Patan), Nepal.

- The restoration was carried out under the India–Nepal Development Partnership.
- Lalitpur is one of the three historic cities of the Kathmandu Valley. The Kathmandu Valley is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

China's Gravity-1 – World's Most Powerful Solid-Fuel Rocket



- Gravity-1 (Yinli-1) is developed by Chinese commercial space company Orienspace.
- It is regarded as the world's most powerful solid-fuel launch vehicle.
- The rocket is capable of placing about 6.5 tonnes into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

India's 1st Commercial Freight Train Reaches Nepal Carrying Canola



- The train transported canola seeds for processing in Nepal.
- The service strengthens India–Nepal cross-border trade.
- Canola refers to special type of oil seed mustard varieties bred for human consumption.

Bangladesh President Resigns on Health Grounds



- President Mohammed Shahabuddin resigned and Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament), has assumed the role of Acting President.
- He was diagnosed with Autonomic Neuropathy, causing occasional loss of consciousness.
- Mohammed Shahabuddin became the 22nd President of Bangladesh in April 2023.

India and Romania Sign Three Agreements

- The agreements cover Science & Technology, Education, and Sports.
- The agreements aim to strengthen bilateral cooperation.
- Both countries agreed to promote research collaboration and innovation.

France Bans Social Media for Children Under 15



- France became the first European Union (EU) country to ban social media access for children

under 15 years not be allowed to create new social media accounts from 1 September 2026.

- The ban will apply to existing accounts from January 2027. Social media platforms must implement mandatory age-verification systems.
- Arcom is the audiovisual and digital communications regulator of France.

Japan's JAXA Launches and Lands Reusable Rocket



- JAXA successfully launched and landed a reusable experimental rocket, advancing Japan's reusable space technology.
- The project aims to develop cost-effective reusable launch systems for future space missions.
- Major space agencies: ISRO (India), JAXA (Japan), NASA (USA), Roscosmos (Russia), CNSA (China), and ESA (Europe).

56th International Physics Olympiad 2026 Held in Colombia

- The 56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 was held in Bucaramanga, Colombia, with 381 students from 87 countries.
- India participated for the 27th time, with the team selected and trained by HBCSE under the Department of Atomic Energy.
- All five Indian students won Gold Medals, and India jointly secured first place with Russia, China, Kazakhstan, South Korea, and Taiwan.

Russia Launches 'Soyuz MS-29 Mission'



- Russia launched the Soyuz MS-29 crewed mission to the International Space Station (ISS) from Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan.
- The launch was attended by NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman, the first NASA chief to visit Baikonur since 2018.
- The mission carried NASA astronaut Anil Menon and Roscosmos cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina aboard a Soyuz-2.1a rocket.

World's First 7-Star Luxury Train



- Seven Stars in Kyushu is the world's first 7-star luxury train, launched in October 2013.
- It is operated by JR Kyushu and was designed by Eiji Mitooka.
- The train showcases traditional Japanese craftsmanship, luxury interiors, and Kyushu's culture, cuisine, and scenery.

India, Kyrgyzstan Launch 'Manas–Mahabharata' Initiative

- India and Kyrgyzstan launched the 'Manas and Mahabharata' Civilisation Initiative to strengthen cultural ties.
- The initiative promotes research, cultural exchanges, education, and people-to-people cooperation.

- Manas is Kyrgyzstan's national epic, while the Mahabharata is one of India's two great Sanskrit epics.

International Booker Prize is Renamed



- The International Booker Prize was renamed the Bukhman International Booker Prize following a partnership with the Bukhman Foundation.
- The award continues to honor the best translated fiction published in the UK and Ireland, with the prize shared equally between the author and translator.
- The renaming does not change the award's selection process or eligibility and highlights the role of translators in world literature.

India Joins UN's First Global Dialogue on AI Gov. in Geneva



- India participated in the UN's first Global Dialogue on AI Governance in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The dialogue focused on AI ethics, transparency, safety, innovation, and international cooperation.
- India's participation reflects its growing role in global digital governance and promoting safe, inclusive AI.

IIM-B First to Establish Its Overseas Campus in Indonesia



- IIM Bangalore became the first IIM to establish an overseas campus in Indonesia.
- The campus will promote academic collaboration, executive education, research, and industry partnerships in Southeast Asia.
- The initiative strengthens India's global education presence and supports the Act East Policy.

DeepSeek Developing AI Chip to Reduce Reliance on Nvidia, Huawei



- DeepSeek is developing its own AI chip to reduce dependence on external suppliers and strengthen its AI infrastructure.
- DeepSeek is a Chinese AI startup founded in 2023 by Liang Wenfeng, known for developing high-performance AI models at lower cost.
- OpenAI, a US-based AI company, launched ChatGPT in 2022, one of the world's most widely used generative AI chatbots.

Geneva to Host Global AI Summit in 2027

- Geneva, Switzerland, will host the Global AI Summit 2027 on responsible and inclusive AI development.

- The summit will focus on AI governance, ethics, innovation, cybersecurity, and global cooperation.
- Hosted in Geneva, a major hub for international diplomacy, the event aims to strengthen global AI collaboration.

PM Modi Visits UNESCO World Heritage Prambanan Temple in Indonesia

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Prambanan Temple during his Indonesia visit.
- Prambanan is Indonesia's largest Hindu temple complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 9th century and dedicated to Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva.
- The visit highlighted shared cultural ties and strengthened India-Indonesia cultural diplomacy.

France to Get First Traditional Hindu Temple with Indian Stones



- The temple is being built in France using hand-carved stones from India, following traditional Shilpa Shastra principles.
- Indian artisans and French stonemasons are jointly constructing the temple, blending traditional craftsmanship with modern expertise.
- The temple will serve as a cultural and community centre, with a 15-day inaugural celebration planned in September 2026.

World's Tallest Lionel Messi Statue Unveiled in Argentina



- A 26-metre-tall statue of Lionel Messi has been unveiled in Cutral-Có, Argentina.
- Built from 70 tonnes of steel and iron, it shows Messi holding the 2022 FIFA World Cup trophy.
- It is now the world's tallest statue of a professional footballer, surpassing the 21-metre statue in Kolkata.

Bangladesh joins India-led International Big Cat Alliance



- Bangladesh became the 27th member of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in June 2026.
- The membership strengthens cooperation on big cat conservation, habitat protection, research, and anti-poaching efforts.
- It also enhances transboundary conservation of Bengal tigers and leopards in the Sundarbans.

China's LineShine Becomes World's Most Powerful Supercomputer

- China's LineShine topped the TOP500 Supercomputer Rankings 2026, becoming the world's most powerful supercomputer.

- India's Shakti Cloud ranked 32nd with a performance of 84.31 petaflops.
- The USA had the highest number of systems (161) in the TOP500 list, followed by Japan, Germany, and China.

Canada Sets Guinness World Record with Giant Flag



- Canada unveiled a giant national flag measuring 160 m × 80 m, covering 12,800 sq m.
- The flag was displayed on Grouse Mountain in June 2026 to welcome FIFA World Cup visitors and support Team Canada.
- Its ground display sparked debate over flag etiquette despite widespread public interest.

Elon Musk Becomes World's First Trillionaire After SpaceX IPO



- SpaceX raised about \$75 billion in the world's largest IPO, surpassing Saudi Aramco's 2019 record.
- The company's market valuation crossed \$2 trillion, with shares closing at \$160.95 on debut.
- The listing pushed Elon Musk's estimated net worth above \$1 trillion.

UK Announces Social Media Ban for U-16 Users



- The proposed ban will restrict minors from using platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, X, Snapchat, and YouTube, while allowing WhatsApp and Signal.
- The rules will also limit livestreaming and contact from strangers for users under 18.
- The regulations are expected to take effect by Spring 2027, with penalties for non-compliant tech companies.

NASA Names Artemis III Crew for Historic 2027 Moon Mission



- NASA announced the four-member crew for the Artemis III mission, planned for launch in 2027.
- The mission will test spacecraft docking and landing systems in low-Earth orbit.
- It will prepare for future lunar missions, including Artemis IV's planned Moon landing in 2028.

Sri Lanka ranked 67th in Global Peace Index



- Sri Lanka ranked 67th in the 2026 Global Peace Index, improving by 14 places.
- It became South Asia's second-most peaceful country after Bhutan.
- The improvement was driven by reduced militarisation and better political stability.

India Became Sri Lanka's Second-Largest Export Destination in 2026

- India became Sri Lanka's second-largest export market after the US during January–April 2026.
- Sri Lanka's exports to India rose 8.9% to \$364.15 million.
- Growth was driven by coconut products, electronics, and processed foods.

Kevin Warsh takes oath as Chairman of US Federal Reserve



- Kevin Warsh was sworn in as the 17th Chairman of the US Federal Reserve on May 22, 2026.
- He succeeds Jerome Powell, who remains on the Federal Reserve Board.
- A former Fed Governor, Warsh pledged a reform-focused approach centred on price stability and inflation control.

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- Which state approved the establishment of India's first dedicated Quantum and AI University campus? **Andhra Pradesh**
- Where will India's first dedicated Quantum and AI University campus be established? **Amaravati**
- Which company entered the gold and copper exploration sector in the Devadurga region?
Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL)
- In which state is the Devadurga region located?
Karnataka
- Who launched the sovereign AI stack 'Gnani Artha'?
Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
- Which company developed the 'Gnani Artha' AI stack?
Gnani AI
- What is the name of West Bengal's new public hearing initiative for grievance redressal?
Janatar Darbar
- Which government officials will participate in the Janatar Darbar initiative?
DMs, SDOs and BDOs
- Where will Himachal Pradesh's first ozone-based drinking water project be established?
Dehra, Kangra district
- What is the estimated cost of the ozone-based water treatment project?
₹46 crore
- Who inaugurated the Green Forge Complex at BRIC-NABI, Mohali?
Dr. Jitendra Singh
- Which two states signed an agreement on Sone River water sharing?
Bihar and Jharkhand
- The Sone River is a tributary of which major river?
Ganga
- Which city became the third spoke airport under India's International Aviation Hub Strategy?
Ahmedabad
- Which two airports had earlier joined the Hub & Spoke framework? **Varanasi and Amritsar**
- When was India Post Payments Bank launched?
1 September 2018
- Under which ministry does India Post Payments Bank operate? **Ministry of Communications**
- Which city got its first dedicated Gemini Enterprise Experience Centre? **Bengaluru**
- Which technology powers the solutions offered at the Gemini Centre?
Agentic AI powered by Gemini Enterprise
- Which state launched the 'Pehchaan' portal for identifying unknown and unclaimed deceased persons?
Punjab
- On which digital software is the Pehchaan portal built?
MedLEaPR
- Which Telangana temple was declared a Monument of National Importance?
Gollala Gudi
- Where is Gollala Gudi located?
Palampet, Mulugu district, Telangana
- Who released the 'Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031' Strategic Action Plan?
Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
- Which sector is targeted by Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031?
Ornamental Fisheries Development
- Which state announced the establishment of a Coconut Park?
Kerala
- In which district will the proposed Coconut Park be established?
Malappuram
- Where will the Tamil Nadu Olympic City be established?
Chennai
- Which organisation will develop the Tamil Nadu Olympic City?
Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)

- Which state introduced the AI-FunZone programme in government schools? **Sikkim**
- Which subjects and languages are covered under AI-FunZone?

Foundational literacy and numeracy in English, Nepali and Mathematics

- Under which government scheme was the PM Surya Ghar Portal launched in Delhi?

PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

- What is the maximum combined subsidy available for eligible rooftop solar systems in Delhi?

Up to ₹1.56 lakh

- What percentage of Dearness Allowance was notified by the Punjab Government? **8%**
- From which date was the revised DA rate of 50% made effective? **1 September 2026**
- Which Delhi scheme aims to provide pink electric autos to women and transgender persons?

DURGA Scheme

- What is the full form of DURGA in the Delhi e-auto scheme?

Driving Upliftment and Rozgar for Women/Transgender Green E-Auto

- Which organisation released the Chief Economists' Outlook for September 2026?

World Economic Forum

- What did the WEF survey highlight about India's growth outlook?

India was placed at the top of the global growth outlook

- Where will the 11th Ayurveda Day be hosted? **Nagpur, Maharashtra**
- What is the theme of the 11th Ayurveda Day?

Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow

- Which two organisations signed an MoU to accelerate infrastructure projects in Gujarat?

NHAI and SSNNL

- What type of approval framework was proposed under the NHAI-SSNNL agreement?

Simplified and time-bound approval for highway, canal and pipeline crossings

- Which historic Delhi building is planned to be redeveloped as a Global Heritage Centre?

Chandni Chowk Town Hall

- What heritage classification has been given to Chandni Chowk Town Hall?

Grade-I heritage property

- Which Jharkhand festival symbolises crop protection and respect for nature?

Karam Festival

- What traditional practice do sisters observe during the Karam Festival?

Nirjala fasting for their brothers' well-being and long life

- Who inaugurated the 38th Pune Festival?

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan

- Which award was presented to actor Mohan Joshi during the Pune Festival?

Founder Suresh Kalmadi Pune Festival Lifetime Achievement Award

- Which state planned an 870-acre silicon valley hub in Cuttack? **Odisha**
- Which company signed a Letter of Intent with Odisha for manufacturing silicon carbide substrate wafers? **QuadQuantum**

- Which two technology initiatives were launched by Andhra Pradesh Police?

Centralised Drone Monitoring Portal and SafeStay AP app

- What is the primary purpose of the SafeStay AP application?

Providing real-time information about people staying in hotels and PG accommodations

- Which state plans to introduce the One-Gram Gold Ring Scheme? **Tamil Nadu**
- Which state introduced the 'Seva Sankalp' campaign? **Uttarakhand**
- What are the four key themes of the Seva Sankalp campaign?

Service, Public Participation, Dialogue and Innovation

- How many houses were approved under PMAY-U 2.0? **18.77 lakh**
- Which ministry approved these PMAY-U 2.0 houses?

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

- Which country will host the World Circular Economy Forum 2026? **India**
- Where will WCEF 2026 be held?
Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Where has Tata Steel commissioned India's first COG Injection Project? **Meramandali, Odisha**
- What does COG stand for in Tata Steel's new project? **Coke Oven Gas**
- Where will SEMICON India 2026 be inaugurated?
Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
- What is the theme of the 5th edition of SEMICON India? **Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem**
- Who inaugurated the SPROUT Genome Facility?
Dr. Jitendra Singh
- What does SPROUT stand for?
Speed Seed Phenotyping and Resource Optimization for Unified Trait Analysis
- Which Union Minister flagged off India's first salt-container train? **Ashwini Vaishnaw**
- From where to where was India's first salt-container train operated?
Shivlakh GCT to Mithapur, Gujarat
- Which workers will receive a doubled monthly incentive from the Delhi Government?
ASHA workers
- From ₹3,000 to what amount was the fixed monthly ASHA incentive increased? **₹6,000**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU for the 'Pension Sakhis' initiative? **DoRD and PFRDA**
- What is the primary role of Pension Sakhis?
Promoting pension awareness, financial literacy and pension enrolment
- Which village was declared Ladakh's first designated Heritage Village? **Kumik**
- In which region of Ladakh is Kumik village located?
Zaskar
- Which city topped NITI Aayog's Electric Mobility Index 2026? **Delhi**
- What score did Delhi achieve in the Electric Mobility Index? **84**
- Which two digital platforms were launched on World Ozone Day 2026?
Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard
- How many National Missions are covered by the NAPCC Dashboard? **8**
- From what salary level was the EPFO wage ceiling increased? **₹15,000 to ₹25,000**
- Under which ministry does EPFO function?
Ministry of Labour & Employment
- Which Indian states are the beneficiaries of the first soil-carbon payments? **Punjab and Haryana**
- How much will more than 2,500 farmers receive through the first soil-carbon payments?
Over ₹2.9 crore
- Where are the world's highest-altitude twin flower fields located?
Choglamsar and Stakna, Leh
- At what approximate altitude are Ladakh's twin flower fields situated? **10,600 feet**
- Which organisation released the Global Gender Gap Report 2026?
World Economic Forum
- Which programme's operational guidelines were launched by the Department of Land Resources?
DILRMP 3.0
- What is the implementation period of DILRMP 3.0? **2026–2031**
- Where is the 18th BRICS Summit scheduled to begin? **New Delhi**
- What is the theme of the 18th BRICS Summit?
Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- Which state approved ₹500 crore for the NIPUN Mission? **Chhattisgarh**
- What does NIPUN stand for in Chhattisgarh's mission? **New-age Industry Preparedness through Upskilling of New Generation Youth**
- Which organisation introduced the Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox? **UIDAI**
- Which sector is particularly targeted by the new Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK?
Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI)
- Which Rajasthan heritage site was added to UNESCO's Tentative List?
Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati
- Under which category was Shekhawati included in the UNESCO Tentative List? **Cultural**

- With which Indian state did ADB sign its first Transaction Advisory Services mandate?
Madhya Pradesh
- For how many renewable-energy projects will ADB provide advisory support?
Three
- Which city topped the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 among million-plus cities?
Lucknow
- Which city secured second position in the million-plus category?
Indore
- Which police force received the President's Colour from Amit Shah?
Goa Police
- Where was the President's Colour presented to Goa Police?
Panaji, Goa
- Which platform was launched by NITI Aayog's e-FAST India for zero-emission freight?
PACT
- What is the full form of PACT?
Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport
- Who launched the India Valve Registry in Chennai?
Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
- What type of medical interventions will the India Valve Registry collect data on?
Transcatheter valve interventions
- Which state ranked first under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0?
Chhattisgarh
- What is the main focus of Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0?
Rainwater harvesting and water conservation
- Where was the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 launched?
Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- What was the theme of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026?
Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari
- Where was the second Skill Development Centre inaugurated in Mumbai?
Thakur Village, Kandivali East
- Which two organisations collaborated on the Skill Development Centre initiative?
BMC and NSDC
- In which state is the Dahi Handi festival primarily celebrated?
Maharashtra
- What is another name for Dahi Handi in Maharashtra?
Gopalakala
- Who inaugurated the Global Fintech Fest 2026?
Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- In which city was the Global Fintech Fest 2026 held?
Mumbai
- Which country joined the US and 24 other nations in an initiative on 6G technology?
India
- Who launched BIO-NIVESH?
Dr. Jitendra Singh
- Which domestic missions are being advanced by India for 6G development?
Bharat 6G Mission and Bharat 6G Alliance
- Where will the iBRICS Global Sovereign Capital Summit be held?
The Oberoi, New Delhi
- Which organisation is hosting the iBRICS Summit?
Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI)
- Where will India's 7th Postal Training Centre be established?
Kakarvaya, Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh
- Who laid the foundation stone for the 7th Postal Training Centre?
Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- Which initiative was launched to connect biotechnology start-ups with investors?
BIO-NIVESH
- Which Indian and French companies signed agreements on microsatellite technology?
AXISCADES and U-Space
- Which two companies signed contracts worth over €5 million?
Safran Space and Dhruva Space
- Which film from Sikkim was selected for the Nepal Indigenous Film Festival 2026?
Numahangma
- Who directed the film Numahangma?
Niyara Subba
- Which Indian city hosted the 27th World Knowledge Forum?
Seoul
- What was the theme of the 27th World Knowledge Forum?
The Promethean Moment: Architecting Co-Intelligence Order

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Which city was designated as the SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2026–27?
Lahore
- Which country assumed the SCO chairmanship for 2026–27?
Pakistan
- Who became the new King of Norway?

Crown Prince Haakon

- Whom did King Haakon succeed? **King Harald V**
- Who became Italy's longest-serving Prime Minister since World War II? **Giorgia Meloni**
- How many governments has Italy had since 1946 according to the PDF? **68th government**
- Which three parties signed a new security agreement concerning Greenland?

United States, Denmark and Greenland

- Where will the United States establish additional defence areas under the Greenland agreement?

Narsarsuaq and Mestersvig

- What is the name of the UK's first dedicated military squadron for satellite defence?

No. III Space Effects Squadron

- Which organisation established the UK's No. III Space Effects Squadron? **Royal Air Force (RAF)**
- Which international organisation selected Z. T. Lalrithangi for recognition?

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

- Under which FAO initiative was Z. T. Lalrithangi recognised?

FAO 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development

- Where will the FAO recognition ceremony for Z. T. Lalrithangi take place?

World Food Forum at FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy

- Which international film festival awarded the Platform Prize 2026 to Angh?

Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)

- Who directed the film Angh? **Theja**
- Which film was selected as India's official entry for the 99th Academy Awards? **Gondhal**
- In which category will Gondhal compete at the Oscars 2027? **Best International Feature Film**
- Which country is developing the world's first artificial energy island? **Belgium**
- What is the name of Belgium's artificial energy island? **Princess Elisabeth Island**
- Where was the inaugural International Space Summit 2026 held? **Paris, France**

- Which two countries co-organised the International Space Summit 2026?

France and Germany

- Which African city was selected to host the 2029 World Athletics Championships? **Nairobi, Kenya**
- Which city will host the 2031 World Athletics Championships? **Munich, Germany**
- Which city ranked 37th globally in the Global Financial Centres Index 40? **GIFT City**
- What was GIFT City's previous position in the GFCI? **46th**
- Which leader urged the EU to ban social media for children below 15? **Emmanuel Macron**
- Which country had earlier attempted national restrictions on social-media access for under-15s?

France

- In which city was the 27th World Knowledge Forum held? **Seoul**
- Which country hosted the 27th World Knowledge Forum? **South Korea**

AWARDS & RECOGNITION NEWS

- Who won the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award from Singapore? **Tommy Koh**
- Which three individuals received the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award?

Tommy Koh, Runa Khan and Bo Kyi

- Which company received Airbus's multi-year contract to manufacture fuselage skins for the A320 family?

Mahindra Aerostructures Pvt. Ltd. (MASPL)

- At which location will Mahindra Aerostructures manufacture the fuselage skins for Airbus A320neo and A321XLR aircraft?

Bengaluru, Karnataka

- Which Mizoram farmer was selected among the FAO 100 Women Heroes?

Z. T. Lalrithangi, also known as Pi Mari-i

- At which event will Z. T. Lalrithangi receive the FAO recognition? **World Food Forum**

- Which rehabilitation centre received the National Clinical Excellence Award for mental health and wellness?
Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre

- Under which award programme did Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre receive the honour?

ET Healthcare Awards 2026

- Which film won the Platform Prize 2026 at TIFF?
Angh

- What is the main cultural setting of the film Angh?
1960s Nagaland and the Konyak community

- Who received the 2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award?
Sethuraman Panchanathan

- Which organisation conferred the Arthur M. Bueche Award 2026?

U.S. National Academy of Engineering

- What does the Arthur M. Bueche Award recognise?

Leadership in science & technology policy and technological development

- What historic distinction did Sethuraman Panchanathan achieve through this award?

He became the first Indian American to receive the award

- Who has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024?
Anant Nag

- At which ceremony will the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 be presented to Anant Nag?

72nd National Film Awards ceremony

- Who set a new Indian national record in women's hammer throw?
Tanya Chaudhary

- What distance did Tanya Chaudhary achieve for the new national record?
68.35 metres

- Which record did Tanya Chaudhary surpass in women's hammer throw?

Anushka Yadav's 67.02 metres

- Which actress received the Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award 2026?
Rani Mukerji

- At which event was the Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award presented?

62nd Maharashtra State Film Awards

- Who was selected for the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026?
Kishor Makwana

- Which organisation is headed by Kishor Makwana?
National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)

- Who were the joint winners of the Best Actor award at the 72nd National Film Awards?

Mammootty and Kartik Aaryan

- Who won the Best Actress award at the 72nd National Film Awards?
Yami Gautam

- Who received the Kalinga Ratna Award 2026?
Justice Dipak Misra

- Which organisation conferred the Kalinga Ratna Award on Justice Dipak Misra?

Sarala Sahitya Sansad

- Who was crowned Miss World 2026?
Joheirry Mola Dominguez

- Which country did Miss World 2026 winner Joheirry Mola Dominguez represent?

Dominican Republic

APPOINTMENTS NEWS

- Who was appointed the new MD & CEO of LIC Housing Finance?
Sandeep Kumar

- Whom did Sandeep Kumar succeed as MD & CEO of LIC Housing Finance?
Tribhuvan Adhikari

- Who became the new CEO of Apple?
John Ternus

- Whom did John Ternus succeed as Apple CEO?
Tim Cook

- Who was named the next President and CEO of Adobe?
Anil Chakravarthy

- Whom will Anil Chakravarthy succeed as Adobe CEO?
Shantanu Narayan

- Who was appointed World Bank Vice President and Auditor General?

Yuko Keicho

- Where is the headquarters of the World Bank Group located?

Washington, D.C., USA

- Who was appointed Executive Director of the RBI?
Suman Ray

- Which organisations/departments will Suman Ray oversee as RBI Executive Director?

**DICGC and Premises
Department**

- Who was reappointed as a member of SEBI?

Kamlesh Chandra Varshney

- Which committee approved Kamlesh Chandra Varshney's reappointment?

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)

- Who was appointed as the new Executive Director of the World Food Programme? **Luke J. Lindberg**
- Whom did Luke Lindberg succeed as WFP Executive Director? **Cindy McCain**
- Who was re-elected as the NBDA President for 2026-27? **Rajat Sharma**
- Which organisation is headed by Rajat Sharma as President for 2026-27?

News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA)

- Who took additional charge as the Chairperson of IBBI? **Jayanti Prasad**
- Whom did Jayanti Prasad succeed as IBBI Chairperson? **Ravi Mital**
- Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Cuba?

Hansraj Singh Verma

- Who has been appointed World Bank Group Chief Economist? **Michael Kremer**
- Whom will Michael Kremer succeed as World Bank Group Chief Economist? **Indermit Gill**
- Who became the first woman to head CRPF's CoBRA sector? **Inspector General (IG)**
- Who has been appointed ICC Deputy Chairperson?

Tavengwa Mukhlani

- Whom did Tavengwa Mukhlani succeed as ICC Deputy Chairperson? **Imran Khwaja**
- Who was appointed as the new Executive Director of the World Food Programme?

Luke Lindberg

- Whom did Luke Lindberg succeed at the WFP? **Cindy McCain**
- Who was appointed Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands? **Dinesh Sharma**
- Whom did Dinesh Sharma succeed as Lieutenant Governor? **Admiral D. K. Joshi (Retd.)**

- Who became the first woman non-medical officer in the Indian Defence Forces to attain the rank of Air Vice Marshal?

Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma

- Which institution did Shakti Sharma previously serve as Principal of? **Sainik School, Kapurthala**

BANKING NEWS

- Which company launched the 'Bima Platinum' and 'Jeevan Raksha' insurance plans?

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)

- What are the plan numbers of LIC's Bima Platinum and Jeevan Raksha?

Plan 770 and Plan 894

- Which NBFC appointed Sachin Tendulkar as its brand ambassador?

Kissht

- What is the name of Kissht's new brand campaign?

"Loans Without Any Hiccups"

- Which bank/organisation launched the RAINCHNNAI weather derivatives contract?

NCDEX

- What risk is RAINCHNNAI designed to help market participants hedge?

Financial risk from rainfall variability

- Which insurance company changed its name from ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to ICICI Life Insurance? **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**

- Which authority approved the name change of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance?

Registrar of Companies (RoC), Ministry of Corporate Affairs

- Which institution issued the Market Risk Capital Directions 2026? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- From which date will the revised RBI market risk framework come into effect? **1 April 2027**
- Which stock exchange enabled India's first tokenised corporate bond issuances?

National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)

- What was the combined amount raised by REC Limited and Larsen & Toubro through tokenised bonds? **₹1,000 crore**
- Which organisation conducted the Global Business Climate Survey 2026? **Business Sweden**
- Which two countries emerged as the top-ranked markets for a favourable business climate? **India and Ireland**
- Which bank launched the 'Sparsh Week 2026' initiative? **Axis Bank**
- What is the theme of Axis Bank's Sparsh Week 2026? **Act with Speed**
- Which legislation will replace the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891? **Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026**
- When will the new Bankers' Books Evidence Act come into force? **1 October 2026**
- Up to what value will P2M UPI transactions remain free of MDR? **₹2,000**
- Will person-to-person UPI transactions attract MDR under the new framework? **No, P2P transactions remain free**
- What GDP growth rate has Moody's forecast for India for FY 2026–27? **9.99%**
- For how long is the RBI approval for LIC's stake acquisition valid? **7%**
- What was Moody's earlier GDP growth estimate for India? **6%**
- Which department received the first Rajbhasha Kirti Prize for 2025–26? **Department of Financial Services (DFS)**
- Which city improved to 37th position in GFCI 40? **GIFT City**
- Which Indian city ranked 49th globally in GFCI 40? **Mumbai**
- Which institution's wage ceiling was raised from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000? **EPFO**
- What is the estimated annual government outgo after the EPFO wage-ceiling revision? **₹11,339 cr.**
- Which bank committed over ₹50 crore for strengthening DPDPA compliance? **Canara Bank**
- What was the value of Canara Bank's Digital Personal Data Protection solution contract? **₹52.19 crore**
- Which payment app partnered with Visa for tokenisation and Tap to Pay? **PhonePe**
- What three Visa capabilities did PhonePe introduce as a unified suite? **Online Device Tokenisation, Tap to Pay and Cross Border Scan to Pay**
- Which local area bank received Scheduled Bank status from RBI? **Coastal Local Area Bank Limited**
- Under which Schedule was Coastal Local Area Bank included? **2nd Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934**
- Up to what stake in ICICI Bank has RBI permitted LIC to acquire? **9.99%**
- For how long is the RBI approval for LIC's stake acquisition valid? **One year**

SPORTS NEWS

- Who became the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour? **Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa**
- Which player did Praggnanandhaa defeat in the 2026 GCT Finals? **Fabiano Caruana**
- Which state launched India's first state-level Sports Genomics Programme? **Gujarat**
- Which organisation is implementing Gujarat's Sports Genomics Programme? **Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC)**
- What is the name of the new three-team basketball format launched by IIT Madras? **Phiball**
- On which occasion was Phiball launched? **National Sports Day**
- Who won the men's singles title at the Tuanku Muhriz Trophy 2026? **Abhay Singh**
- Which player did Abhay Singh defeat in the final? **Henry Leung**

- Who announced his retirement from international football for Argentina? **Lionel Messi**
- How many FIFA World Cups did Messi represent Argentina in? **Six**
- Who was named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026? **Lallianzuala Chhangte**
- Who was named Indian Women's Player of the Year 2026? **Manisha Kalyan**
- Which countries won the Men's and Women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026? **Germany and Argentina**
- Which countries were defeated in the men's and women's finals? **Spain and the Netherlands**
- Which country will host the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027? **India**
- Which two venues will host the ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027? **CCI Mumbai and Vadodara International Cricket Stadium**
- Who became the leading run-scorer in women's international cricket across all formats? **Smriti Mandhana**
- Whose record did Smriti Mandhana surpass? **Mithali Raj**
- Which Indian city will host the 2032 UCI Road World Championships? **Pune, Maharashtra**
- What is the significance of Pune hosting the UCI Road World Championships? **It will be the first Indian city to host the event**
- Which traditional boat race is associated with the Meitei community of Manipur? **Heikru Hidongba**
- Where was the Heikru Hidongba boat race held? **Bijoy Govinda Moat, Sagolband, Imphal West**
- Which Indian shooters won gold in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the 2026 Asian Games? **Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet**
- What record did the Indian mixed team set in the 10m Air Pistol event? **Asian Games record with 484.6 points**
- Who won India's first Asian Games medal in Soft Tennis? **Jay Meena**
- Which medal did Jay Meena win in the 2026 Asian Games? **Bronze in the Men's Individual event**
- Which team did India defeat in the women's T20 cricket gold-medal match? **Sri Lanka**
- By what margin did India win the women's T20 cricket gold medal? **147 runs**
- Which English cricketer retired from international cricket after 11 years? **Mark Wood**
- Against which team did Mark Wood make his international debut? **New Zealand**
- Who became the most-capped women's hockey player in India? **Savita Punia**
- How many senior international appearances did Savita Punia complete? **321**
- Who became the first Indian athlete to win an Asian Games medal in MMA? **Suchika Tariyal**
- Which medal did Suchika Tariyal win at the 2026 Asian Games? **Bronze in Women's Traditional MMA, 60 kg category**
- Which country won gold in the Men's 10m Air Rifle Team event at the 2026 Asian Games? **China**
- Which Indian shooters were part of the Men's 10m Air Rifle Team? **Rudranksh Patil, Himanshu Dhillon and Parth Mane**
- Who was named India's male flag-bearer for the 2026 Asian Games opening ceremony? **Pawan Sehrawat**
- Which sport is associated with India's male flag-bearer Pawan Sehrawat? **Kabaddi**
- Which two Indian teams won the Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2026 titles? **India's men's and women's teams**
- Which team did India's men's junior hockey team defeat in the final? **South Korea**
- Who won the men's recurve title at the 2026 Hyundai Archery World Cup Final? **Dhiraj Bommadevara**
- Which Japanese archer did Dhiraj Bommadevara defeat in the final? **Junya Nakanishi**
- Which team won the 2026 Women's Asia Cup? **India**

- By how many runs did India defeat Sri Lanka in the Women's Asia Cup final? **72 runs**
- Who scored 68 runs for India in the Women's Asia Cup final? **Shafali Verma**
- Whose ODI career-length record was surpassed by Brendan Taylor? **Sachin Tendulkar**
- What was the duration of Brendan Taylor's ODI career when he broke the record? **22 years and 148 days**
- How many NCC girl cadets completed the Aparajita-Parang La 2026 trek? **20**
- At what altitude did the cadets cross Parang La Pass? **5,578 metres (18,300 feet)**
- Which regions are connected by Parang La Pass? **Spiti Valley and Changthang region of Ladakh**
- Which zone won the Duleep Trophy after a gap of 13 years? **East Zone**
- Who scored 189 runs for East Zone in the Duleep Trophy final? **Ishan Kishan**
- Who won gold in the women's individual compound event at World Archery Para Series Stage III? **Sheetal Devi**
- Whom did Sheetal Devi defeat in the final? **Aizada Seidan**
- Which Spanish footballer announced his retirement from international football? **Marcos Llorente**
- Which FIFA World Cup-winning squad was Marcos Llorente part of? **Spain's 2026 FIFA World Cup squad**
- Which Indian pair won their maiden China Masters men's doubles title? **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**
- Whom did Satwik-Chirag defeat in the China Masters final? **He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu**
- Which country hosted the first World Archery Para Series stage held in India? **India**
- Where was the 2026 Hyundai World Archery Para Series held in India? **Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad**
- How many medals did India win at the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad 2026? **9 medals**

- Where was the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad held? **Turin, Italy**

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- Which two countries signed an agreement for the procurement of Javelin ATGMs for the Indian Army? **India and the United States**
- Which company received an Airbus contract to manufacture A320 family fuselage skins? **Mahindra Aerostructures**
- Which aircraft models are covered under the contract? **Airbus A320neo and A321XLR**
- What is the name of the first multipurpose vessel received by the Indian Navy? **INS Samarthak**
- Which company built INS Samarthak? **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**
- Which telescope was launched by NASA aboard Falcon Heavy? **Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope**
- From which NASA facility was the Roman Space Telescope launched? **Kennedy Space Center, Florida**
- Which country became the 71st signatory to the Artemis Accords? **Türkiye**
- What is the main purpose of the Artemis Accords? **Promoting peaceful and responsible exploration of the Moon, Mars and beyond**
- Where will Aero India 2027 be held? **Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru**
- Which edition of Aero India will be held in 2027? **16th edition**
- Which UAV became India's fastest multirotor UAV? **Ahuti Mk II**
- What top speed did Ahuti Mk II achieve? **498 km/h**
- Which launch vehicle carried EOS-05 into space? **GSLV-F17**
- What type of satellite is EOS-05? **Earth Observation Satellite**
- What is the target year for India's elimination of Hepatitis B and C as a public health threat? **2030**

- In which year was the National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme launched? **2018**
- Which two countries participated in the 13th edition of the SLINEX maritime exercise?
India and Sri Lanka
- Where was SLINEX-26 conducted?
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- Which two air forces participated in Exercise Veer Guardian 2026?
Indian Air Force and Japan Air Self-Defense Force
- Where was Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 conducted?
Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- What is the name of the India–Mongolia joint military exercise held in 2026?
NOMADIC ELEPHANT 2026
- Where did the 18th edition of NOMADIC ELEPHANT begin?
Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
- Which Indian city is planned to receive Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone?
Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- What is the proposed investment by companies in the Gwalior Telecom Manufacturing Zone?
Approximately ₹5,500 crore
- What is the name of India's first indigenous long-range one-way attack drone? **KAL**
- Which company developed the KAL attack drone?
IG Defence
- Where was the KAL drone flight-tested?
Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- Which two countries participated in Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026? **India and the United States**
- Which edition of Yudh Abhyas was held in 2026?
22nd edition
- Where was the opening ceremony of Yudh Abhyas 2026 held?
Auli Foreign Training Node, Uttarakhand
- Which two armies participate in Yudh Abhyas?
Indian Army and United States Army
- How much investment was approved under PM-SETU for ITI clusters? **₹735.70 crore**
- What does PM-SETU stand for?
Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
- Which state received ₹241 crore under the PM-SETU ITI cluster plan? **Rajasthan**
- Which state received ₹254.30 crore under the PM-SETU plan? **Telangana**
- What is SARAL AI designed to improve?
Accessibility of scholarly research
- Under which foundation was SARAL AI developed?
Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)
- How many Indian languages are supported by SARAL AI? **18**
- Which organisation promoted SARAL AI for science communication? **CSIR-NIScPR**
- Which organisation launched the AiNxt and AtOM agentic AI platforms? **NPCI**
- What is the full form of AtOM?
Agentic Orchestration & Messaging
- Which Indian Navy warship participated in Exercise Samudra Laksamana 4/26? **INS Mysore**
- Which two navies conduct Exercise Samudra Laksamana?
Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy
- Which Japanese fighter aircraft arrived in India for Exercise Veer Guardian 2026? **F-2A**
- At which Indian air base did the Japanese F-2A fighters operate? **Jodhpur, Rajasthan**
- Which space-tech start-up opened two new testing facilities in Chennai? **Agnikul Cosmos**
- What are the names of Agnikul Cosmos's two new facilities? **STIF and PROOF**
- Which company is developing India's first indigenous Optical Inter-Satellite Link terminal?
Astrogate Labs
- What data rate is offered by Astrogate Labs' AstroLink Micro terminal? **10 Gbps**
- Which two companies inaugurated India's first defence avionics facility? **HAL & Samtel Avionics**

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Mizoram Farmer Z.T. Lalrithangi to Receive FAO Award

- Z.T. Lalrithangi, also known as Pi Mari-i, from Sangau village in Lawngtlai district, Mizoram, has been selected for an FAO recognition.
- She has been selected among the “FAO 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development” by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
- She has been invited to receive the recognition at the World Food Forum, to be held at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.

Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre Wins National Clinical Excellence Award



- Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre received the “Excellence in Clinical Services – Mental Health & Wellness” award.
- The award was given in the National category at the ET Healthcare Awards 2026.
- Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre is headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra, and operates rehabilitation centres across multiple cities in India.

‘Angh’ Wins Platform Prize 2026 at TIFF

- ‘Angh’, directed by Naga filmmaker Theja Rio, won the Platform Prize 2026 at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).
- Angh was the only Indian film among the 12 films selected for TIFF’s Platform competition.



- The film is set in 1960s Nagaland and focuses on the Konyak community and cultural change.

Marathi movie Gondhal is India’s official entry for Oscars 2027

- Gondhal, a Marathi thriller directed by Santosh Davakhar, has been selected as India’s official entry for the 99th Academy Awards (Oscars 2027).
- It will compete in the Best International Feature Film category.
- It was selected from 33 Indian film submissions and is the fourth Marathi film chosen as India’s Oscar entry.

Sethuraman Panchanathan Wins 2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award



- Sethuraman Panchanathan has been named the 2026 recipient of the Arthur M. Bueche Award by the U.S. National Academy of Engineering (NAE).
- The award recognises leadership in science and technology policy, technological development.
- He becomes the first Indian American to receive the Arthur M. Bueche Award in its more than 40-year history.

DFS wins 1st Rajbhasha Kirti Prize



- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) won the First Prize under 'Rajbhasha Kirti' for 2025–26.
- The award was given in the category of ministries/departments with fewer than 300 personnel.
- The award recognises outstanding implementation and innovative achievements in Official Language Hindi.

Anant Nag to Receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- Veteran actor Anant Nag has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 for his contribution to Indian cinema.
- The award will be presented at the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony, which will be held at Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat.
- Anant Nag was born in Karnataka and is a veteran Kannada actor.

Rani Mukerji Gets Maharashtra's Raj Kapoor Award



- Rani Mukerji was honoured with the Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award at the 62nd Maharashtra State Film Awards.
- The award ceremony was held at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Mumbai.

- Chabila won the Best Feature Film Award, while Sthal emerged as the biggest winner with six awards.

Kishor Makwana to Receive Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar

- Kishor Makwana, Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), has been selected for the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026.
- The award recognises his contributions to public service, social welfare and the upliftment of Scheduled Castes.
- The NCSC is a constitutional body established under Article 338 of the Constitution of India.

72nd National Film Awards 2026 to Be Held in Gujarat



- Mammootty and Kartik Aaryan were selected as joint winners of the Best Actor award for Bramayugam and Chandu Champion, respectively.
- Yami Gautam received the Best Actress award for her performance in Article 370.
- Randeep Hooda received the award for Best Debut Director for Swatantrya Veer Savarkar.

Justice Dipak Misra Conferred Kalinga Ratna Award

- Former 45th Chief Justice of India (CJI), Justice Dipak Misra, has been conferred with the prestigious Kalinga Ratna Award 2026.
- The award was presented in Cuttack, Odisha.
- The honour was conferred by Sarala Sahitya Sansad, a prominent literary organisation of Odisha.

Joheirry Mola Dominguez is Miss World 2026



- Joheirry Mola Dominguez of the Dominican Republic was crowned Miss World 2026 at the 73rd Miss World pageant held in Nha Trang, Vietnam.
- She defeated contestants from 110 countries, while Elisabeth Reynés Alabern of Spain was the first runner-up and Taanusiya Chetty of Malaysia was the second runner-up.
- Her victory gave the Dominican Republic its second Miss World crown, after Mariasela Álvarez won in 1982.

Airbus Awards A320 Fuselage Skin Manufacturing Contract to Mahindra Aerostructures



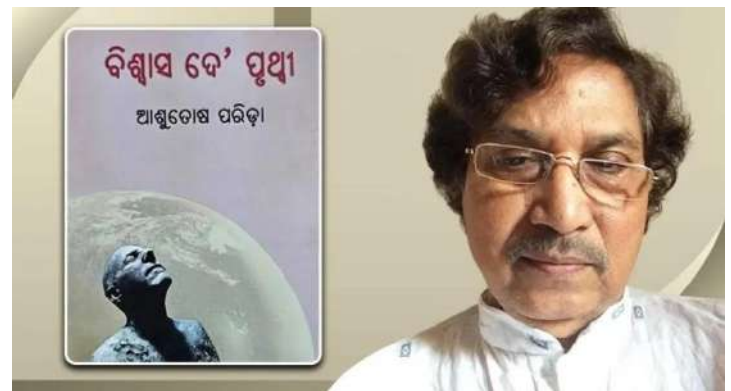
- Airbus has awarded Mahindra Aerostructures Pvt. Ltd. (MASPL) a multi-year contract to manufacture and supply fuselage skins for the A320 family of aircraft.
- The contract covers the Airbus A320neo and A321XLR aircraft.
- The components will be manufactured at Mahindra Aerostructures' facility in Bengaluru, Karnataka, and supplied to Airbus Aerostructures' facility in Augsburg, Germany.

Tommy Koh, Runa Khan & Bo Kyi Win 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award



- Tommy Koh (Singapore), Runa Khan (Bangladesh), and Bo Kyi (Myanmar) are the three recipients of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- The 2026 award ceremony is scheduled at the Metropolitan Theatre in Manila, Philippines.
- Vinoba Bhave (1958) was the first Indian recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award while Educate Girls, India (2025) became the first Indian organisation to receive the award.

Ashutosh Parida to Receive Sarala Puraskar 2026



- Dr. Ashutosh Parida, a noted Odia poet and essayist, has been selected for the 47th Sarala Puraskar.
- He will receive the award for his poetry collection 'Bishwas De Pruthwi'.
- The award is instituted by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT).

Kaziah Liz Mejo Crowned Miss Universe India 2026



- Kaziah Liz Mejo, a 19-year-old from Kerala, was crowned Miss Universe India 2026.
- The grand finale was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- She becomes the first woman from Kerala to win the Miss Universe India title.

Sangeet Natak Akademi Award to Odissi Dancer Shubhada Varadkar



- Shubhada Varadkar is a renowned Odissi dancer and teacher.
- She trained under renowned Odissi guru Kelucharan Mohapatra.
- The Sangeet Natak Akademi is India's national academy for music, dance and drama.

General Dhiraj Seth gets Nepal's Honorary General Rank

- General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Indian Army, has been conferred the Honorary Rank of General of the Nepal Army.
- The honour was conferred by Nepal President Ramchandra Paudel.

- The investiture ceremony was held at Sheetal Niwas in Kathmandu.

Sumer Singh Bhati Wins UNCCD Rangeland Restoration Award 2026



- Sumer Singh Bhati is a traditional camel herder and conservationist from Sanwata village in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- He has been recognised for his long-term efforts to protect and restore the Degrai Mata Oran, a community-conserved grassland in the Desert.
- The Degrai Mata Oran covers about 10,000 hectares and serves as an important grazing landscape for livestock and a biodiversity-rich ecosystem.

210 Indian Peacekeepers Receive UN Medal in South Sudan



- 210 Indian peacekeepers, including 6 women and 7 Staff Officers, were awarded the prestigious United Nations Medal for their exceptional service with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
- The medal ceremony was held in Juba, S. Sudan.
- UNMISS described the occasion as a proud moment for India's "Blue Helmets".

POWERGRID Wins PMIS Partner Company Award



- POWERGRID (Power Grid Corporation of India Limited) won the PMIS Partner Company Award in the category "Innovation in Exit Pathways."
- It is a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE). POWERGRID operates under the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

President Presents Sant Kabir Handloom Awards 2025

- Sant Kabir Handloom Awards recognise outstanding handloom weavers who have made significant contributions to India's weaving heritage.
- The Sant Kabir Handloom Award carries a ₹3.5 lakh cash prize, along with a mounted gold coin, Tamrapatra, shawl and certificate of recognition.

Padma Bhushan Awardee Physicist Deepak Dhar Wins Dirac Medal



- Indian physicist Professor Deepak Dhar has been awarded the prestigious Dirac Medal 2026 in theoretical and statistical physics.
- His research on the Abelian sandpile model is internationally recognised. He received the Padma Bhushan in 2023 for his contribution to science and technology & Boltzmann Medal in 2022, first Indian recipient of the Boltzmann Medal.

NSA Ajit Doval Receives Lokmanya Tilak National Award



- The award is presented annually by the Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Trust, Pune.
- It recognises outstanding contribution towards national service and nation-building.
- The award ceremony is held in Pune, Maharashtra. Ajit Doval is a former IPS officer of the Kerala cadre.

Tamil Nadu Gets 'Best State' Award for Organ Donations



- The award was presented based on the state's highest performance in deceased organ donation and transplantation.
- The recognition is based on data maintained under the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).
- The state operates a transparent organ allocation system through TRANSTAN (Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu).

Annapurni Subramaniam Wins COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal

- Awarded by the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR).
- Her research focuses on stellar evolution, star clusters, Magellanic Clouds and nearby galaxies.
- Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Known as the Father of the Indian Space Programme.

Prof. Karthikeyan Lanka Selected for NASI Young Scientist Award



- Prof. Karthikeyan Lanka has been selected for the prestigious NASI Young Scientist Award 2026 in the Earth Sciences category.
- He is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Studies in Resources Engineering (CSRE), IIT Bombay.
- The award is presented by the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI).

Dr. Nandini Azad Receives Bharat Samman 2026



- Dr. Nandini Azad, President of the Working Women's Forum (India) (WWF-I) and the Indian Cooperative Network for Women (ICNW), received the Bharat Samman 2026 for her lifelong contributions to women's empowerment, financial inclusion, and grassroots social development.
- The Bharat Samman is a national award that recognises exceptional contributions to nation-building, public service, education, healthcare, culture, and women's empowerment.

James Gray to Receive Career Pardo Award



- The award is presented at the Locarno Film Festival.
- The festival is held annually in Locarno, Switzerland for screenings in Piazza Grande.
- The Golden Leopard (Pardo d'Oro) is its highest honour. Currency of Switzerland: Swiss Franc.

PM Modi Receives Norway's Highest Civilian Honour Award

- Norway conferred the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit on PM Narendra Modi.



- It is Norway's highest honour for foreign heads of government and Modi's 32nd international honour.
- The award was presented during his first official visit to Norway by an Indian PM in 43 years.

Santhali-language Film Became the First to Win a National Film Award

- Angen (Invisible) became the first Santhali-language film at the 72nd National Film Awards.
- The film won Best Debut Film of a Director (Non-Feature Category). The film was directed by Ravi Raj Murmu. Angen is a 12-minute 10-second Santhali short film.

ONGC HSE Wins Platinum Global Safety Innovation Award 2026



- ONGC's Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) division won the Platinum Winner title at the Global Safety Innovation Award 2026.
- The award recognizes ONGC's excellence in workplace safety, innovation, and risk management.
- The achievement strengthens ONGC's global reputation for high safety standards and environmental protection.

Nita Ambani Receives AAPI Humanitarian Award



- Nita Ambani received the AAPI Humanitarian Award for her contributions to healthcare, education, and social welfare.
- She was also honored with the Key to the City of Tampa for her philanthropic work.
- Through the Reliance Foundation, she has led initiatives in education, sports, women's empowerment, and healthcare.

PM Modi Receives Indonesia's Highest Honour, Bintang Adipurna



- The award recognizes his contribution to strengthening India-Indonesia ties in trade, defence, maritime security, and culture.
- It highlights Indonesia's importance in India's Act East Policy and strengthens bilateral relations.

Nepal's Jestha Varna Mahavihar Wins UNESCO Heritage Award

- Nepal's Jestha Varna Mahavihar received the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Award for excellence in heritage conservation.
- UNESCO is a UN specialized agency established in 1945, with headquarters in Paris.
- India has 44 UNESCO World Heritage Sites (as of 2026).

Ranchhodlal Goswami Wins Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar



- Acharya Ranchhodlal Goswami was selected for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar by the Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- The award honors artists below 40 for excellence in music, dance, and theatre.
- Named after Ustad Bismillah Khan, it is a prestigious award for young performing artists.

DoT's Samriddh Gram Wins WSIS Prize 2026



- DoT's Samriddh Gram initiative won the WSIS Prize 2026 for promoting digital connectivity and rural development.
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BPCL Kochi Refinery Wins Future-Ready Refining Award

- BPCL's Kochi Refinery won the Leadership in Future-Ready Refining Award for excellence in digital transformation and innovation.
- The refinery is adopting AI, machine learning, and cloud technologies to build future-ready operations.
- It is also advancing sustainability through energy efficiency, emissions reduction, green hydrogen, and compressed biogas (CBG) projects.

Former India Cricket Captain Rohit Sharma conferred with Padma Shri



- Former India captain Rohit Sharma received the Padma Shri from President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The award honours his outstanding contribution to Indian cricket and leadership.
- Rohit led India to the 2024 ICC T20 World Cup and the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy titles.

Parul Chaudhary honored with Best Female Athlete of Year award



- Parul Chaudhary was named Best Female Athlete of the Year at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2026.
- The award recognized her outstanding 2025 season, including gold medals in the 3000 m steeplechase and 5000 m at the Asian Athletics Championships.
- She received the honour along with a cash prize of ₹10 lakh.

IOA President P.T. Usha conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award



- P.T. Usha received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2026.
- She shared the honour with Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, Bahadur Singh Chauhan, and Anju Bobby George.
- The award recognizes her outstanding contribution to Indian athletics, including 11 Asian Games medals and becoming the first Indian woman to reach an Olympic track final.

BCA President Harsh Vardhan Receives Global Prestige Award



- BCA President Harsh Vardhan received the Global Prestige Award for his contributions to the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.
- The award was presented at the "Visionaries of Change: Charting the Course to Viksit Bharat 2047" event.
- Elected in 2025, he became the youngest President in Bihar Cricket Association history at the age of 24.

Dr Krishnamurthy Honoured With Padma Shri



- He has contributed to advanced materials research for defence and space, including cryogenic engine components.
- His work also includes prosthetic implants, medical devices, and metallurgical innovations.
- He is leading research on electric mobility and rare earth magnets to support sustainable technology.

ELIQUO HYDROK won the Circular Economy Award



- ELIQUO HYDROK won the award for its ELOVAC® sludge treatment technology.
- The technology reduces methane emissions and recovers struvite for use as fertilizer.
- The award recognizes the company's contribution to sustainable water and waste management.

Lt Vishal Kumar Awarded Sword of Honour & President's Gold Medal



- Lieutenant Kumar won the Sword of Honour and the President's Gold Medal at the Indian Military Academy.
- He is the son of a retired Sepoy and the first officer in his family.
- An alumnus of RMS Chail, NDA, and IMA, he will be commissioned into the 4 Garhwal Rifles.

BPCL's Kochi Refinery Wins Future-Ready Refining Award

- BPCL's Kochi Refinery won the 'Leadership in Future-Ready Refining Award' for adopting AI, machine learning, and cloud-based technologies.
- The refinery was recognised for its focus on energy efficiency, green hydrogen, and compressed biogas projects.

- The award also highlights its operational excellence, including record crude throughput and major safety achievements.

Major Prabhat Mishra IA Wins 2 Major Awards, USA Army CGSOC

- Major Mishra won the Birrer-Brookes Award and the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Award at CGSOC 2026.
- He earned the honours from a graduating class of 951 officers from 92 countries.
- His achievement highlights strong India-US military education and defence cooperation.

Panchayat Advancement Index Wins Gold e-Gov. Awards 2026

- The Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) won the Gold Award at the National e-Governance Awards 2026.
- PAI evaluates over 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats using 150 indicators across nine Sustainable Development Goal themes.
- The award includes a trophy, citation, and ₹10 lakh, to be presented at the National Conference on e-Governance in Jaipur.

e-Jagriti Wins Silver at National e-Governance Awards 2026



- e-Jagriti won the Silver Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 for digital transformation in consumer grievance redressal.
- The AI-enabled platform merged four legacy systems into a single paperless portal, handling over 2.29 lakh cases with a 90.75% disposal rate.
- It improves access to justice through virtual hearings and allows NRIs to file complaints online.

Indian-Origin Scientist Gautam Dey Wins EMBO Gold Medal 2026



- Indian-origin scientist Gautam Dey received the EMBO Gold Medal 2026 for outstanding early-career research.
- He was honoured for his work on the evolution of nuclear organization and cell division at EMBL, Germany.
- Dey studied at the University of Delhi and the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru.

GRASA Wins Rashtriya Ratna Samman 2026



- GRASA won the Rashtriya Ratna Samman 2026 for its food-based approach to metabolic health.
- It uses fermented millet-based foods to improve gut health and metabolism through clinical nutrition.
- The startup was incubated under IDC India's COSMINNOX ecosystem and has shown strong clinical outcomes.

Chandrayaan-3 honored with AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award 2026



- ISRO received AIAA's highest astronautics honor for the Chandrayaan-3 mission.
- The award recognizes India's historic 2023 soft landing near the Moon's south polar region.
- Chandrayaan-3 also advanced lunar science and supported future human exploration.

Taiwan Travelogue Wins International Booker Prize 2026



- Taiwan Travelogue became the first Mandarin-written book to win the 2026 International Booker Prize.
- Written by Yáng Shuāng-zǐ and translated by Lin King, it is set in 1938 colonial Taiwan.
- The £50,000 prize will be shared equally by the author and translator.

2 Indian-Origin Scientists Conferred S. Africa's Highest Civilian Honour

- South African President Cyril Ramaphosa awarded the Order of Mapungubwe to public health scientists Salim Abdool Karim and Keertan Dheda.
- Karim received the Gold honour for his work on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and COVID-19.
- The awards recognize their major contributions to public health in South Africa and globally.

Indian Violin Maestro Dr. N. Rajam conferred with Padma Vibhushan



- Dr. N. Rajam received a prestigious national honour from President Droupadi Murmu on May 25, 2026.
- She is renowned for pioneering the violin's "Gayaki Ang" style, imitating the nuances of vocal music.
- A Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee, she also served as professor and Dean at BHU.

Sikkim Police Awarded Prestigious President's Police Colour



- Sikkim Police became the 15th state police force to receive the President's Police Colour.
- It is the third Northeast police force, after Assam and Tripura, to receive the honour.
- President Murmu praised Sikkim Police's service and urged modernization beyond colonial-era practices.

India receives 2 Labbaytum Awards for Haj coordination & comm.

- Indian Haj Mission received the "Labbaytum" awards from Saudi Arabia for excellent Haj coordination and communication.
- The recognition highlights effective pilgrim welfare and movement management during Haj 2026.

- The achievement reflects strong coordination between India's Minority Affairs Ministry, Haj Committee, and Haj Mission.

Paradeep Parivahan Wins LEAPS Award 2025



- Odisha-based Paradeep Parivahan Ltd. won the LEAPS Award 2025 under the Multimodal Transport Operator category.
- The award was presented by Union Minister Piyush Goyal on May 13, 2026.
- PPL emerged among 71 competing companies, including FedEx and Maersk.

Ishaan Khatter honored by Indian Armoured Corps' 45 Cavalry



- Actor Ishaan Khatter received honorary membership in the Indian Army's elite 45 Cavalry regiment.
- The honour recognized his portrayal of Captain Balram Singh Mehta in the film Pippa.
- The ceremony celebrated the regiment's role in the 1971 Battle of Garibpur.

Rajasthan Wins WHO No Tobacco Day Award 2026



- Rajasthan Health Department won WHO's World No Tobacco Day Award 2026 for outstanding tobacco-control efforts.
- The state established 500+ tobacco cessation centres and implemented Tobacco-Free School guidelines in 83,000+ institutions.
- Over 2.55 lakh awareness activities and the Tobacco-Free Village campaign strengthened grassroots tobacco control.

Kantha Artist Tripti Mukherjee Honored with Padma Shri



- Mukherjee has spent 40 years promoting rural craft traditions across West Bengal's Birbhum district.
- She showcased Indian crafts internationally, including exhibitions in Birmingham and Tokyo.
- A National Award and Shilp Guru Award winner, she is a highly decorated master artisan.

Bank of Maharashtra Wins APY Award of Excellence FY 2025-26

- Bank of Maharashtra received a national award for exceeding its Atal Pension Yojana (APY) enrollment target.

- The award was presented by DFS Secretary M. Nagaraju and PFRDA Chairperson Sivasubramanian Ramann.
- The achievement highlights BoM's efforts to expand pension coverage among unorganized-sector workers.

President conferred National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026



- 15 nursing professionals received the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026 for excellence and dedicated service.
- Instituted in 1973, each award includes a certificate, medal, and ₹1 lakh cash prize.
- The awards were presented on Florence Nightingale's birth anniversary under the theme "Our Nurses. Our Future."

Dr. Thiyam Suresh Literary Lifetime Achievement Award 2026



- Manipuri writer AK Sheram received a lifetime achievement award from Sahitya Seva Samiti, Kakching.
- Based in Bangladesh, he has contributed greatly to Manipuri literature and promoted Meetei Mayek.
- His work helps preserve Manipuri culture and strengthen India-Bangladesh cultural ties.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



Kamlesh Chandra Varshney Reappointed as SEBI Member



- His reappointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- He is a 1990-batch Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) officer.
- SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey heads the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), whose headquarters is located in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Rajat Sharma Re-Elected as NBDA President for 2026-27



- Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV, was unanimously re-elected as President of the News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA) for 2026–27.
- Sharma is the Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV.
- The NBDA is the apex association representing news and current-affairs broadcasters and digital news platforms in India.

UN Appoints Luke Lindberg to Head World Food Programme



- Luke J. Lindberg (United States) has been appointed as the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP).
- He succeeds Cindy McCain (United States) as WFP Executive Director.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) is headquartered in Rome, Italy.

Jayanti Prasad Takes Additional Charge as IBBI Chairperson



- Jayanti Prasad, a Whole-Time Member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), has taken additional charge as IBBI Chairperson.
- He succeeded Ravi Mital, who completed his tenure as IBBI Chairperson.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), a statutory body established on 1 October 2016 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016, is headquartered in New Delhi.

Hansraj Singh Verma Appointed India's Next Ambassador to Cuba



- He has also served in Indian missions in Chittagong, Paris, Accra, Frankfurt, Maputo, Lisbon and Buenos Aires.
- Hansraj Singh Verma has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Cuba by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- T. Armstrong Changsan, the outgoing Ambassador to Cuba, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Armenia.

Michael Kremer Appointed as World Bank Group Chief Economist

- He will succeed Indermit Gill as World Bank Group Chief Economist.
- The appointment was announced by World Bank Group President Ajay Banga.
- The World Bank Group (WBG) is headquartered in Washington, D.C., United States.

Sanjukta Parashar Becomes First Woman to Head CRPF CoBRA



- She has been appointed as Inspector General (IG) of the CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) Sector of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

- CoBRA is a specialised commando force of the CRPF, primarily trained for jungle warfare and counter-insurgency operations.
- Sanjukta Parashar is an IPS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre and is from Assam, India.

Tavengwa Mukuhani Appointed ICC Deputy Chairperson



- Tavengwa Mukuhani, Chairman of Zimbabwe Cricket, has been appointed as the Deputy Chairperson of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- He succeeds Imran Khwaja of Singapore.
- The appointment comes ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027, which will be hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

Luke Lindberg Appointed New World Food Programme Chief



- He previously served as Under Secretary at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- He succeeded Cindy McCain as executive director.
- WFP is a United Nations agency that works to fight global hunger and provide food assistance.

Dinesh Appointed Andaman & Nicobar Lieutenant Governor

- Dinesh Sharma has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands by President Droupadi Murmu.
- He will succeed Admiral D. K. Joshi (Retd.), who served as the LG since 2017.
- Dinesh Sharma previously served as the Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Mayor of Lucknow.

Shakti Sharma becomes 1st Woman Non-Medical Air Vice Marshal



- Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Shakti Sharma became the first woman non-medical officer in the Indian Defence Forces to attain the rank of Air Vice Marshal or equivalent.
- These IAF Chairs of Excellence were established at IIT Kanpur and Pune University.
- She served as the Principal of Sainik School, Kapurthala.

LIC Housing Finance Appoints Sandeep Kumar as New MD & CEO

- He succeeds Tribhuwan Adhikari, who retired upon superannuation.
- His tenure can extend up to five years, subject to applicable conditions and shareholder approval.
- Sandeep Kumar has been appointed as an Additional Director in the capacity of MD & CEO and as a Key Managerial Personnel (KMP).

John Ternus Becomes New CEO of Apple



- John Ternus officially became the CEO of Apple, succeeding Tim Cook.
- Apple was founded on 1 April 1976 by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne, and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2026.
- Apple's headquarters, Apple Park, is located in Cupertino, California, USA.

Anil Chakravarthi Named Adobe CEO



- Anil Chakravarthi, an Indian-origin technology executive, has been named the next President and CEO of Adobe.
- He will succeed Shantanu Narayen, who has served as Adobe's CEO since 2007 and will become Executive Chair.
- Adobe Inc. is an American multinational software company headquartered in San Jose, California, USA.

Govt Appoints Akbaruddin, 2 Others to RBI Central Board

- The Central Government appointed three new Part-time, Non-official Directors to the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The three appointees are Syed Akbaruddin, Annie George Mathew, and Janmejaya Kumar Sinha.
- Each has been appointed for a four-year term, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

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Finance Ministry Extends Rajendra Kumar Saboo's MD & CEO Charge



- The Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, Government of India, extended the additional charge of MD

& CEO of UCO Bank assigned to Rajendra Kumar Saboo.

- Saboo is the Executive Director of UCO Bank.
- The vacancy arose after Ashwani Kumar completed his tenure as UCO Bank's MD & CEO.

Senegal appoints Ahmadou Al Aminou Lo as New PM



- Abdourahmane Lo, a former BCEAO official and economist, has been appointed Senegal's Prime Minister.
- He takes charge amid a debt crisis, with public debt at about 132% of GDP and an \$1.8 billion IMF programme suspended.
- Lo will continue the government's "Sénégal 2050" agenda, focusing on transparency and economic sovereignty.

Pradeep Rai Elected Supreme Court Bar Association President



- Senior Advocate Pradeep Rai has been elected as the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for the 2026–27 term.
- He succeeds Senior Advocate Vikas Singh, who served as SCBA President for the 2025–26 term.
- Meenesh Dubey was elected Joint Secretary, while Reepak Kansal was elected Treasurer.

S. Somanath Appointed to RBI Central Board



- S. Somanath, former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has been appointed to the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Anand Mahindra has also been reappointed as a Part-Time, Non-Official Director on the RBI Central Board for another four-year term.
- His appointment is for a four-year term.

Cap. Shivani Appointed 1st Woman Aide-de-Camp to Army Chief

- Captain Shivani Sehrawat became the first woman officer appointed as Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the Indian Army Chief, according to reports on the appointment.
- ADC stands for Aide-de-Camp, an officer who assists a senior military or state dignitary in official and ceremonial responsibilities.
- The appointment is considered an important milestone in the increasing participation of women officers in the Indian Army.

N. Chandrasekaran Resigns as Tata Sons Chairman



- Natarajan Chandrasekaran, popularly known as N. Chandrasekaran, has decided

not to seek another term as Chairman of Tata Sons.

- He succeeded Cyrus Mistry as Chairman.
- Before becoming Chairman of Tata Sons, Chandrasekaran served as the CEO and Managing Director of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

Russia Appoints D.Y. Chandrachud in Ukraine Arbitration



- Former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has been appointed as an arbitrator by Russia.
- The appointment relates to an arbitration case involving Ukraine's state-owned bank Oschadbank.
- The dispute concerns Oschadbank's assets affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Varsha Ashok Aglawe Becomes First Woman Director General of GSI



- Varsha Ashok Aglawe became the first woman Director General (DG) of the Geological Survey of India (GSI).
- Geological Survey of India was established in 1851.
- GSI functions under the Ministry of Mines. Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal.

Willie Walsh Takes Charge as IndiGo's New CEO



- Willie Walsh officially became the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiGo in August 2026.
- He succeeded Pieter Elbers as CEO of IndiGo. He is an Irish aviation executive.
- IndiGo is India's largest airline by market share. Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.
Founded: 2006.

A.S. Rajeev Takes Charge as Acting Central Vigilance Commissioner

- A.S. Rajeev took charge as the Acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) after the completion of the tenure of Praveen Kumar Srivastava.
- Central Vigilance Commission: Established: 1964 on the recommendation of the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption.
- CVC became a statutory body through the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003. Headquarters: New Delhi.

Air India Appoints Tewolde Gebremariam as CEO



- Air India has appointed Tewolde Gebremariam, former CEO of Ethiopian Airlines Group, as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD).
- He succeeds Campbell Wilson, who stepped down after leading Air India's initial transformation under the Tata Group.
- Air India is jointly owned by Tata Group (75%) and Singapore Airlines (25%).

Pralhad Joshi Takes Charge as Education Minister



- He succeeded Dharmendra Pradhan and Pralhad Joshi is a 5-time Lok Sabha MP from Dharwad, Karnataka.
- Appointed by President Droupadi Murmu.
- Continues to hold the portfolios of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy.

PM Constitutes Exam Reform Task Force Led by Nandan Nilekani



- Nandan Nilekani (Co-founder & Chairman of Infosys) as well as the Founding Chairman of UIDAI (Aadhaar).
- Constituted by Ministry of Education
- Purpose is reform India's examination system following concerns over exam paper leaks and malpractice.

India Appoints Ngulkham Jathom Gangte as Ambassador to Mexico

- He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1994 batch.
- Before this appointment, he was serving as Special Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- He has served in Indian diplomatic missions in Egypt, Morocco, Ireland, and Tanzania.

Kevin Warsh appointed as Governor of the Federal Reserve by the US



- Kevin Warsh previously served as a Federal Reserve Governor from 2006–2011 and brings crisis-management experience.
- Known as a policy hawk, he supports strong price stability and cautious government spending.
- His return aims to strengthen the Fed's response to inflation and global economic challenges.

Amitabh Bachchan Named Policybazaar Brand Ambassador



- Policybazaar appointed Amitabh Bachchan as its Brand Ambassador for the nationwide "Parivaar

Sabse Pehle" campaign to promote health and term insurance awareness.

- The campaign supports IRDAI's Insurance for All by 2047 vision by encouraging families to secure timely financial protection through insurance.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) – Chairperson: Debasish Panda.

Mindaugas Sinkevicius became Lithuania's new prime minister



- He succeeded the previous government following a political transition in the country.
- Lithuania is one of the three Baltic countries (along with Latvia and Estonia) and is a member of the European Union (EU), NATO, and the Schengen Area.
- Capital: Vilnius | Currency: Euro (€).

UK Appoints Kanishka Narayan as First AI Minister



- The appointment reflects the UK's focus on AI governance and innovation.
- Father of Artificial Intelligence is John McCarthy, coined the term in 1956.
- Capital of the UK: London, Currency: Pound Sterling (£).

Lieutenant General N S Raja Subramani appointed Chief of Defence



- Lt Gen N.S. Raja Subramani (Retd) appointed India's next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- He will succeed General Anil Chauhan and take charge on May 30, 2026.
- He previously served as Vice Chief of Army Staff and is currently a Military Adviser in the NSCS.

Andy Burnham Becomes UK's New Prime Minister

- The Prime Minister is the Head of Government.
- The UK follows a parliamentary system. The Indian Parliament consists of the President, Lok Sabha, and Rajya Sabha, whereas the UK Parliament consists of the Monarch, House of Commons, and House of Lords.
- Capital: London. Currency: Pound Sterling (£).

Centre Appoints Anurag Jain as NITI Aayog CEO



- He is a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre. He succeeds the previous leadership arrangement after Nidhi Chibber was holding additional charge
- His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

- NITI Aayog was established on 1 January 2015, replacing the Planning Commission. Chairperson of NITI Aayog: Prime Minister of India. Headquarters: New Delhi.

A.N. Pramod Becomes Deputy Chief of Naval Staff



- Vice Admiral A. N. Pramod, AVSM, YSM assumed charge as the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS) on 1 August 2026. He succeeded Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti.
- As DGNO, Vice Admiral Pramod played a key role in the planning, preparedness, and operational readiness of the Indian Navy during Operation Sindoor.
- Indian Navy Headquarters: New Delhi. Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi.

Ajay Kochhar Appointed as Indian Navy's 48th Vice Chief



- He has been appointed Vice Chief of the Indian Navy after over 37 years of distinguished service.
- A Gunnery and Missile Systems specialist, he commanded INS Vikramaditya and served in key leadership roles.
- He received the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2022) and Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2026).

Infosys Appoints Ashiss Dash as Next CEO

- He will succeed Salil Parekh, whose second term ends on 31 March 2027.
- The decision was based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC).
- Infosys is India's second-largest IT services company. Founded 1981. HQ: Bengaluru, Karnataka. Chairman: Nandan Nilekani.

Lt. General Dhiraj Seth appointed as Chief of the Army



- Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth has been appointed the next Chief of the Army Staff and is currently serving as Vice Chief of the Army Staff.
- A 1986-batch Armoured Corps officer, he has extensive command experience in desert and counter-insurgency operations.
- He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and has completed advanced military courses in India and France.

Leander Paes Named Asian Tennis Federation Player Ambassador



- Leander Paes has been appointed Player Ambassador by the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF).

- He will mentor young players, promote grassroots tennis, and represent Asian tennis globally.
- The appointment recognizes his outstanding contribution to the sport and aims to inspire future generations.

Former ISRO Chief S. Somanath Joins Agnikul Cosmos Board



- Former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath, who led the Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya-L1 missions, has joined Agnikul Cosmos.
- Agnikul Cosmos is a Chennai-based space startup developing the Agnibaan launch vehicle with 3D-printed rocket engines.
- His appointment is expected to boost India's private space sector and commercial space innovation.

Raghuram Rajan Appointed to Key US Federal Reserve Task Force



- Former RBI Governor Raghuram G. Rajan has joined a US Federal Reserve task force on banking regulations and financial stability.
- Rajan previously served as RBI Governor (2013–2016) and IMF Chief Economist.
- He is a professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and author of the award-winning book Fault Lines.

Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala Appointed MoES Secretary



- Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala, a former ISRO scientist, has been appointed Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- MoES oversees meteorology, ocean sciences, seismology, climate research, and polar science.
- His appointment is expected to strengthen weather forecasting, disaster early warning, and climate services.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri Gets 1-Year Extension Till July 2027

- Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri received a one-year extension and will continue in office until July 2027.
- A 1989-batch IFS officer, he has held several key diplomatic assignments and managed India's strategic foreign relations.
- His extension ensures continuity in India's diplomacy amid evolving global and regional challenges.

BPR&D and NCRB Get New Chiefs



- New Directors-General have been appointed to the BPR&D and NCRB to strengthen policing reforms and crime data management.

- BPR&D focuses on police modernization, research, training, and capacity building, while NCRB maintains the national crime database.
- Both organizations work under the Ministry of Home Affairs to improve internal security and evidence-based policing.

NPCI's Dilip Asbe Appointed to SWIFT Global Supervisory Board



- Dilip Asbe was appointed to the Supervisory Board of SWIFT.
- SWIFT is a Belgium-based global financial messaging network connecting over 11,000 financial institutions.
- NPCI operates key digital payment platforms, including UPI, RuPay, IMPS, BHIM, FASTag, and NACH.

RBI Appoints Muralidhar Pai as MD & CEO of South Indian Bank



- RBI approved Muralidhar Pai's appointment as Managing Director & CEO of South Indian Bank.
- He succeeds P.R. Seshadri and brings over 30 years of banking experience.
- South Indian Bank, established in 1929, is headquartered in Thrissur, Kerala.

Nidhi Khare Elected UNCTAD Consumer Protection Meeting



- Nidhi Khare was elected Chairperson of the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection in Geneva.
- UNCTAD promotes inclusive trade, investment, and sustainable development worldwide.
- Her election highlights India's growing role in global consumer protection and economic governance.

Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay appointed as Chairperson of NSC



- Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay has been appointed Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC).
- A former Director of IIM Calcutta, he succeeds Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar.
- The government also appointed three new part-time members to strengthen the NSC's functioning.

Vivek Aggarwal appointed as Vice President of the FATF

- India was elected to the FATF Vice-Presidency for the first time, with Rajesh Aggarwal appointed Vice President.
- He will serve a one-year term from July 2026 to June 2027, working with the FATF President.
- Rajesh Aggarwal is a 1994-batch IAS officer and former head of India's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND).

Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi Appointed as CMD of GIC Re



- Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi has been appointed Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of GIC Re.
- He will serve until 30 September 2028 or until further government orders.
- A former Executive Director of GIC Re, he has extensive experience in international operations, finance, and risk management.

Anand Jain appointed As The New DGP Of Ladakh



- Anand Jain has been appointed Director General of Police (DGP) of Ladakh.
- A 1999-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer, he was transferred from Jammu & Kashmir.
- He will oversee law and order, policing, and security coordination in the Union Territory.

Tushar Mehta reappointed as Solicitor General of India

- Tushar Mehta has been reappointed as the Solicitor General of India for a three-year term from 1 July 2026.
- He has served as Solicitor General since October 2018 and continues to represent the Centre in key legal matters.
- The government also extended the tenure of five Additional Solicitors General for the Supreme Court.

Dr R Dhinakaran appointed ADGP Armed Police in Tamil Nadu



- Dr. R. Dhinakaran has been appointed Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Armed Police, Tamil Nadu.
- A 1998-batch IPS officer, he is a recipient of the Chief Minister's and President's Police Medals.
- He will lead the Armed Police wing and oversee its operational readiness and security responsibilities.

Meta appointed Kunal Shah as Global head of WhatsApp

- Meta appointed CRED founder Kunal Shah as the new global head of WhatsApp, succeeding Will Cathcart.
- Meta also invested \$900 million in CRED, valuing the company at \$4.5 billion.
- The move aims to strengthen WhatsApp's growth in commerce, payments, and digital services, especially in India.

Mahesh Dixit to Succeed Tapan Kumar Deka as IB Chief



- Mahesh Dixit has been appointed the next Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) for a two-year term from 30 June 2026.
- A 1993-batch IPS officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre, he previously served as Special Director of the IB.
- He succeeds Tapan Kumar Deka, the longest-serving IB chief since 2005.

Amit P Javalgi appointed as Inspector General in NIA



- Amit P. Javalgi has been appointed Inspector General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on deputation.
- The 2006-batch IPS officer of the West Bengal cadre is known for launching the e-Malkhana digital evidence management system.
- He previously received the National e-Governance Award for modernising police administration.

Vijay Deverakonda Named Brand Ambassador Of TG20 League

- Vijay Deverakonda was named the brand ambassador of the Telangana Premier League to promote grassroots cricket talent.
- The inaugural league features eight teams, 32 matches, and players including Mohammed Siraj and Tilak Varma.
- The tournament will be held at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium with live broadcasts on JioStar.

Meenu Choudhary appointed as Inspector General in SSB

- Meenu Choudhary, a 2000-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer, has been appointed Inspector General (IG) of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- She will serve on central deputation after approval by the Centre.
- Her appointment is part of a wider reshuffle to strengthen leadership in central armed police forces.

Former SAIL Chairman joins as CEO, Hindustan Zinc Ltd.



- Hindustan Zinc appointed Amarendu Prakash as CEO-Designate, effective 19 June 2026.
- He brings over 30 years of experience in the metals and steel industry, including leadership at SAIL.
- Prakash succeeds Arun Misra, who has become Group CEO of Vedanta Limited.

UIDAI CEO Saurabh Vijay took Charge as CEO of IndiaAI Mission

- UIDAI CEO Saurabh Vijay has been given additional charge as CEO of the IndiaAI Mission.
- He succeeds Abhishek Singh, who was appointed Director General of the NTA.
- The IndiaAI Mission focuses on sovereign AI infrastructure, multilingual AI models, and AI research support.

Raman Meenakshi Sundaram appointed Director of NAARM



- Dr. Sundaram, an expert in crop biotechnology and rice genetics, is serving as Director of ICAR-NAARM.
- He earlier led ICAR-IIRR and helped develop the Improved Samba Mahsuri rice variety.
- He has published 160+ research papers and mentors agricultural capacity-building programs.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Elects Banwarilal Purohit as President



- Banwarilal Purohit has been appointed President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, succeeding Surendralal Mehta.
- Former Governor of four states, Purohit brings extensive administrative experience.
- Deepak Parekh was elected Vice-President, ensuring leadership continuity.

Indraprastha Gas Limited appoints Kumar Shanker as New MD



- Kumar Shanker has taken charge as Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL), succeeding Kamal Kishore Chatiwal.
- A BITS Pilani chemical engineer, he has over 30 years of experience in the oil and gas sector.
- He previously led Maharashtra Natural Gas Ltd (MNGL) and has held key roles at GAIL.

Neelam Meena appointed as Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal

- Neelam Meena, a 1998-batch IAS officer, was appointed West Bengal's new Chief Electoral Officer.
- She succeeds Manoj Kumar Agarwal, who became the state's Chief Secretary.
- The ECI directed her to focus solely on her CEO responsibilities for impartiality.

Raghav Appointed Chairman of Rajya Sabha Committee

- Raghav Chadha was appointed Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions.
- The 10-member panel examines petitions on governance, public policy, and citizen grievances.
- The committee can examine witnesses, seek evidence, and recommend corrective measures.

Piyush Singla appointed Director Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

- Anurag Singla has been appointed as CEO of the National Health Authority (NHA) under the Central Staffing Scheme.
- His tenure will align with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and may be extended as per government rules.
- He will focus on expanding digital health records, interoperable systems, and the ABHA ecosystem.

Siddaramaiah Quits, Names DK Shivakumar As Next CM



- Siddaramaiah resigned as Karnataka Chief Minister, paving the way for D.K. Shivakumar under the 2023 power-sharing pact.
- Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot accepted his resignation, with Siddaramaiah continuing as caretaker CM.
- He declined a Rajya Sabha role and will remain active in Karnataka politics.

A Kowsigan appointed as the CEO of Kerala

- Dr. A. Kowsigan, a 2009-batch IAS officer, became Kerala's new Chief Electoral Officer.

- He succeeds Dr. Rathan U. Kelkar, who became Secretary to the Chief Minister.
- Kowsigan has held key roles in ports, land revenue, disaster management, and animal husbandry.

Sandeep Kumar Garg inducted as DIG in NIA



- Sandeep Kumar Garg, a 2012-batch IPS officer, has been appointed DIG in the NIA.
- His appointment was approved by the MHA on central deputation.
- He previously served as DIG of Punjab Police's Intelligence Wing.

Sahdev Elected President of South Asian Weightlifting Federation

- Dr. Sahdev Yadav was unanimously elected President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation (SAWF).
- He is also President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation and Treasurer of the Indian Olympic Association.
- He aims to strengthen athlete development, coaching standards, and sports infrastructure in South Asia.

Surendra Kumar Jha appointed as Deputy Inspector General in BSF

- Surendra Kumar Jha, a 2010-batch IPS officer, has been appointed DIG in the BSF on central deputation.
- He previously served as DIG (Personnel) at Jharkhand Police Headquarters and SSP Ranchi.
- A Police Medal for Gallantry awardee, Jha is known for his administrative and crime-control expertise.

Bharat Singh re-Elected as Chairman of Chess Association



- Bharat Singh Chauhan was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association for 2026–2030.
- He also serves as FIDE Advisory Board Chairman and Asian Chess Federation Deputy President.
- The CCA will launch its first Commonwealth School Chess Championship in Malaysia in October 2026.

M.P. partnered with Google Cloud India for Simhashta Kumbh 2028



- Google Cloud will use AI for crowd monitoring, traffic management, and emergency response during Ujjain Kumbh.
- The multilingual “Sahayak” app will provide route guidance, crowd updates, and safety alerts.
- An AI Centre of Excellence will also be established in Indore.

Rajiv Singh appointed as Secretary in Cabinet Secretariat

- Rajiv Singh, a 1993-batch IPS officer, was appointed Secretary (Security) in the Cabinet Secretariat.
- He will serve as the administrative head of the SPG, overseeing VIP security.
- Singh previously served as Manipur DGP from June 2023.

President appoints N Rangasamy as Puducherry CM



- N. Rangasamy was appointed Puducherry Chief Minister for a fifth term.
- His appointment followed the NDA's victory in the Assembly elections.
- He was scheduled to take oath on May 13, 2026.

Dr AK Panda assumed charge as CMD of SAIL

- Dr. Panda, a SAIL veteran since 1992, has taken charge as CMD after serving as Director (Finance).
- An electrical engineer and business management doctorate, he brings over 30 years of experience.
- He aims to raise SAIL's capacity to 35 MTPA, strengthen raw material security, and expand value-added products.

Jio Platforms appoints Akash Ambani as MD



- Akash Ambani was appointed to a key leadership role at Jio Platforms for a five-year term.
- The appointment comes ahead of Jio Platforms' expected IPO, potentially valuing it at \$200–240 billion.
- He will lead Jio Platforms while continuing as Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm.

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ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Renamed ICICI Life Insurance



- The name change became effective following approval from the Registrar of Companies (RoC), Central Processing Centre, Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- The change is connected with the reclassification of Prudential Corporation Holdings from “Promoter” to “Investor.”
- The headquarters of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is located in Hyderabad, Telangana.

RBI Issues Basel III Market Risk Capital Directions 2026



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the RBI (Commercial Banks – Minimum Capital Requirements for Market Risk) Directions, 2026.
- The Directions apply to commercial banks, excluding Small Finance Banks, Payments Banks and Local Area Banks.
- The revised framework will come into effect from 1 April 2027.

NSE Enables India's First Tokenised Corporate Bond Issuances



- National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) enabled India's first tokenised corporate bond issuances on its Electronic Bidding Platform (NSE EBP).
- REC Limited and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) raised a combined ₹1,000 crore.
- The tokenisation technology was unveiled by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra and SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey.

Axis Bank Launches Sparsh Week



- Axis Bank launched Sparsh Week 2026, its flagship customer-engagement initiative.
- The theme of Sparsh Week 2026 is “Act with Speed.”
- The programme aims to strengthen customer-centricity by directly engaging with customers and understanding their needs.

Bankers' Books Evidence Act 2026



- The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 will come into force from 1 October 2026.
- The new Act replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891.
- The main objective is to modernise the legal framework for using banking records as evidence in legal proceedings.

UPI Payments Up to ₹2,000 to Remain Free of MDR

- The new UPI framework keeps all person-to-person (P2P) UPI transactions completely free, irrespective of the amount.
- Person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions up to ₹2,000 will remain free of MDR.
- Small merchants receiving up to ₹1 lakh per month through UPI QR codes under the P2PM category continue to enjoy zero MDR.

Moody's Raises India's GDP Growth Forecast to 7%



- Moody's Ratings has raised its forecast for India's real GDP growth in FY 2026–27 to 7%, up from its earlier estimate of 6%.
- Moody's 7% forecast is higher than the IMF's 6.4% forecast for FY27.
- Major global credit rating agencies are S&P Global, Moody's Ratings, Fitch Ratings etc.

Canara Bank Invests Over ₹50 Cr. in DPDPA Compliance Initiative



- The reported contract is for a period of 3 years.
- Canara Bank has reportedly committed more than ₹50 crore towards strengthening compliance with India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), 2023.
- A ₹52.19 crore contract was awarded for the supply, installation, integration, implementation and management of a Digital Personal Data Protection solution for Canara Bank.

Phone Pe Launches Visa Tokenisation and Tap to Pay



- PhonePe and Visa announced a strategic partnership at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai.
- PhonePe became the first app in India to offer a unified suite of Visa capabilities comprising Online Device Tokenisation, Tap to Pay and Cross Border Scan to Pay.
- Tap to Pay enables eligible Android users to tokenise their Visa cards and make contactless payments at POS terminals using their smart phones.

RBI Grants Scheduled Bank Status to Coastal Local Area Bank



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted Scheduled Bank status to Coastal Local Area Bank Limited.
- RBI included the bank in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- The bank is headquartered in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

LIC Gets RBI Approval to Acquire Up to 9.99% Stake in ICICI Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to acquire up to 9.99% stake in ICICI Bank.
- The approval allows LIC to acquire up to 9.99% of ICICI Bank's paid-up share capital or voting rights.
- The approval is valid for one year from the date of the RBI's approval.

Yuko Keicho Named World Bank VP & Auditor General



- The World Bank Group comprises five institutions—IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID—while IBRD and IDA together are known as the World Bank.
- Ajay Banga is the President of the World Bank Group.
- The headquarters of the World Bank Group is in Washington, D.C., United States.

RBI Appoints Suman Ray as Executive Director



- As Executive Director, Suman Ray will oversee the Deposit Insurance & Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) the Premises Department.
- The DICGC is responsible for providing deposit insurance to eligible bank depositors and is a wholly owned subsidiary of the RBI.
- Before his elevation, Suman Ray was serving as Regional Director for Maharashtra at the RBI.

RBI Repo Rate Unchanged at 5.25%

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept the Repo Rate unchanged at 5.25%.
- Decision announced after the meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).
- Monetary Policy Committee, Total Members: 6, Three members from RBI and three appointed by the Government of India.

Prasanta Mahapatra Assumes Charge as SEBI Executive Director



- Prasanta Mahapatra has assumed charge as an Executive Director (ED) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- He has extensive experience in market regulation, corporate finance, enforcement, investigations, and investor protection.
- SEBI is the statutory regulator of India's capital and securities market and works to ensure transparent and fair trading.

Govt. Approves RBI Proposal for ₹10 & ₹20 Polymer Banknotes



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the authority responsible for issuing banknotes in India.
- The Central Government's approval is mandatory before introducing a new type of banknote. In India, the ₹1 note is issued by the Ministry of Finance.
- Polymer banknotes are made from a plastic-based substrate, Polymer notes are water-resistant and tear-resistant. Australia became the first country to introduce polymer banknotes in 1988.

Former SBI Chief GM to Liquidate Paytm Payments Bank Ltd.



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will wind up Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL). The winding-up process was approved by the Delhi High Court.
- Girikumar Nair has been appointed as the Official Liquidator. He is a former Chief General Manager of the State Bank of India (SBI).
- The bank's licence was cancelled due to serious regulatory violations. The liquidation is being carried out under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and the Companies Act, 2013.

SBI to Issue India's First Basel III-Compliant AT-1 Bonds

- State Bank of India (SBI) will become the first Indian bank in 2026 to issue Basel III-compliant Additional Tier-I Perpetual Bonds. Perpetual Bonds do not have a fixed maturity date.
- SBI plans to raise ₹5,000 cr. through the AT-1 bond. The bond issue is part of SBI's ₹60,000 crore capital-raising programme for FY 2026–27.

Axis Finance Launches 'Drishti' Digital Platform



- Axis Finance launched its in-house 'Drishti' BRE platform to improve credit decisions for retail and MSME lending.
- It has been launched in the first phase for Personal Loans, Business Loans, Loan Against Property (LAP), and Disha Home Loans.

Edelweiss Mutual Fund Launches REIT-Oriented Index Fund



- The fund tracks the Nifty REITs & InvITs Index. The fund is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- Mutual Fund invests in financial assets (shares, bonds, gold, etc.), whereas REIT invests in commercial real estate, and InvIT invests in infrastructure assets.

RBI Introduces New SNFA Framework



- The framework applies to commercial banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Small Finance Banks (SFBs), All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs), and NBFCs.
- Specified Non-Financial Assets (SNFAs) are immovable assets (such as land or buildings) acquired by lenders in full or partial settlement of non-performing asset (NPA) loans.
- Banks must dispose of SNFAs within 7 years, cannot sell them back to the original borrower or related parties, and must value them at the lower of the loan's net book value or distress sale value determined by two independent valuers.

Fairfax to acquire IDBI Bank stake in \$5.5 billion deal

- Fairfax Financial Holdings (Canada) will acquire a controlling stake in IDBI Bank in a deal valued at approximately US\$5.5 billion.
- The acquisition is one of the largest banking privatization deals in India's banking sector.
- The stake being sold is jointly held by the Government of India and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

PNB signs MoU with Digital India BHASHINI for AI banking



- The partnership aims to enable customers to access banking services in multiple Indian

languages, making banking more inclusive and user-friendly.

- BHASHINI (BHASHA Interface for India) is a flagship initiative under the Digital India Programme, implemented by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The initiative leverages Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and speech technologies for real-time translation and voice-based services.

Aviva to Fully Own Indian Life Insurance Business



- Aviva is set to become the first foreign insurer to fully own its Indian life insurance business, subject to regulatory approval.
- Full ownership will give Aviva greater strategic and operational control.
- The move is expected to boost foreign investment, competition, and innovation in India's insurance sector.

State Bank of India to Acquire NHB's 10% Stake in RDCL



- SBI will acquire NHB's 10% stake in Residential Development Corporation Limited (RDCL).
- The acquisition aims to strengthen SBI's housing finance presence and improve RDCL's operational efficiency.
- SBI is India's largest public sector bank, while NHB is the apex housing finance regulator.

UCO Bank appoints Rajendra Kumar Saboo as MD & CEO

- Rajendra Kumar Saboo has been given additional charge as MD & CEO of UCO Bank until a regular appointment is made.
- He succeeds Ashwani Kumar, whose tenure ended on 31 May 2026.
- Saboo, an Executive Director since 2022, has extensive experience in treasury, international, and digital banking.

RBI Issues TReDS Master Direction



- Under the TReDS Master Direction 2026, operators must maintain a minimum net worth of ₹25 crore by 31 March 2028.
- The RBI has simplified MSME onboarding by replacing due diligence with built-in validation checks.
- The new framework ensures receivables are credited directly to sellers' bank accounts.

Cross-border Payments Platform Skydo Secures Canada Registration



- Skydo secured its first international payment licence in Canada under the Retail Payment Activities Act (RPAA).
- The licence, regulated by the Bank of Canada, enables two-day cross-border payments between India and Canada.
- Founded in 2022, Skydo is a global B2B cross-border payments platform.

CBI Recognized as 'Best Tech Emerging Business Bank' in 2026

- The Central Bank of India received an award for its technology-led growth and digital innovation.
- The honour recognizes the bank's digital transformation and adoption of future-ready banking solutions.
- The bank continues to modernize its infrastructure to deliver efficient and technology-driven financial services.

Vivek Tripathi appointed Executive Director of AU Small Finance Bank



- Vivek Tripathi has been appointed Executive Director and Whole-Time Director of AU Small Finance Bank for a three-year term.
- A member of the bank since 2014, he previously served as Chief Credit Officer.
- He played a key role in strengthening the bank's risk management, credit, and governance frameworks.

Chairman Keki Mistry's Term at HDFC Bank Extended



- HDFC Bank extended Keki Mistry's tenure as Part-Time Chairman until 18 September 2026 or until a regular chairman is appointed.
- The extension ensures leadership continuity while the bank searches for a permanent chairman.
- Mistry has been serving in the interim role since March 2026 following Atanu Chakraborty's resignation.

Indian Bank Awarded for Excellence in AI



- Indian Bank won the Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Artificial Intelligence – 2026.
- It was recognized as the top performer in the Banking category for AI-driven innovation.
- The award was presented by the Institute of Directors after evaluation by a jury led by former CJI Uday U. Lalit.

RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan Janakiraman Gets 2-Year Extension



- RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan Janakiraman received a two-year extension from June 26, 2026.
- He oversees key areas including banking supervision, financial inclusion, and consumer protection.
- Before joining RBI, he served nearly 35 years at SBI, including as Managing Director.

DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya named director on RBI



- Sanjay Lohiya, DFS Secretary, has been nominated as Director on the RBI Central Board from June 11, 2026.
- He has also been appointed as a Director on the SBI Central Board.
- A 1994-batch IAS officer, Lohiya brings experience from the Ministry of Mines and PMO.

Federal Bank appoints Elias George as Part-Time Chairman



- RBI approved Elias George as Federal Bank's Part-Time Chairman for a three-year term from May 23, 2026.
- He has served as a Non-Executive Independent Director on the bank's board since September 2023.
- A retired IAS officer, George previously served as Kerala's Additional Chief Secretary and led the Kochi Metro project.

Karnataka Grameena Bank Wins national award for APY



- Karnataka Grameena Bank achieved 142% of its APY target by enrolling 2,49,185 accounts.
- It received the National Award from PFRDA for outstanding APY performance.
- The bank ranked first in Karnataka for APY enrolments, boosting financial inclusion.

Sandeep Bakhshi re-appointed as MD & CEO of ICICI Bank



- RBI approved Sandeep Bakhshi's reappointment as ICICI Bank MD & CEO for two years, from October 4, 2026 to October 3, 2028.
- He has led the bank since 2018, ensuring leadership continuity.
- Under his tenure, ICICI Bank strengthened digital banking, asset quality, and retail lending.

RBI re-appointed Ketan Merchant as CEO of Fino Payments Bank

- CFO Merchant's interim CEO tenure has been extended after former MD & CEO Rishi Gupta's resignation.
- Gupta resigned on May 21, 2026, following his arrest in a GST tax evasion case.
- The extension ensures leadership continuity as the bank transitions toward becoming an SFB.

RBI & Vietnam Central Bank Sign MoU to Boost Digital Payments



- India and Vietnam signed an MoU to enable cross-border QR-based merchant payments.
- The agreement promotes cooperation on payment systems, fintech, regulations, and financial technology.
- NPCI International and Vietnam's NAPAS will support the payment connectivity initiative.

ICICI Bank & Visa Launch India's First USD-Denominated Debit Card

- ICICI Bank and Visa launched India's first USD-denominated debit card for NRI customers through GIFT City.
- The Visa Infinite card offers 0% forex markup on USD transactions worldwide.
- It is linked to ICICI Bank's USD Global Savings Account for convenient international spending.

Union Bank of India appoints Sowmya Sridhar as CRO



- Sowmya Sridhar was appointed Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of Union Bank of India until August 31, 2029.
- She succeeded Ashwini Kumar Ramakrishna Chowdhary on May 22, 2026.
- A 30+ year banking veteran, Sridhar has 19 years of risk management experience.

RBI Appoints Gunveer Singh as Executive Director



- Sanjay Kumar Singh has been appointed Executive Director of RBI's Department of Payment and Settlement Systems (DPSS).
- He will oversee UPI, digital payments, cross-border payment linkages, and payment cybersecurity.
- Singh has over 30 years of RBI experience in banking supervision and risk management.

Federal Bank Appoints Elias George as Part-Time Chairman



- Elias George appointed Federal Bank's Part-Time Chairman for a three-year term from May 23, 2026.
- He has served as the bank's Independent Director since September 2023.
- A retired IAS officer, he previously served as Kerala's Additional Chief Secretary and Kochi Metro CEO.

RBI & ECB renew cooperation with updated MoU in Basel



- RBI and ECB signed an updated MoU on May 10, 2026, in Basel.
- The pact aims to help Indian clearing corporations gain ESMA recognition.
- It expands cooperation through policy dialogues, technical exchanges, and central banking seminars.

DMRC & Airtel Payments Bank Launch RuPay NCMC Cards

- RuPay NCMC cards enable travel across multiple metros and buses under the "One Nation, One Card" vision.
- DMRC and Airtel Payments Bank will offer co-branded debit and prepaid cards.
- Cards support digital recharge and existing DMRC fare discounts.

Indian Bank appoints Samir Kumar as Nominee Director



- Samir Kumar, a 1995-batch IAS officer, was appointed Nominee Director on Indian Bank's Board by DFS.
- He currently serves as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance.
- His appointment aims to strengthen governance, policy alignment, and regulatory compliance.

India's PSBs Achieve Record Profit for 4th Consecutive Year

- Public sector banks' net profit rose 11.1% to a record ₹1.98 lakh crore.
- Gross NPA fell to 1.93% and Net NPA to a record-low 0.39%.
- PSBs maintained a strong 16.6% CRAR, with all 12 banks reporting PCR above 90%.

RBI Cancels Sarvodaya Co-operative Bank Licence



- RBI cancelled the bank's licence due to inadequate capital and poor earning prospects.
- The bank must stop all banking operations, including accepting deposits and withdrawals.
- About 98.36% of depositors are eligible for DICGC insurance cover up to ₹5 lakh.

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India to Host First UCI Road World Championships in Pune



- The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) has awarded the 2032 UCI Road World Championships to Pune, Maharashtra, India.
- Pune will become the host city, making it the first Indian city to stage the UCI Road World Championships.
- The decision was announced at the 195th UCI Congress in Montréal, Canada.

Traditional Heikru Hidongba Boat Race Held in Manipur



- It is a traditional socio-religious boat race festival associated with the Meitei community.
- The festival is observed on the 11th day of Langban, a month in the Manipuri calendar.
- The main celebration was held at Bijoy Govinda Moat at Sagolband in Imphal West.

India Wins Shooting Gold at Asian Games 2026



- Indian shooters Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet won the gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- The Indian duo scored 484.6 points in the final, setting a new Asian Games record.
- South Korea won the silver medal with 478.0 points, while Iran won bronze with 415.8 points.

Jay Meena Wins India's First Asian Games Soft Tennis Medal



- Jay Meena won the bronze medal in the Men's Individual event of Soft Tennis at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- This was India's first-ever Asian Games medal in Soft Tennis, making Jay Meena the first Indian Asian Games medallist in the sport.
- Jay Meena was defeated by Japan's Takuya Kurosaka in the men's singles semi-final, 2–4, and won the bronze medal.

Indian Women's Team Wins First Asian Games Gold



- India defeated Sri Lanka by 147 runs in the gold-medal match.
- India scored 216/3 in 20 overs.
- The Indian team was led by Harmanpreet Kaur, with Smriti Mandhana scoring 79 runs off 45 balls and Shafali Verma contributing 48 runs off 29 balls.

Mark Wood Retires from International Cricket After 11 Years

- He made his England international debut against New Zealand at Lord's in 2015.
- Wood played 38 Tests, 70 ODIs and 38 T20Is for England.
- In the 2022 T20 World Cup, Wood took 9 wickets in 4 matches.

Savita Punia Becomes India's Most-Capped Women's Hockey Player



- Indian goalkeeper Savita Punia became the most-capped player in the history of Indian women's hockey.

- She achieved her 321st senior international appearance, surpassing the previous record of 320 caps held by former Indian striker Vandana Katariya.
- Savita reached the milestone during India's Pool B match against Indonesia at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Suchika Tariyal Wins India's First Asian Games MMA Medal



- Suchika Tariyal, a native of Rohtak, Haryana, became the first Indian athlete to win an Asian Games medal in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA).
- She won Bronze in the Women's Traditional MMA 60 kg category at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026.
- She defeated Mongolia's Altanchimeg Baigalmaa 2-0 in the quarter-final to enter the semi-final.

India Wins Silver in Men's 10m Air Rifle Team Event



- India won Silver in the Men's 10m Air Rifle Team Event at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, scoring 1890.1 points; China won Gold with a world-record 1899.0 points, while South Korea won Bronze with 1884.2 points.
- The Indian team comprised Rudrankksh Patil, Himanshu Dhillon and Parth Mane, with Rudrankksh Patil and Himanshu Dhillon also qualifying for the Men's 10m Air Rifle individual final.

Pawan Sehrawat Named India's Male Flag-Bearer for Asian Games



- Pawan Sehrawat has been named India's male flag-bearer for the 2026 Asian Games opening ceremony, which is being hosted by Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- Sehrawat is a prominent Indian kabaddi player and a star of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL).
- He replaces shot-putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor, who was originally selected as India's male flag-bearer.

Nairobi to Host 2029 World Athletics Championships in Africa

- The decision was taken by the World Athletics Council during its 242nd Council Meeting held in Budapest, Hungary, in 2026.
- Nairobi, Kenya, will host the 2029 World Athletics Championships—the first edition to be held in Africa—while Munich, Germany, has been selected to host the 2031 edition.
- Before Nairobi 2029, the championships will be held in Beijing, China, in 2027.

Tanya Chaudhary Breaks National Hammer Throw Record



- Tanya Chaudhary, representing Uttar Pradesh, created a new Indian national record in women's hammer throw.

- She achieved a throw of 68.35 metres at the Indian Athletics Series Final.
- She surpassed the previous national record of 67.02 metres, set by fellow Uttar Pradesh athlete Anushka Yadav.

India Wins Double Gold at Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2026



- India won both the men's and women's titles at the Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2026, held at the Moqi Training Base in China.
- India's women's team defeated China 1–0, while the men's team defeated South Korea 4–1 in their respective finals.
- The men's victory gave India its record sixth Junior Men's Asia Cup title.

Dhiraj Bommadevara Wins Archery World Cup Final, 1st Indian Man



- Dhiraj Bommadevara won the men's recurve title at the 2026 Hyundai Archery World Cup Final in Saltillo, Mexico.
- He defeated Japan's Junya Nakanishi in the final after the match went to a shoot-off.
- Bommadevara won the shoot-off with a 10-X, while Nakanishi's final arrow went wide.

India wins record eighth Women's Asia Cup



- India won the 2026 Women's Asia Cup by defeating Sri Lanka by 72 runs in the final in Dubai.
- India scored 183/5, while Sri Lanka were bowled out for 111 runs.
- Shafali Verma scored 68 runs off 39 balls, while Smriti Mandhana contributed 59 runs off 39 balls in the final.

Brendan Taylor Breaks Sachin Tendulkar's ODI Career Record



- Zimbabwean cricketer Brendan Taylor has surpassed Sachin Tendulkar's record for the longest career in men's ODI cricket.
- Brendan Taylor's ODI career has spanned 22 years and 148 days, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's 22-year-and-91-day ODI career.
- He achieved the milestone after taking the field against Australia in the first ODI of their series.

NCC Girl Cadets Complete 'Aparajita-Parang La 2026' Trek

- 20 NCC girl cadets successfully completed the Aparajita-Parang La 2026 High Altitude Long Trek.
- The cadets crossed Parang La Pass at an altitude of 5,578 metres (18,300 feet).
- Parang La Pass connects Spiti Valley in Himachal Pradesh with the Changthang region of Ladakh.

East Zone Wins Duleep Trophy After 13 Years



- East Zone defeated South Zone in the final played in Bengaluru.
- Ishan Kishan scored a brilliant 189 runs for East Zone.
- East Zone posted 521 runs in its first innings.

Sheetal Devi Wins Gold at World Archery Para Series



- Sheetal Devi won the gold medal in the women's individual compound event at the World Archery Para Series Stage III in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- She defeated Aizada Seidan of Kazakhstan in the final.
- The Ahmedabad event was the first World Archery Para Series stage hosted by India.

Spain Footballer Marcos Llorente Retires From International Football



- Llorente was part of Spain's squad that won the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
- Spain defeated Argentina 1–0 in the 2026 FIFA World Cup final.
- Llorente was part of Spain's squad at the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

Satwik–Chirag Win Maiden China Masters Title



- Indian men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won their maiden China Masters title.
- They defeated China's He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu in the final.
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are Indian badminton players; Satwik belongs to Andhra Pradesh, while Chirag belongs to Maharashtra.

India to Host World Archery Para Series 2026

- India is hosting the 2026 Hyundai World Archery Para Series for the first time.
- The event is being held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, at the Sabarmati Riverfront.

- The 2026 Hyundai World Archery Para Series consists of four stages held across Bangkok, Thailand; Czechia; Ahmedabad, India; and Santiago, Chile.

India Wins 9 Medals at International Earth Science Olympiad



- India achieved its best-ever performance at the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026.
- India won a total of 9 medals at the international competition. India's medal tally consisted of 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals.
- The 19th IESO was held in Turin, Italy.

Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Grand Chess Tour



- Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa, popularly known as Praggnanandhaa, is an Indian chess Grandmaster who was born on 10 August 2005 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- He defeated Fabiano Caruana of the USA by 15–13 in the 2026 GCT Finals.
- The final was held at the Saint Louis Chess Club, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Gujarat Launches India's First Sports Genomics Programme



- Gujarat has launched India's first state-level Sports Genomics Programme, bringing genomics and biotechnology into athlete identification, training and high-performance development.
- The programme is being implemented by the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC) under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat.
- The initiative is particularly significant for Gujarat's preparations for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

IIT Madras Launches Phiball, a Three-Team Basketball Format



- IIT Madras launched Phiball, a new three-team competitive invasion sport, at its Chennai campus, Tamil Nadu.
- Phiball re-engineers conventional court dynamics by placing three teams on the same playing area simultaneously.
- The launch of Phiball was aligned with National Sports Day, observed in India on 29 August in honour of Major Dhyani Chand.

Abhay Singh Wins Tuanku Muhriz Trophy 2026 Title



- Indian squash player Abhay Singh, who belongs to Haryana, won the men's singles title at the Tuanku Muhriz Trophy 2026 in Seremban, Malaysia
- Abhay Singh, the top seed, defeated third-seeded Henry Leung of Hong Kong in the final.
- Abhay is currently ranked World No. 24 and is India's highest-ranked men's squash player.

Lionel Messi Retires from International Football



- Lionel Messi announced his retirement from international football with Argentina, ending a 21-year international career and having represented Argentina in a record six FIFA World Cups from 2006 to 2026.
- His final international appearance came in the 2026 FIFA World Cup final, where Argentina lost 1–0 to Spain after extra time.
- Messi is the only player to have won the FIFA World Cup Golden Ball twice, receiving the award in 2014 and 2022.

Lallianzuala Chhangte Named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026

- Lallianzuala Chhangte, who belongs to Mizoram in Northeast India, has been named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026 at the Football Players' Association of India (FPAI) Indian Football Awards 2026.
- The award was presented by Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia, who is also the founding president of FPAI.
- Manisha Kalyan, who hails from Hoshiarpur, Punjab, was named the Indian Women's Player of the Year 2026.

Germany & Argentina Win Men's & Women's FIH Hockey World Cup



- The 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup was jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands.
- Germany won the Men's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, defeating Spain in the final in Wavre, Belgium.
- Argentina won the Women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, defeating the Netherlands in the final.

India to Host Inaugural Women's Champions Trophy 2027



- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that India will host the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027.

- The two venues are Cricket Club of India (CCI), Mumbai, and Vadodara International Cricket Stadium, Kotambi, Vadodara, Gujarat.
- The participating teams are Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

Smriti Mandhana Becomes Leading Run-Scorer in Women's Cricket



- Smriti Mandhana became the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket across all formats, surpassing Mithali Raj's 10,868 runs.
- She achieved the milestone during India's Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026 match against Hong Kong, China in Dubai.
- Smriti Mandhana, who belongs to Mumbai, Maharashtra, scored 124 runs off 64 balls, including 14 fours and 7 sixes.

Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand Create History at BWF Worlds 2026



- Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand secured a medal at the BWF World Championships 2026.
- The BWF World Championships 2026 are being held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi, India.
- They defeated China's Jia Yi Fan and Zhang Shu Xian in the quarterfinal.

India's GM Pranesh M Wins Kanizsa Open 2026



- The tournament was held in Nagykanizsa, Hungary.
- Pranesh defeated Germany's Vadim Petrovskiy in the 9th and final round.
- He was ranked 44th in the FIDE World Rankings 2026.

India Open 2028 Super 750 to be held in Guwahati

- The India Open 2028 will be held in Guwahati, Assam, instead of its traditional venue in New Delhi.
- The event will be hosted at the National Centre of Excellence (NCE) for Badminton, Guwahati.
- The decision was confirmed by Badminton Association of India (BAI) Secretary General Sanjay Mishra. BAI is the national governing body for badminton in India.

India wins maiden Commonwealth Fencing title



- India won its maiden overall title at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026 in Lagos, Nigeria.
- India finished with a total of 35 medals. India's final medal tally comprised 13 Gold, 8 Silver and 14 Bronze medals.
- India won the prestigious Wilkinson Sword Trophy for the best overall performance.

Iga Swiatek wins Canadian Open women's singles title



- Iga Świątek of Poland won the Women's Singles title at the 2026 Canadian Open, defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan in the final.
- The final was played August 2026 in Toronto, Canada.
- Świątek won the final in straight sets, 6–2, 6–3.

Netherlands & Belgium to Host 16th Women's FIH Hockey World Cup



- The 16th FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 is being jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands from 15 to 30 August 2026.
- Belgium is hosting the FIH Hockey World Cup for the first time.
- The women's competition is being played at Wagener Hockey Stadium, Amstelveen, Netherlands, and Belfius Hockey Arena, Wavre, Belgium.

Magnus Carlsen Retains Esports World Cup Chess Title

- Magnus Carlsen of Norway won the Chess title at the Esports World Cup 2026.
- He defeated Belarusian Grandmaster Denis Lazavik in the final.
- His successful title defence made him the first player to win the EWC chess title in two consecutive editions.

Vignesh Vermula & Saranya Devi win Asian Jr. Blitz titles for India



- Vignesh Advait Vermula won the Asian Junior Open Blitz Championship 2026 for India and Saranya Devi Narahari won the Asian Junior Girls Blitz Championship 2026 for India.
- Vignesh Vermula belongs to Telangana and Saranya Devi Narahari belongs to Andhra Pradesh.
- Both players won gold medals for India.

Rishabh Pant became the first Indian to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket



- Rishabh Pant became the first Indian and fourth player in the world to complete 100 sixes in Test cricket.
- He reached the milestone during the first Test between India and Sri Lanka.
- Pant achieved the feat in his 51st Test match.

Vivaan Vishal Shah Becomes 2026 Asian Junior Rapid Champion

- M Vivaan Vishal Shah from Gujarat, India, won the Open category title at the 2026 Asian Junior Rapid Chess Championship.
- Vivaan is an Indian chess player holding the FIDE Master (FM) title.



- The 2026 Asian Junior Rapid Chess Championship was held at ITC Maratha, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Praggnanandhaa Wins Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz Title 2026



- Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won his maiden Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz title in 2026.
- The tournament was held in Saint Louis, Missouri, USA as part of the Grand Chess Tour 2026.
- Praggnanandhaa finished the combined event with 23.5 points.

Suraj Kumar Chand Wins FISU World University Squash Title

- Suraj Kumar Chand won the men's singles title at the 2026 FISU World University Squash Championship.
- The championship was held in Mumbai, India, making it an important event for Indian university sport.
- He defeated Hungary's Benedek Takacs in the final.

Maharajan Wins Silver in Asian Junior Weightlifting



- Arumugapandian Maharajan represented India at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships 2026.
- He competed in the men's 65 kg category. He won the silver medal in the 65 kg category.
- The championship was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

India Wins Four Medals at 23rd International Linguistics Olympiad



- The 2026 edition was held in Bucharest, Romania.
- India's medal tally consisted of 1 Gold Medal and 3 Bronze Medals.
- India won four medals at the International Linguistics Olympiad 2026: Shrilakshmi Venkatraman won Gold, while Aarav Anil Rao, Nishanth Shankar Lakshmanan and Advay Misra won Bronze medals.

Jammu and Kashmir to Host Irani Cup in Srinagar



- Jammu & Kashmir will host the Irani Cup 2026–27 in Srinagar. The scheduled venue is Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium, Srinagar.

- Jammu & Kashmir earned the hosting opportunity after winning the 2025–26 Ranji Trophy.
- The Irani Cup is organised under the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Indian Teams Win Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships

- India won both the Men's Team and Women's Team titles at the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026, held in New Delhi, India.
- The Indian Men's Team defeated Malaysia 3–2 in a thrilling final to win the championship.
- The Indian Women's Team defeated England 3–0 in the final to clinch the title.

Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh Win India's First Commonwealth Judo Gold Medals



- Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh created history by winning India's first-ever gold medals in judo at the Commonwealth Games during the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Asmita Dey won the Women's 48 kg category. She defeated Heidi Quach (Canada).
- Harsh Singh won the Men's 60 kg category. He defeated Joshua Katz (Australia).

Harsh Singh Becomes First Indian to Win Men's Judo Gold

- Harsh Singh became the first Indian male judoka to win the reported international gold medal.
- Judo originated in Japan.
- Judo became an Olympic sport in 1964 (Tokyo Olympics).

India Secures 4th Place with 39 Medals at Commonwealth Games



- India won 39 medals (14 Gold, 12 Silver and 13 Bronze).
- Australia finished at the top of the medal table. The 2026 Commonwealth Games were held in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Next Commonwealth Games: Ahmedabad, India (2030).

Arunachal's Boleng to Host Asian Rafting Championships 2026

- Boleng, located in Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, will host the Asian Rafting Championships 2026.
- The event will take place on the Simang River, a major tributary of the Siang River, known for its world-class white-water rapids.
- The Siang River is the Indian name of the Yarlung Tsangpo River after it enters India from Tibet.

Anahat Singh Becomes First Indian World Junior Squash Champion



- Anahat Singh won the World Junior Squash Championship and Won the Girls' Singles title. Venue: Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada.
- Previous Best Indian Performance: Joshna Chinappa – Runner-up (2005).
- First non-Egyptian women's champion since Amanda Sobhy (USA) in 2010.

Mirabai Chanu Wins Third Consecutive Commonwealth



- Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won gold in Women's 49 kg Weightlifting.
- It is her third consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal. She is from Manipur.
- Won the Olympic Silver Medal at Tokyo 2020, World Champion in 2017, Padma Shri (2018).

16th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship Begins



- The championship is being held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Coimbatore is known as the "Manchester of South India" because of its textile industry.
- It is organised by Hockey India. Hockey India is the governing body of hockey in India. Estb. 2009, HQ: New Delhi. President : Dr. Dilip Tirkey.
- The competition is for Junior Men (Under-21) players. The 15th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship (2025) was held in Jalandhar, Punjab.

Sharmila Wins Commonwealth Games Para Athletics Gold Medal



- Sharmila Dhankar won the Gold Medal in the Women's F57 Shot Put and Shilpa Shyla won the Bronze Medal in the same event.
- She also became the first Indian woman to win a Commonwealth Games para athletics medal.
- India won two medals in the same para athletics event for the first time in Commonwealth Games history.

Ajinkya Announces Retirement from International Cricket



- He retired from all international formats – Tests, One Day Internationals (ODIs), and Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).
- He is popularly known by the nickname "Jinx". He has received the Arjuna Award.
- His hometown is Dombivli, Thane district, Maharashtra. (Indian cricketer).

Lovepreet Singh Wins Weightlifting Silver at CWG 2026

- Lovepreet Singh won a Silver Medal in Weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2026 at Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom (UK).

- Lovepreet Singh is an Indian weightlifter from Amritsar, Punjab.
- At the 2026 Commonwealth Games (Glasgow), he won the silver medal in the men's +110 kg event.

India Wins 1 Silver and 2 Bronze at U17 Wrestling Championships



- The U17 World Wrestling Championships 2026 are being held in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- Rachit Rachit won the silver medal in the 110 kg Greco-Roman category.
- Shivam won the bronze medal in the 45 kg Greco-Roman category. Aryan won the bronze medal in the 80 kg Greco-Roman category.

135th Edition of Durand Cup to Begin in Shillong



- The 135th Durand Cup will begin in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- The Durand Cup is Asia's oldest football tournament.
- It was first held in 1888. It is recognized by the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

PV Sindhu becomes first Indian to win Japan Open title



- She became the first Indian shuttler to win the prestigious Japan Open title.
- The Japan Open is a BWF World Tour Super 750 badminton tournament.
- PV Sindhu is India's first woman Olympic medalist in badminton, winning Silver (Rio 2016) and Bronze (Tokyo 2020).
- Badminton World Federation (BWF) Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia President: Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul.

Indian Students Win Four Medals at International Biology Olympiad



- The International Biology Olympiad (IBO) is one of the world's most prestigious science competitions for secondary/high school students.
- The competition includes theoretical and practical examinations, testing students' knowledge in molecular biology, genetics, ecology, physiology, plant and animal sciences.
- HBCSE functions under the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR).

Rohit Sharma creates history with first Indian ODI century at Lord's

- With this milestone, he surpassed the previous Indian record at Lord's and added another achievement to his illustrious ODI career.

- Popularly known as the "Hitman", Rohit Sharma is regarded as one of the greatest opening batters in ODI cricket.
- He is the only cricketer in the world to score three double centuries in One Day Internationals (ODIs).

Lionel Messi Becomes First Player to Start Three FIFA World Cup Finals



- Lionel Messi became the first footballer in history to start three FIFA World Cup finals, achieving this unique milestone in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Final.
- Messi had previously started the 2014 FIFA World Cup Final (Brazil) and the 2022 FIFA World Cup Final (Qatar), making the 2026 final his third.
- Messi is widely regarded as one of the greatest footballers of all time and has won a record 8 Ballon d'Or awards.

Glasgow Hosts the 23rd Commonwealth Games 2026



- The 23rd Commonwealth Games are being hosted in Glasgow, Scotland for the second time, after 2014.
- The Commonwealth Games are held every four years. Motto of the 2026 Games: "More Than Medals."
- King Charles III is the Head of the Commonwealth. The official mascot is Finnie.

Noskova Wins First Grand Slam Title at Wimbledon



- Linda Noskova (Czech Republic) defeated Karolina Muchova to win the 2026 Wimbledon Women's Singles title, her first Grand Slam.
- At 21, she became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since Petra Kvitová (2011) and the third Czech woman in four years to win the title.
- Wimbledon is one of the four Grand Slam tournaments and is played on grass courts at the All England Club, London.

Indian Women's Cricket Team Defeats England in Women's Test



- India, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, defeated England by 270 runs in the first-ever Women's Test at Lord's, marking India's second-biggest Women's Test win by runs.
- Yastika Bhatia scored 113, becoming the first woman to score a Test century at Lord's, while Smriti Mandhana hit half-centuries in both innings.
- Kranti Gaud took 7 wickets in the match, including a five-wicket haul in the first innings, with Sneha Rana and Deepti Sharma also starring with the ball.

Durand Cup Trophy Tour Begins in Guwahati

- The 135th IndianOil Durand Cup Trophy Tour began in Guwahati on 16 July 2026, featuring the Durand Cup, President's Cup, and Simla Trophy.



- First held in 1888, the Durand Cup is Asia's oldest football tournament, named after Mortimer Durand.
- The 2026 tournament will be held from 25 July to 23 August across Kolkata, Guwahati, Shillong, Imphal, and Ranchi.

Delhi Unveils 'Mayur' Mascot for CWTT Championships 2026



- The 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026 will be held at Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi, from 27 July to 2 August.
- 'Mayur', inspired by the Indian Peacock, was unveiled as the official mascot.
- The event is organized by the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation (CTTF), while the sport is governed globally by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

India Wins First-Ever Women's T20I Deaf Cricket Series

- The Indian Deaf Women's Cricket Team won the inaugural Women's T20I series 2026, defeating Sri Lanka 5–0.
- It was the team's first overseas tour under the Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA).
- Shradda Vaishnav was Player of the Final, Reddy Jyoshna Player of the Series, Chandani Khan Best Bowler, and Needa Zabi Shaikh Best Batter.

India's Neeraj Chopra finishes fourth at Doha Diamond League

- Neeraj Chopra finished fourth with a best throw of 85.69 m in his comeback event after recovering from a back injury.
- He qualified for the Commonwealth Games by crossing the AFI qualifying mark of 82.61 m.
- Sri Lanka's Rumesh Pathirage won the event with a throw of 88.68 m.

India Win Women's Relay Gold at Asian Relays Championships



- India won gold in the women's 4×100 m relay with a season-best time of 43.85 seconds, ahead of China and Thailand.
- India finished the Asian Relays Championships with one gold, one silver, and one bronze medal.
- India will host the 2027 Asian Relays Championships in Chandigarh.

India Wins FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup In Auckland



- India defeated New Zealand 2–0 to win the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup and secure promotion to the 2026–27 FIH Hockey Pro League.
- Navneet Kaur and Sunelita Toppo scored the goals in the final.
- India remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, while Deepika finished as the joint top scorer with six goals.

Neeraj Chopra named Best Male Athlete of the Year 2025



- Neeraj Chopra was named Best Male Athlete at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards for his outstanding 2025 season.
- He received the honour from Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in New Delhi.
- Neeraj dedicated the award to Indian athletes and encouraged young sportspersons to stay patient and believe in their potential.

Harmanpreet Kaur Becomes First Player to Play 200 T20Is

- Harmanpreet Kaur became the first cricketer to play 200 T20 Internationals during India's Women's T20 World Cup match against South Africa.
- She was honoured with a special jersey and cap marked "200" by the Indian team.
- The milestone came in England, where she had made her T20I debut in 2009.

Cristiano Ronaldo Becomes 1st Player to Score in 6 FIFA Cup



- Cristiano Ronaldo became the first footballer to score in six FIFA World Cup tournaments.
- His World Cup scoring streak spans the 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022, and 2026 editions.
- Ronaldo also became Portugal's all-time leading FIFA World Cup scorer with 10 goals, surpassing Eusébio.

CAB appoints Ashok Dinda as Head of Vision 2028 & fast bowling coach



- The Cricket Association of Bengal appointed Ashok Dinda as Head of the Vision 2028 programme and fast bowling coach, with Utpal Chatterjee as spin bowling coach.
- Vision 2028 aims to identify and develop cricket talent across West Bengal through structured age-group coaching.
- The programme will begin in July 2026, focusing on skill development, fitness, and performance analysis.

India Beat Bangladesh by 5 Wickets in Women's T20 World Cup

- India defeated Bangladesh to stay second in Group A with 6 points, keeping their Women's T20 World Cup semi-final hopes alive.
- Shafali Verma scored a match-winning 53 off 34 balls and was named Player of the Match.
- Radha Yadav took 3 wickets, while Shree Charani became the highest wicket-taking Indian in a single Women's T20 World Cup with 12 wickets.

FIFA Suspends Nepal Football Association Over Gov. Violations



- FIFA suspended the All Nepal Football Association (ANFA) over governance violations and political interference.

- Nepal's national and club teams are barred from FIFA and AFC international competitions until the suspension is lifted.
- The suspension was imposed for violating FIFA rules on the independent management of member associations.

Sudarsan Pattnaik Win Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026



- Sudarsan Pattnaik won the top prize at an international sand sculpture competition in Kaliningrad, Russia.
- His award-winning sculpture highlighted climate change and global warming.
- The victory showcased India's excellence in sand art and strengthened its cultural presence globally.

Lewis Hamilton wins first F1 race with Ferrari in Barcelona



- Lewis Hamilton won the race with Ferrari's successful three-stop strategy and a well-timed Virtual Safety Car pit stop.
- George Russell and Lando Norris completed the first all-British Formula 1 podium since 1968.
- At 41, Hamilton became the oldest Grand Prix winner since 1970, ending a two-year victory drought.

Smriti Mandhana in TIME 100 Most Influential 2026



- Smriti Mandhana was the only sportsperson named in TIME's 100 Most Influential People of 2026 under the "Titans" category.
- TIME recognised her record-breaking achievements, including becoming the first Indian to score centuries in all three international formats.
- It also highlighted her leadership in guiding RCB to WPL titles and India's ICC Women's ODI World Cup triumph.

Messi Equals Klose as FIFA World Cup's Joint Top Scorer



- Lionel Messi equalled Miroslav Klose's FIFA World Cup record with 16 career goals after scoring a hat-trick against Jordan.
- The hat-trick was the first of Messi's FIFA World Cup career and guided Argentina to a 3–0 win.
- Messi also became the first male footballer to play in six FIFA World Cup tournaments.

Deepti Sharma Becomes Joint-Highest Wicket-Taker for India

- Deepti Sharma equalled Jhulan Goswami's record of 355 international wickets, becoming India's joint-highest wicket-taker in women's cricket.
- She is also the leading wicket-taker in Women's T20Is, with over 160 wickets.

- Deepti remains a key all-rounder for India with consistent contributions in both batting and bowling.

India Win 6th SAFF Women's Championship Title 2026



- India won all four matches, scoring 18 goals and conceding just one to clinch the SAFF Women's Championship.
- The title ended a seven-year wait and marked Dangmei Grace's retirement after her third SAFF crown.
- The victory also secured India automatic qualification for the 2027 AFC Women's Asian Cup qualifiers.

Sagar & Kajal Dhochak clinch golds at Ulaanbaatar Open 2026



- Sagar Jaglan (74kg) and Kajal Dhochak (76kg) won gold medals at the Ulaanbaatar Open.
- India finished the Ranking Series event with 16 medals, including eight golds.
- The tournament served as key preparation for the 2026 Asian Games.

India Tops World Yogasana Championship 2026 Medal

- The inaugural World Yogasana Championship featured over 500 athletes from 70+ countries.
- Held in Ahmedabad, the event was inaugurated virtually by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The championship aims to promote Yogasana's inclusion in future international multi-sport events, including the Olympics.

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY



India Aims to Eliminate Hepatitis B, C by 2030



- India has reaffirmed its commitment to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030, in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 3.3.
- The National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) was launched in 2018 under the National Health Mission (NHM) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C are major causes of chronic liver disease.

India–Sri Lanka Conduct SLINEX-26 Maritime Exercise



- SLINEX-26 is the 13th edition of the India–Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise.
- It is being conducted at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Indian Navy participated with INS Kavaratti, an indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, and INS Jyoti, a Fleet Tanker, while the Sri Lanka Navy participated with SLNS Sindurala.

Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 Concludes in Jodhpur



- Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 is a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF).
- The exercise was conducted at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- India–Japan conduct several military exercises across the three services, including Dharma Guardian (Army), JIMEX/JAIMEX (Navy), and Veer Guardian and Shinyuu Maitri (Air Force).

India–Mongolia NOMADIC ELEPHANT Exercise Begins



- The 18th edition of the India–Mongolia Joint Military Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT 2026 commenced at Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- It is an annual platoon-level military exercise.
- 45 personnel each from the Indian Army and Mongolian Armed Forces are participating.

Gwalior to Get Asia's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone



- The TMZ will be established through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) with 51% equity from the Government of Madhya Pradesh and 49% from the Department of Telecommunications.
- The proposed zone will be established at Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Counter Magnet City (SADA), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- The proposed investment from these companies is approximately ₹5,500 crore.

India–USA Joint Military Exercise ‘Yudh Abhyas 2026’



- Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 is the 22nd edition of the annual India–US bilateral military exercise.
- It involves the Indian Army and United States Army.
- The exercise is designed to strengthen interoperability, military cooperation and mutual understanding between the two armies.

India's 1st Indigenous Long-Range Attack Drone KAL Tested



- KAL, described as India's first indigenous long-range one-way attack drone, was successfully flight-tested at the Pokhran Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.
- The drone has been designed and developed by Noida-based defence technology company IG Defence.
- According to IG Defence, the drone has a claimed range of up to 1,000 km.

Yudh Abhyas 2026 begins With India-US Armies



- The 22nd edition of the India-US Joint Military Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026.
- The opening ceremony was held at Auli Foreign Training Node, Uttarakhand.
- Other major joint military and defence exercises between India and the United States include such as Vajra Prahar (Special Forces), Cope India (Air Force), Tiger Triumph (Tri-Service).

PM-SETU Approves ₹735.70 Crore for ITI Clusters



- The National Steering Committee (NSC) of PM-SETU approved investment plans worth ₹735.70 crore for ITI clusters.
- PM-SETU stands for Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs.
- The approved ₹735.70 crore investment covers ITI clusters in Rajasthan (₹241 crore – Bhiwadi), Uttar Pradesh (₹240.40 crore – Meerut), and Telangana (₹254.30 crore – Medchal).

CSIR-NIScPR Adopts SARAL AI



- SARAL AI is an AI-based platform developed under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) to make scholarly research more accessible.
- CSIR-NIScPR (CSIR–National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research) has promoted the use of SARAL AI for science communication and knowledge dissemination.
- The platform supports content generation in 18 Indian languages, helping make scientific knowledge accessible to a wider audience.

NPCI Launches Two New Agentic AI Platforms



- NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) launched two new agentic AI platforms at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai.
- The two platforms launched by NPCI are AiNxt and Agentic Orchestration & Messaging (AtOM).
- AiNxt enables AI-powered enterprise workflows and automation, while AtOM is an agentic AI orchestration and messaging platform that facilitates communication and coordination between AI agents.

INS Mysore Joins Samudra Laksamana 4/26 in Malaysia



- INS Mysore arrived at Lumut, Malaysia, to participate in the 4th edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana 4/26.
- Exercise Samudra Laksamana is a bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN).
- INS Mysore is a Delhi-class guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy.

Japan's F-2A Fighters Arrive for Veer Guardian 2026



- Japanese F-2A fighter aircraft have arrived in India for Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 with the Indian Air Force at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- This is the first time Japanese fighter aircraft are operating from an Indian air base for a bilateral exercise.

Agnikul Cosmos Opens New Testing Units in Chennai



- Chennai-based space-tech startup Agnikul Cosmos inaugurated two new facilities: Stage Testing & Inspection Facility (STIF) and Pressurant Tank Realisation, Over-wrapping and Outfitting Facility (PROOF).
- STIF can test complete rocket stages with integrated propulsion and avionics, supporting thrust levels from 1 kN to 200 kN.
- PROOF will support the in-house manufacturing of high-pressure composite overwrapped pressure vessels.

Astrogate Labs to Launch India's First Optical Inter-Satellite Link



- Indian deep-tech company Astrogate Labs is developing India's first indigenous Optical Inter-Satellite Link (OISL) terminal.
- Its AstroLink Micro laser communication terminal offers a data rate of 10 Gbps, with flight readiness targeted for 2027.
- The company has already supplied an indigenous satellite-to-ground laser communication terminal to ISRO, strengthening India's space-communication capabilities.

HAL, Samtel Open India's First Defence Avionics Facility



- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Samtel Avionics inaugurated a defence avionics facility in Gurugram, Haryana.
- The facility operates under their joint venture Samtel HAL Display Systems Limited (SHDS).
- SHDS was established in 2006 and focuses on indigenous airborne display systems and avionics.

Defence Minister Releases 'RAKSHA' Document

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the 'RAKSHA' document on Defence Diplomacy.
- The document was released in New Delhi.
- RAKSHA provides a strategic framework for India's defence diplomacy for the next 10 years.

Indian Air Force to host Dronathon-2026 to boost indigenous drone and counter-drone technology.



- The event focuses on Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (CUAS).
- It will feature static displays and live demonstrations to assess the operational and combat effectiveness of emerging technologies.
- Key focus areas include surveillance & reconnaissance, autonomous operations, swarm technologies and electronic warfare.
- The initiative supports Atmanirbhar Bharat by bringing together domestic manufacturers, start-ups and defence innovators.

Hindalco Commissions India's First Superfine PPT ATH Plant

- Hindalco Industries Limited commissioned India's first Superfine PPT ATH manufacturing plant is located at Belagavi, Karnataka.
- The plant is a greenfield manufacturing facility.
- PPT ATH (Precipitated Aluminium Trihydrate) is a halogen-free flame-retardant material.

Indian Navy Gets First Multipurpose Vessel — Samarthak



- The vessel was designed and built by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) at its Kattupalli Shipyard in Tamil Nadu.
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) is constructing two Multi-Purpose Vessels (MPVs)—INS Samarthak and INS Utkarsh—for the Indian Navy under the same project.
- The vessel was named Samarthak, meaning "Supporter" or "The Proponent".

NASA Launches Roman Space Telescope on Falcon Heavy



- NASA successfully launched the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, its next-generation flagship space observatory.
- The telescope was launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida.
- The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is named after Dr. Nancy Grace Roman, NASA's first chief astronomer.

NCDEX Launches RAINCHNNAI Weather Derivatives



- National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) launches RAINCHNNAI, a rainfall-based weather derivatives futures contract for Chennai.
- RAINCHNNAI is designed to help market participants hedge financial risks arising from rainfall variability during the Northeast (retreating) Monsoon.
- RAINCHNNAI covers September–December, the key Northeast Monsoon period for Chennai.

Türkiye Joins NASA's Artemis Accords



- Türkiye became the 71st signatory to the NASA-led Artemis Accords. India signed the Artemis Accords on 21 June 2023.
- The signing ceremony was held at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- The Artemis Accords, established in 2020 by NASA and the U.S. Department of State, provide principles for peaceful, transparent responsible exploration of the Moon, Mars and beyond.

Retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Named Ram Temple Trust CEO

- Retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra has been appointed the first Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.
- The appointment was announced following a meeting of the Trust in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.

- Mishra previously served as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Air Command (WAC) and played a significant role in Operation Sindoor while heading the command.

Aero India 2027 to be held in Bengaluru



- The 16th edition of Aero India will be held in 2027 at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The event is organised by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.
- Aero India is Asia's largest air show and one of the world's premier aerospace and defence exhibitions.

Ahuti Mk II Becomes India's Fastest Multirotor UAV



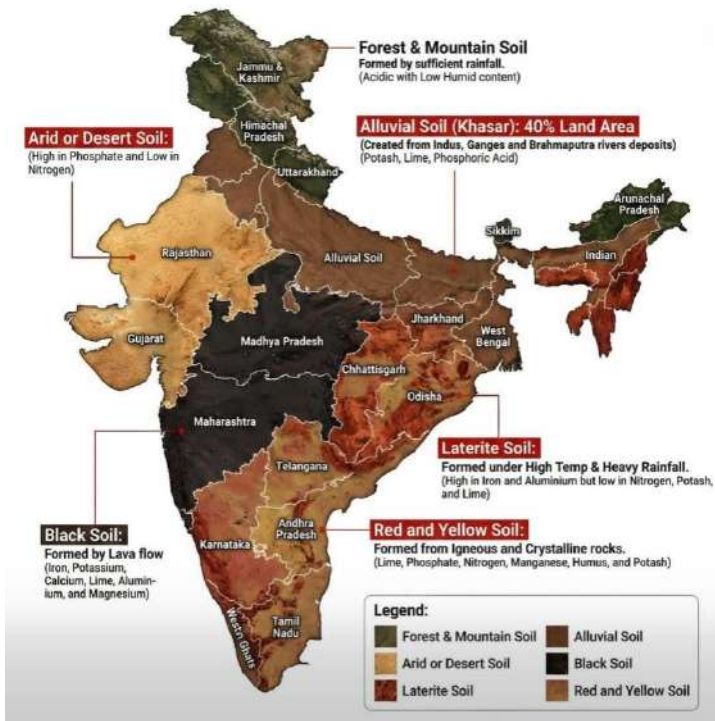
- Ahuti Mk II is an advanced multirotor Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) developed by Hyderabad-based Apollyon Dynamics.
- The UAV achieved a top speed of 498 km/h, making it India's fastest multirotor UAV.
- The achievement was officially recognized by the India Book of Records.

ISRO GSLV-F17 Launches EOS-05 in Major Space Mission



- ISRO successfully launched GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05 from the Second Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- EOS-05 is an advanced Earth Observation Satellite and is India's first dedicated imaging satellite designed to operate from geosynchronous orbit.
- GSLV is a three-stage launch vehicle consisting of solid, liquid and cryogenic propulsion stages.

NBSS & LUP Develops India's First Digital Soil Texture Map



- It is an institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- Its headquarters is in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- NBSS&LUP stands for National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning.

Sophie Adenot Becomes First French Woman to Walk in Space



- Adenot was accompanied by NASA astronaut Anil Menon.
- She became the second European woman to perform a spacewalk, after Italy's Samantha Cristoforetti, who conducted her first spacewalk in 2022.
- She travelled to the ISS as part of SpaceX Crew-12.

Flying Wedge Defence Unveils FWD Supreme Lite



- Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace (FWDA) is a Bengaluru-based Indian defence technology company.
- It has been promoted as India's first AI-piloted fighter jet demonstrator.
- The aircraft incorporates Rocket Assisted Take-Off (RATO) capability.

NSG Launches First All-Women Commando Course in Haryana



- The course is officially known as the Mahila Commando Conversion Course (MCCC).
- The course was launched at the NSG Training Centre, Manesar, located in Gurugram district, Haryana.
- The course has been introduced specifically for women personnel from State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).

Indian Navy to Commission Second Indigenous Diving Support Vessel



- The Indian Navy is set to commission INS Nipun, India's second indigenously built Diving Support Vessel (DSV) of the Nistar class.
- The commissioning ceremony is scheduled to take place at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- INS Nipun is the second vessel of the Nistar-class Diving Support Vessels. The first vessel of this class is INS Nistar.

Banas Bio-CNG Plant Inaugurated in Banaskantha

- The Banas Suzuki Biogas Plant was inaugurated at Vinchhivadi, Banaskantha district, Gujarat.
- The project is a collaboration between Suzuki Motor Corporation, Banas Dairy and NDDB (National Dairy Development Board).
- It is Suzuki's third biogas plant in India, following plants at Agthala and Bhukhala.

Bhawana Kanth becomes IAF's first woman Fighter Combat Leader



- Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth has created history in the Indian Air Force (IAF). She became the first woman IAF officer to complete the Fighter Combat Leader (FCL) course.
- The course was conducted at the Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment (TACDE).
- TACDE is located in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

Saudi Arabia Launches Maritime Defence Coalition



- The coalition is intended to strengthen maritime security in the Red Sea region.
- Its main objective is to protect international shipping and energy routes.
- The coalition focuses particularly on the Red Sea, Bab-el-Mandeb Strait and Gulf of Aden.

Indian Army Departs for MAITREE-XV in Thailand

- Exercise MAITREE is a bilateral military exercise between India and Thailand.
- The 2025 edition was MAITREE-XIV, held at Umroi, Meghalaya.
- MAITREE-XV is the 15th edition of the India-Thailand Joint Military Exercise.

IN-SPACe Approves Commercial EO Satellite Constellation



- India's first indigenous, fully commercial Earth Observation Satellite constellation is being developed through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP).
- IN-SPACe is India's space-sector regulator and facilitator for private-sector participation.
- IN-SPACe stands for Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre.

IISc releases SraVaani Voice AI Model



- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru has developed SraVaani 1.0, a multilingual speech-recognition AI model.
- SraVaani supports 65 Indian languages and dialects.
- It is designed to improve automatic speech recognition (ASR) for India's diverse linguistic landscape.

India Develops Beam Catcher for FAIR Project



- India has developed a Beam Catcher for the international Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAIR) project in Germany.
- The first of three Beam Catcher units has reached the FAIR site in Darmstadt, Germany and is awaiting installation.
- The equipment was designed by CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur, under the supervision of the Bose Institute, Kolkata.

Wayanad to Get X-Band Doppler Weather Radar



- Wayanad in Kerala is getting an X-Band Doppler Weather Radar to strengthen local weather monitoring and disaster preparedness.
- The radar is being installed at Pulpally, on the campus of Pazhassiraja College.
- The project is being implemented by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in cooperation with the Kerala authorities.

India Successfully Test-Fires Agni-4 Ballistic Missile

- India successfully conducted a test launch of the Agni-4 medium-range ballistic missile.
- Agni-4 is part of India's Agni series of ballistic missiles.
- Agni-4 has a reported range of approximately 4,000 km.

Gaganyaan Achieves Human-Rating Milestones

- India's first human spaceflight programme, Gaganyaan, has achieved major milestones in the development and validation of its human-rating systems.
- The Human Rated Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (HLVM3) has completed development and ground testing of its propulsion stages and structures.
- The propulsion systems of the Crew Module and Service Module have been developed, tested and qualified.

India Achieves 300 GW Non-Fossil Fuel Power Capacity

- Solar power was the largest component of India's non-fossil installed capacity, with 164.59 GW.
- India's installed wind power capacity stood at 58.14 GW. India's installed hydropower capacity stood at 57.24 GW.
- India's major medium-term target is to reach 500 GW of non-fossil fuel-based installed electricity capacity by 2030.

e-Samudra – Digital Transformation of Maritime Governance



- e-Samudra is India's unified digital platform for providing maritime services through a single online system. The official e-Samudra portal describes it as India's Unified Maritime Services Portal.
- The initiative is associated with the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS).
- The DGS functions under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

India-US Navy EOD Exercise Begins in Kochi



- India and the United States conduct joint naval training involving Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and salvage operations.
- The exercise is known as SALVEX.
- Kochi is associated with the India-US naval salvage exercise.

Vietnam's VinSpace Signs SpaceX Launch Deal for 2027



- Vietnamese aerospace company VinSpace has signed an agreement with SpaceX for a satellite launch.
- The satellites will be carried through a SpaceX Transporter rideshare mission.
- SpaceX is an American aerospace company founded by Elon Musk.

Indian Navy's 'Shruti' NGOPV Launched at GRSE, Kolkata

- The Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) 'Shruti' was launched at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata
- The first GRSE NGOPV, Sanghamitra, was launched in May 2026.
- The programme is being executed by GRSE, Kolkata, and Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Goa.

India and Malaysia Commence Exercise Udara Shakti 2026



- Exercise Udara Shakti 2026 is a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF).
- The exercise is being conducted at Subang Air Base, Malaysia.
- India has deployed four Rafale fighter aircraft for the exercise.

8th BRICS Oceanic-Polar Science and Technology

- The 8th BRICS Working Group Meeting on Ocean and Polar Science and Technology (OPST) is being held in Goa.
- The meeting is hosted by the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR).
- NCPOR functions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

Indian Navy Inducts Indigenous Diving Support Vessel



- The Indian Navy inducted the indigenous Diving Support Vessel (DSV) 'Nipun'.
- 'Nipun' was built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, a Government of India.
- It is the second vessel of the Nistar-class Diving Support Vessels, following INS Nistar.

Tata's Agratas Develops Indigenous Lithium Cell Technology

- Agratas, the battery manufacturing company of the Tata Group, developed indigenous lithium cell technology.
- It also supports the PLI Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) manufacturing.
- Lithium-ion cells are used in EVs, mobile phones, laptops and energy storage systems.

India Launches Indigenous African Swine Fever Vaccine 'MA-104'



- Developed to protect pigs against the deadly African Swine Fever virus.
- Aims to reduce mortality in domestic pigs and protect the livestock industry.
- African Swine Fever, Mortality can reach up to 100% in severe outbreaks. Does not infect humans.

100% Railway Electrification & 1st Electric Train in Kashmir Valley



- The 1st electric train in the Kashmir Valley started operating on the Banihal–Baramulla section, replacing diesel locomotives on route.
- The electrification covers the Banihal–Baramulla railway section, an important part of the Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project.
- The USBRL project includes the Chenab Rail Bridge, the world's highest railway arch bridge, and the Anji Khad Cable-Stayed Railway Bridge.

TRAI Revamps MyCall App to Improve Voice Call Quality



- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has launched a revamped version of the MyCall App to improve voice call quality assessment.
- TRAI was established on 20 February 1997 under the TRAI Act, 1997, and its headquarters are in New Delhi.
- The current Chairperson of TRAI is Anil Kumar Lahoti, and TRAI functions under the Ministry of Communications.

HCLTech to Set Up First AI Data Centre in Odisha



- HCLTech, Sarvam AI, and the Government of Odisha. HCLTech HQ: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- To establish India's first AI-optimised data centre supporting AI model training, inference, storage, and networking.
- Supports India's Sovereign AI Mission with multilingual and sector-specific AI applications.

AstraZeneca India Sets Up Genomic Solutions Centre



- AstraZeneca India established an Integrated Genomic Solutions Centre in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh. The centre is part of India's first Integrated Precision Oncology Programme.
- It focuses on lung cancer and breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.
- The project uses AI-powered X-rays and Next-Generation Genetic Testing (NGS). AstraZeneca is partnering with Strand Life Sciences and Qure.ai.

India's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone to Be Set Up



- India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) will be set up in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- The project is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- The zone aims to promote indigenous telecom manufacturing.

DAANVEER Launches Gram Panchayat Digital Infrastructure



- It was launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. The launch event was held in New Delhi.
- DAANVEER is a citizen participation platform to strengthen the digital infrastructure of Gram Panchayats.
- Developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj with NIC and DigiHaat.

Indian Navy Launches ASW Shallow Water Craft



- INS Machilipatnam (BY 529) is the Indian Navy's 7th ASW Shallow Water Craft
- The vessel was built by Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- The Indian Navy functions under the Ministry of Defence. Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi.

India's First AI-Integrated Vertical University Inaugurates

- VELS Institute of Science, Technology, & Advanced Studies (VISTAS) inaugurated India's first AI-integrated vertical university campus at Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai (Tamil Nadu).
- The campus was inaugurated by Padma Shri Sridhar Vembu, Chief Scientist and Co-founder of Zoho Corporation.

- The campus features Industry-Academia Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in collaboration with Intel Unnati, TCS iON, Microsoft, and Oracle Academy.

India Ranked 3rd in WDMMA Global Air Power Rankings 2026



- The Indian Air Force (IAF) ranks 3rd among independent air forces and 6th overall (including all military air branches) in the WDMMA 2026 Global Air Power Rankings.
- The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) uses the True Value Rating (TVR) system, which assesses aircraft quality, technology, logistics, modernization, and operational capability, rather than fleet size alone.
- The US Air Force and Russian Air Force ranking higher among independent air forces.

Indian Navy to Commission ASW Craft 'Malvan'



- Malvan is the second indigenous Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.
- Designed for shallow coastal waters, it is equipped with advanced sonar systems, lightweight torpedoes, anti-submarine rocket launchers, and mine-laying capability to detect and neutralise submarines and underwater drones.
- The first indigenously designed and built Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) is INS Mahe.

L-G VK Saxena Commissions 2 Geothermal Wells in Ladakh



- India's First Geothermal Wells in Puga Valley, Ladakh
- Geothermal energy uses heat from beneath the Earth's surface.
- India's geothermal potential-spread across 381 hot springs and 10 geothermal provinces including Ladakh(Puga valley), Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh.

IIT Kanpur to Establish Centre of Excellence on Green Hydrogen



- The Centre of Excellence will be known as ECOGEN (Centre of Excellence on Innovative and Integrated Ecosystem for Green Hydrogen).
- The project has been approved by the Uttar Pradesh Government and sanctioned by UPNEDA (Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency) under the Uttar Pradesh Green Hydrogen Policy, 2024.
- The initiative supports the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

EnKash Introduces India's First Meal Card with UPI Payments

- EnKash is an Indian business payments and spend management platform. its own RBI Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) licence.
- UPI (Unified Payments Interface) was developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI, 2008.)
- RuPay is India's domestic card payment network.

India Develops First Indigenous Expendable Turbojet Engine



- India developed its first indigenous expendable turbojet engine in the 350 kg thrust class.
- The engine was designed by the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE). GTRE is a laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- A turbojet engine produces thrust by compressing air, burning fuel, and expelling high-speed exhaust gases.

Aero India to be held in Bengaluru's Yelahanka Air Force Station



- Aero India 2027 will be held at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru.
- The event showcases global aerospace and defence technologies while promoting defence cooperation and indigenous manufacturing.
- Aero India is India's largest biennial aerospace and defence exhibition, organized by the Ministry of Defence.

IAF Ranks Third in WDMMA Global Air Power List



- The Indian Air Force (IAF) ranked 3rd in the WDMMA Global Air Power Rankings.
- The rankings assess fleet size, aircraft quality, modernization, logistics, and operational readiness.
- The ranking reflects the IAF's growing combat capability and India's rising global air power status.

IIT Delhi-DRDO Develop 20 km Surveillance Aerostat



- IIT Delhi and DRDO jointly developed an indigenous tactical aerostat for surveillance up to 20 km.
- The aerostat carries advanced sensors for continuous, cost-effective monitoring of strategic areas.
- It supports Aatmanirbhar Bharat by reducing import dependence and strengthening border security.

ICG Inducts Indigenous Air Cushion Vehicle in Goa



- The Indian Coast Guard inducted its first indigenous Air Cushion Vehicle (H-561), built by Chowgule & Company under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- The hovercraft can operate on both land and water, enhancing coastal surveillance, search and rescue, and disaster response.
- It is the first of six ACVs and will be deployed at Haldia, West Bengal, to strengthen security in eastern coastal regions.

Indian Army Introduces New Uniform Code

- The Indian Army has introduced the traditional Bandi jacket as authorized formal civil attire for officers.
- The new dress rules remove several colonial-era symbols and practices from Army uniforms.
- A standardized winter uniform (Dress 3B) will be introduced for all ranks by June 2029.

Indian Army Gets 106 Peacekeeper Kamikaze Drones from SMPP



- The Peacekeeper kamikaze drones have a top speed of 450 km/h and a strike range of 180 km.
- They can accurately hit high-value targets even in electronic warfare environments, with a CEP of under 5 metres.
- Built under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, the drones strengthen India's indigenous precision-strike capability.

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Indian Army Launches Kautilya & Q-FORCE Platforms



- Indian Army launched AI-based platforms Kautilya and Q-FORCE to modernize intelligence and logistics management.
- Kautilya acts as an AI co-pilot for faster, data-driven command decisions.
- Q-FORCE streamlines military supply chains and resource distribution across varied terrains.

Major Abhilasha Named UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year



- An Indian woman peacekeeper won the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award for her work with UNMISS in South Sudan.
- She was honoured for promoting gender equality and women's participation in peace processes.
- Her leadership strengthened the role of women in UN peacekeeping missions.

Bengaluru Test Pilot Becomes First Indian SETP Fellow



- Group Captain K.K. Venugopal became the first Indian test pilot elected as a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP).
- He has over 25 years of experience in major aerospace programmes, including LCA Mk I, HTT-40, and LCA Mk IA.
- The recognition highlights his contribution to India's indigenous aerospace development and flight-testing standards.

DRDO Successfully Tests Indigenous ULPGM-V3 Missile

- DRDO successfully tested the ULPGM-V3 missile in both air-to-ground and air-to-air modes.
- It has a 10-km range and a dual-channel seeker for day-and-night precision.
- Developed by DRDO's RCI Hyderabad with support from Indian MSMEs.

Squadron Leader Saanya Becomes IAF's 1st Woman Cat-A Instructor



- Squadron Leader Saanya became the IAF's first woman Category-A Qualified Flying Instructor.
- She achieved the highest level of military flying instruction after training at FIS, Tambaram.
- Commissioned in 2015, she was promoted to Flight Lieutenant in 2017 and Squadron Leader in 2021.

Multilateral Exercise Pragati 2026 Commences At Umroi



- PRAGATI 2026 began at Umroi, Meghalaya, with armies from 13 nations participating.
- The exercise focuses on joint counter-terrorism operations in semi-mountainous and jungle terrain.
- It also showcases India's indigenous defence technology under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Indian Coast Guard Commissions Indigenous FPV 'ICGS ACHAL'



- ICGS Achal, India's first of eight indigenous Fast Patrol Vessels, was built by Cochin Shipyard with nearly 70% indigenous content.
- The 50-metre vessel can reach 33 knots and carries a 30mm CRN-91 naval gun.
- It will support coastal surveillance, anti-smuggling, anti-poaching, and search-and-rescue operations.

Army Inducts Indigenous ULPGM & AGNIKAA Drones

- ULPGM is an indigenous loitering munition with a 2.5-km range, IIR seeker, and 2-kg warhead.
- AGNIKAA VTOL-1 is an FPV kamikaze drone with 5-km range and 30-minute endurance.
- Both systems are tested for high-altitude and GPS-denied environments.

India's first privately manufactured military aircraft Airbus C-295



- Tata Advanced Systems is manufacturing India's first complete military aircraft in the private sector—the C-295.
- Of 56 aircraft, 16 will come from Spain and 40 will be built at the Tata-Airbus facility in Vadodara.
- The C-295 will replace the IAF's ageing Avro fleet and features high indigenous content.

REASONING ABILITY

Directions(1-2): Answer the questions based on the information given below.

In an exam, seven students M, N, O, P, Q, R and S scored different marks in an English exam. Only Q scored more than M. S scored less than O but more than N. N doesn't score the lowest marks. R scored more marks than P. S scored more marks than R.

1. Who among the following definitely scored the third lowest marks?

- (A) R (B) N (C) S (D) O
(E) Cannot be determined

2. How many students scored more marks than P?

- (A) Four (B) Six
(C) Two (D) Five
(E) None of the above

Directions [3-7]: Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Twelve boxes are kept in two stacks A and B such that there are six boxes in each stack. Stack A is to the west of Stack B. The bottommost box is numbered as 1 and box immediately above it is numbered as 2 and so on. The dimension of each box is same.

Note:

1) When a box is one/two/three boxes above/below another box, then they may or may not be kept in the same stack unless stated otherwise.

2) When a box is adjacent to another box, then the box number of both the boxes is same and both the boxes are kept in different stacks.

W is kept three boxes above P. Only one box is kept below P, which is kept in Stack A. O is adjacent to W. Q is an even numbered box of Stack B. R is kept two boxes above Q but in different stacks. U is kept three boxes above T in the same stack. X is kept above U but not necessarily in the same stack. Z is kept adjacent to S. Z and W are kept in same stack. V is kept above Y in the same stack but different than that of O. X is not kept adjacent to V.

3. As many boxes are kept above V as below _____ (in both the stacks) .

- (A) X (B) Q (C) O (D) S
(E) T

4. Which box is kept three boxes above Y (in the same stack) ?

- (A) Q (B) U (C) W (D) O
(E) None of the above

5. Which is the fourth numbered box of Stack B?

- (A) U (B) Z (C) Q (D) S
(E) None of the above

6. Four of the following five boxes are related to one another in some way. Find the odd one out.

- (A) X (B) Z
(C) U (D) V
(E) W

7. How many boxes are kept above T (in both the stacks) ?

- (A) None (B) Two
(C) Four (D) Ten
(E) Eight

Directions [8-10]: Answer the questions based on the information given below.

There are six members Emy, Fem, Gol, Hem, Ink and Joy in a family of two generations. Emy is married to Gal. Joy is the brother-in-law of Emy. Fem is the father-in-law of Joy. Hem has only one child, who is a female member. Gal is not the daughter of Hem. Hem is not married to Fem.

8. How is Gal related to Ink?

- (A) Sister-in-law (B) Brother
(C) Brother-in-law (D) Son
(E) Cannot be determined

9. If Hem is a male member, then how many male members are there in the family?

- (A) Three (B) One
(C) Four (D) Two
(E) Cannot be determined

10. _____ is the daughter of _____.

- (A) Gal, Hem (B) Ink, Hem
(C) Emy, Fem (D) Ink, Fem
(E) None of the above

Directions [11-15]: Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Six persons A, B, K, P, T and Z sit around a triangular table, but not necessarily in the same order. Three persons sit at three corners while one person sits at each middle side of a table. Some persons face inside while some persons face outside the centre of a table.

K faces inside and does not sit at the corner of a table. T, who sits second to the right of P, is an immediate neighbour of K. B sits second to the right of Z, who sits in the middle side of a table. T sits second to the left of A. Neither Z nor B sits immediately to the right of P. Two persons sit between T and Z where both face in the opposite direction of P. B and K face in the same direction as P.

11. Which among the following statements is true as per the given information?

- (A) B faces outside the table.
- (B) A is an immediate neighbour of T.
- (C) K and T are neighbours of A.
- (D) Z faces inside the table.
- (E) P and T are neighbours of K

12. If A is related to P; K is related to Z; in such a way, which among the following persons is related to T?

- (A) P
- (B) B
- (C) A
- (D) K
- (E) Z

13. Four among the following five are alike in a certain way thus forming a group. Which among the following does not belong to the group?

- (A) T
- (B) The person who sits immediately to the left of K.
- (C) The person who sits third to the left of K.
- (D) The person who sits fifth to the left of B.
- (E) Z

14. How many persons sit between P and B?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) Both a and b
- (E) 4

15. What is the position of Z with respect to A?

- (A) Second to the left
- (B) Third to the right
- (C) Immediately left
- (D) Third to the left
- (E) Immediately right

16. The following question is followed by two statements named I and II. You have to decide, if these statements are sufficient to answer the asked questions and mark the correct option.

What is the distance between point T and point W?

Statement I: Point R is 4m north of point S. Point S is 2m west of point T.

Statement II: Point U is 3m south of point V. Point V is 4m east of point W.

- (A) If data in statement I alone is sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question.
- (B) If data in statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question.
- (C) If data either in statement I alone or in statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question.
- (D) If data in both statement I and statement II together are not sufficient to answer the question.
- (E) If the data in both statement I and statement II together are sufficient to answer the question.

17. The question below consists of a question and two statements numbered I and II given below it. You have to decide whether the data provided in which of the statements are sufficient to answer the question. Choose your answer from the options based on this.

Six persons are sitting around a circular table facing the centre. Who among P, Q, R, S, T and U, is second to the right of S?

I. P is third to the right of R, who is an immediate neighbor of T.

II. U is second to the left of T but not an immediate neighbor of S.

- (A) If the data in statement I alone are sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement II alone are not sufficient to answer the question.
- (B) If the data in statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement I alone are not sufficient to answer the question.
- (C) If the data either in statement I alone or in statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question.
- (D) If the data in both the statements I and II together are not sufficient to answer the question.
- (E) If the data in both the statements I and II together are necessary to answer the question.

18. In the question below consists of a question and two statements numbered I and II given below it. You have to decide whether the data provided in the statements are sufficient to answer the question.

Meena is sister of Gaurav. Rupal is mother of Karan. Chhavi is daughter of Suman. How is Suman related to Meena?

Statement I: Chhavi is maternal aunt of Karan.

Statement II: Karan is Grandson of Suman and Gaurav

(A) Statement I alone is sufficient, but statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question.

(B) Statement II alone is sufficient, but statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question.

(C) Either statement I alone or statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question.

(D) Both statement I and statement II together are necessary to answer the question.

(E) Statements I and II together are not sufficient to answer the question.

Directions [19-23]: Study the given information carefully and answer the questions below it:

Eight persons S, D, F, G, H, C, V and B are sitting in a row but not necessarily in the same order. Some are facing north, and some are facing south directions. Not more than two adjacent persons are facing the same direction. H sits 5th position from one of the extreme ends of the row. Three persons sit between D and H. V sits 2nd to the right of D. Immediate neighbours of G are facing opposite directions of each other. H is facing the north direction. S sits 2nd to the left of H. G sits 5th to the right of S. F is not an immediate neighbour of S. The persons who are sitting at the extreme ends of the row are facing opposite directions of each other. At least two persons sit between F and C. B and G are facing opposite to each other.

19. How many persons sit between C and G?

- (A) Six (B) Five (C) Four (D) Seven
(E) Three

20. _____ sits immediately left of V.

- (A) G (B) H (C) B (D) F
(E) S

21. How many persons are facing south direction?

- (A) Five (B) Two (C) Three (D) Four
(E) One

22. Who sits 4th to the right of S?

- (A) C (B) F (C) G (D) D
(E) V

23. What is the position of H with respect to D?

- (A) Immediately left (B) 3rd to the right
(C) 4th to the right (D) 2nd to the left
(E) 3rd to the left

Directions [24-28]: Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Six persons Sanju, Ranju, Manju, Kinju, Anju and Pinju live in a six-storeyed building, such that only one person lives on each floor. The bottommost floor is number 1 above that number 2 and so on. Each of them uses different broadband viz., Airtel, Excell, Netplus, One, Spectra and Wibro but not necessarily in the same order.

Two persons live between Ranju and Kinju, who lives above Ranju. The person who uses Airtel broadband lives immediately above Manju. Pinju, who uses Spectra broadband, lives immediately below Ranju. Only one person lives between the person who uses Airtel broadband and the person who uses Netplus broadband. Ranju uses neither Wibro nor Netplus broadband. The person who uses One broadband lives immediately below Anju and immediately above Sanju.

24. Who among the following uses Excell broadband?

- (A) Pinju (B) Manju (C) Kinju (D) Anju
(E) Ranju

25. If Pinju is related to Spectra in the same way Manju is related to _____.

- (A) One (B) Excell
(C) Wibro (D) Netplus
(E) Airtel

26. How many floors are below the floor on which Manju lives?

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4
(E) None

27. Who among the following lives on the bottommost floor?

- (A) Pinju (B) Anju (C) Manju (D) Sanju
(E) Kinju

28. _____ lives immediately above Kinju and uses _____ broadband.

- (A) Ranju, Spectra (B) Manju, Airtel
(C) Pinju, One (D) Anju, Netplus
(E) Sanju, Excell

29. Four among the following letter pairs are similar in some manner and one is different. Find the odd one.

- (A) SAVW (B) OBST (C) PLMN (D) ACJK
(E) KTLO

30. In the following question relationship between different elements is shown in the statement. The statement is followed by two conclusions I and II. Read the statement and give the answer.

Statement: $R < P > Q$, $T > R$, $T > Q < S$

Conclusions:

- I. $P > T$
II. $T < S$
(A) If only conclusion I is true.
(B) If only conclusion II is true.
(C) If either conclusion I or II is true.
(D) If neither conclusion I nor II is true.
(E) If both conclusions I and II are true.

31. In the question, the relation between different elements is shown in the statements. These statements are followed by two conclusions marked I and II. You have to check which of the conclusions follow and mark the option accordingly.

Statements:

$U < V \leq W$, $X \geq Y$, $X < U$

Conclusions:

- I. $Y < U$
II. $W > X$
(A) If only conclusion I follows.
(B) If only conclusion II follows.
(C) If either conclusion I or conclusion II follows.
(D) If neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows.
(E) If both conclusions I and II follow.

32. In the question, the relation between different elements is shown in the statements. These statements are followed by two

conclusions marked I and II. You have to check which of the conclusions follow and mark the option accordingly.

Statements:

$A \geq B$, $C < D$, $C \geq E < B$

Conclusions:

- I. $A > E$
II. $E \leq D$
(A) If only conclusion I follows.
(B) If only conclusion II follows.
(C) If either conclusion I or conclusion II follows.
(D) If neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows.
(E) If both conclusion I and II follow.

33. In this question, relationship between different elements is shown in the statements. The statements are followed by conclusions. Study the conclusions based on the given statement and select the appropriate answer.

Statements: $P \geq Q \leq R$, $R = S$, $S > T$

Conclusions:

- I. $T > Q$
II. $P > S$
(A) Only conclusion I follows
(B) Only conclusion II follows
(C) Either conclusion I or II follows
(D) Both conclusions I and II follow
(E) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

34. If a meaningful word can be formed using the 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th letters of the word 'RAVISHMENT', then what is the third letter from the left end of the word formed? If no such word can be formed, then mark X as your answer while if more than one such word can be formed, then mark Z as your answer.

- (A) E (B) Z (C) V (D) X
(E) H

35. In the word UNIVERSAL, if the letters at odd position are replaced by immediate previous letter and the letters at even position are replaced by immediate next letter, then which will be fourth letter to the right of the vowel in the newly word formed?

- (A) D (B) B (C) K (D) S
(E) R

36. In the number 8376157249, the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 9th digits are increased by 1 and then the digits are arranged in increasing order. Which of the following digits appears at sixth position from the right end?

- (A) 4 (B) 3
(C) 6 (D) 5
(E) 7

Directions [37-40]: Study the given information and answer the following questions based on it.

Nine boxes of same size but containing different products - Umbrella, Slipper, Laptop, Shirt, Clock, Television, Frying pan, Gas oven and Wall mirror are kept on above another but not in the same order. Five boxes are kept between the boxes with Slipper and Frying pan and none of them is kept either at the bottom or at the top. The box with the wall mirror is kept above the box with slipper. The clock is kept immediately above the gas oven but below the box with a shirt. Two boxes are placed between the boxes with slipper and Umbrella which is kept immediately above the laptop box.

37. Which of the product is in the box kept at the top of the stack?

- (A) Television (B) Shirt
(C) Umbrella (D) Clock
(E) Laptop

38. How many boxes are kept between the boxes with Wall mirror and Umbrella?

- (A) Two (B) Three
(C) One (D) Five
(E) Six

39. What is the position of the box which contains Umbrella?

- (A) Third from the top.
(B) Fourth from the bottom.
(C) Immediately above the box with Laptop.
(D) Immediately below the box with Slipper.
(E) None of the above.

40. How many boxes are kept above the box with Wall Mirror?

- (A) Seven (B) Three
(C) Six (D) Four
(E) Two

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

41. A daily wages worker earns Rs.450 per day in a month (30 days). If he earns Rs.500 per day for first 12 days and Rs.350 per day for next 12 days, then find his average earnings per day for last 6 days of the month.

- (A) Rs.480 (B) Rs.525 (C) Rs.550 (D) Rs.475
(E) Rs.575

42. Priya's mother is 25 years elder to her. The ratio of age of Priya and her mother 6 years ago was 6: 11 respectively. Find the present age of Priya's brother who is 5 years younger to her.

- (A) 28 years (B) 23 years
(C) 31 years (D) 33 years
(E) 37 years

43. If an article is sold at double the selling price it was actually sold at, the profit increases by Rs 85. If the actual percentage profit earned is 6.25%, what is the cost price of the article?

- (A) Rs 75 (B) Rs 80 (C) Rs 88 (D) Rs 92
(E) Rs 90

44. Sushmita borrowed 60% of her money need from Ritika at 8% p.a, 25% from Kritika at 10% p.a and remaining from Sudha at 15% p.a. Calculate the exact interest rate she has to pay on her complete borrowings?

- (A) 9.35% (B) 9.55% (C) 9.40% (D) 9.65%
(E) 9.25%

45. Ratio of speed of a person to that of a train of length 400 meters is 1: 11 and time taken by train to cross the person running in opposite direction is 24 seconds, then find the time taken by train to cross the person when running in same direction.

- (A) 27.9 seconds (B) 25.2 seconds
(C) 21.6 seconds (D) 24.3 seconds
(E) 28.8 seconds

46. Price of wheat is decreased by 20% and total consumption of wheat by a family is increased by 18 kg per month. What will be the new consumption of wheat by that family if total expenditure in wheat is increased by 28%?

- (A) 30 kg (B) 50 kg
(C) 36 kg (D) 48 kg
(E) None of these

Directions [47-50]: Study the following information carefully and answer the related questions.

There are 800 music teachers in a city and each one of them plays at least one instrument among guitar, piano and violin. 35% teachers play only two instruments, and 16% teachers play only piano. 41% of teachers play piano. Number of teachers who play both violin and piano but not guitar is 72 less than the number of teachers who play both guitar and violin but not piano. 9% of teachers play all three instruments. 34% of teachers play guitar but not piano.

47. If number of teachers who play both guitar and piano but not violin is $(4P - 2)\%$ of the number of teachers who play only guitar, then find the value of 'P'.

- (A) 12 (B) 10.5 (C) 15 (D) 16.25
(E) 8.5

48. How many teachers do not play piano?

- (A) 486 (B) 480 (C) 472 (D) 522
(E) 516

49. What is the respective ratio of number of teachers who play guitar to the number of teachers who play violin?

- (A) 7: 9 (B) 3: 4 (C) 10: 11 (D) 5: 7
(E) 3: 5

50. If 52% of the teachers who play only violin are males, then how many female teachers play only violin?

- (A) 96 (B) 72 (C) 144 (D) 120
(E) 48

Directions(51-52) : In the questions, two equations I and II are given. You have to solve both the equations to establish the correct relation between x and y and choose the correct option.

I. $x^2 - 40x + 400 = 0$

II. $y^2 - 24y + 128 = 0$

- (A) $x > y$
(B) $x < y$
(C) $x = y$ or the relationship cannot be established
(D) $x \geq y$
(E) $x \leq y$

52. I. $8x^2 = 2592$

II. $y^2 + 36y + 320 = 0$

- (A) $x > y$

(B) $x < y$

(C) $x = y$ or the relationship cannot be established

(D) $x \geq y$

(E) $x \leq y$

53. 'A', 'B', and 'C' appeared in an exam, where maximum marks were 100. 'B' scored 20% more marks than 'A' and 'C' scored 8 marks less than 'A'. If 'C' scored 10% less marks than 'A', then find the percentage of marks scored by 'B'.

- (A) 80% (B) 96% (C) 75% (D) 89%
(E) 84%

54. Amount received on investing a certain sum in a scheme which offers 20% p.a., simple interest for 2.5 years is Rs. 45,000. Find the amount received on investing 80% of the sum invested at the same rate of interest, compounded half-yearly for 1 year.

- (A) Rs. 28,400 (B) Rs. 26,070
(C) Rs. 29,040 (D) Rs. 24,200
(E) Rs. 27,000

55. 'A' started a business with an investment of Rs. 10,500. After 'x' months, 'B' joined him with an investment of Rs. 9,600. If at the end of the year, the profit shares of 'A' and 'B' were in ratio 21:16 respectively, then find the value of $(x^2 + 49)$.

- (A) 50 (B) 75
(C) 74 (D) 53
(E) 72

56. Speed of a boat in still water is 30 km/h. The river is flowing from point 'A' to point 'B' at the speed of 6 km/hr. Total time taken by the boat to travel from point 'A' to point 'B' and back is 10 hours. Find the distance between point 'A' and point 'B'.

- (A) 80 km (B) 120 km
(C) 105 km (D) 125 km
(E) 144 km

57. Base of a right-angled triangle is 25% less than the length of the perpendicular. If the area of the triangle is 216 m^2 , then find the perimeter of the triangle.

- (A) 50 metres (B) 75 metres
(C) 48 metres (D) 80 metres
(E) 72 metres

58. A boy wanted to catch a bus which is 500 metres ahead of him. He started running towards the bus at a speed of 24 km/h and at the same time the bus started moving away from the boy at a speed of 9 km/h. Find the time taken by the boy to catch the bus?

- (A) 140 seconds (B) 120 seconds
(C) 150 seconds (D) 80 seconds
(E) None of these

59. Radius of a cone is $(200/9)\%$ less than its height. If the volume of the cone is $3,696 \text{ cm}^3$, then find the diameter of the base of the cone. (Take $\pi = 22/7$)

- (A) 35 cm (B) 21 cm
(C) 42 cm (D) 28 cm
(E) 14 cm

60. On selling an item for Rs. 750, profit earned (in Rs.) by the seller is 25% more than the profit earned (in Rs.) on selling the same item for Rs. 720. If the seller wants to earn a profit of 45%, then find the price at which he should sell the item.

- (A) Rs. 1,040 (B) Rs. 870
(C) Rs. 750 (D) Rs. 800
(E) Rs. 900

61. Ratio of incomes of 'A' and 'B' is 5:8, respectively. Whereas their expenditures are in the ratio 1:2, respectively. If 'A' saves Rs. 15,000 and 'B' saves Rs. 1,000 less than 'A', then find the income of 'B'.

- (A) Rs. 80,000 (B) Rs. 48,000
(C) Rs. 60,000 (D) Rs. 64,000
(E) None of these

Direction (62-66) : What approximate value will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following question? (Note: You are not expected to calculate the exact value.)

62. $999.99 + 1500.12 \div 29.98 \times 50.01 = ? \times 24.96$

- (A) 158 (B) 140 (C) 98 (D) 115
(E) 145

63. 70.14% of $799.95 - 240.12 = ? + 40.17\%$ of 299.95

- (A) 200 (B) 240 (C) 360 (D) 400
(E) 450

64. $314.96 \div 45.02 + 12.09 \times \sqrt{575} = ?$

- (A) 195 (B) 275 (C) 375 (D) 295
(E) 175

65. $\sqrt{?} + \sqrt{626 \times 13.998 - 6.02 \times 2.97} = 345.995$

- (A) 441 (B) 324 (C) 225 (D) 196
(E) 540

66. $620.15 + 1279.98 + ? \times (4.79)^2 = 149.95\%$ of 1600.14

- (A) 20 (B) 30 (C) 50 (D) 70
(E) 120

Directions [67-71]: Answer the questions based on the information given below.

The following table shows the total number of employees (male + female), ratio of number of male employees to number of female employees, three different companies namely 'A', 'B', 'C'. It also shows the percentage of employees in each company who are aged below 40 years out of total number of employees in that company.

Company	Total number of employees	Ratio of number of male employees to that of female employees	Percentage of employees who are below 40 years of age
A	3500	3:4	64
B	2400	3:5	80
C	3600	4:5	75

67. Find the ratio of number of male employees in company 'A' to number of female employees in company 'C'.

- (A) 3:5 (B) 7:8 (C) 3:4 (D) 5:3
(E) 4:5

68. In company 'B', 62.5% of the employees below 40 years of age are females. Find the number of males in company 'B' who are of age 40 years or above.

- (A) 200 (B) 160 (C) 240 (D) 215
(E) 180

69. Number of employees in company 'A' who are below 40 years of age are how much percent of the number of male employees in company 'C'?

- (A) 135% (B) 150% (C) 175% (D) 140%
(E) 125%

70. In company 'A', 40% of the female employees and 30% of the male employees, own a car. Find the number of employees in company 'A' who does not own a car.

- (A) 2,750 (B) 1,875
(C) 2,450 (D) 1,350
(E) 2,250

71. Find the average number of employees who are less than the 40 years in age in company 'A' and 'B' together.

- (A) 1440 (B) 2080 (C) 2120 (D) 1660
(E) 1200

DIRECTION (72-76) : Find the wrong number in the following series

72. 825, 817, 790, 726, 600, 385

- (A) 817 (B) 600
(C) 385 (D) 825
(E) 790

73. 12, 7, 9, 22, 96, 729

- (A) 12 (B) 7
(C) 729 (D) 96
(E) 22

74. 98, 117, 138, 171, 186, 213

- (A) 98 (B) 117
(C) 138 (D) 171
(E) 213

75. 85, 100, 70, 120, 55, 130

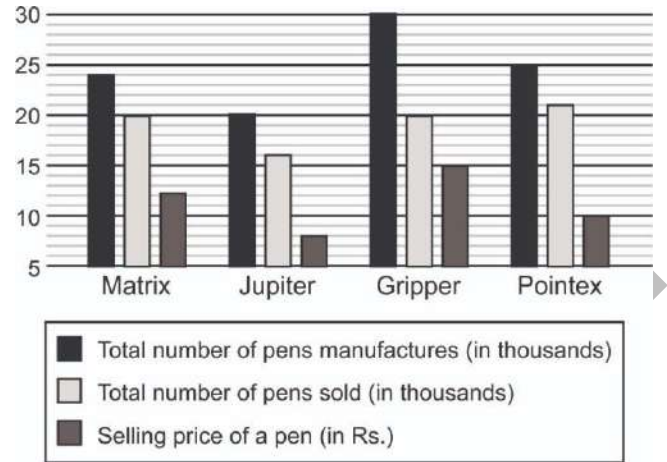
- (A) 85 (B) 130
(C) 70 (D) 120
(E) 55

76. 70, 86, 106, 124, 146, 170

- (A) 70 (B) 86
(C) 106 (D) 146
(E) 170

Directions [77-80]: Answer the questions based on the information given below.

The following bar-graph shows the total number of pens manufactured of four different brands namely Matrix, Jupiter, Gripper and Pointex manufactured (in thousands) . It is also show the total number of pens sold (in thousands) and selling price of a pen (in Rs.) of each of the given brands.



77. Find the total selling price of Jupiter pens sold.

- (A) Rs. 1,25,000 (B) Rs. 96,000
(C) Rs. 1,28,000 (D) Rs. 80,000
(E) Rs. 1,26,000

78. Find the ratio of number of Matrix pens manufactured to the number of Jupiter pens sold.

- (A) 3:2 (B) 2:1 (C) 8:9 (D) 5:3
(E) 4:5

79. Manufacturing cost of a Gripper pen is Rs. 4. Find the difference between manufacturing cost of all the Gripper pens and selling price of number of Gripper pens sold.

- (A) Rs. 2,00,000 (B) Rs. 2,40,000
(C) Rs. 1,50,000 (D) Rs. 2,15,000
(E) Rs. 1,80,000

80. Out of the total number of Pointex pens manufactured, how much percent of Pointex pens remains unsold?

- (A) 32% (B) 15% (C) 24% (D) 16%
(E) 27%

ANSWER KEY

1. (E)	2. (B)	3. (C)	4. (A)	5. (C)	6. (C)	7. (D)	8. (C)	9. (C)	10. (D)
11. (E)	12. (C)	13. (E)	14. (B)	15. (E)	16. (D)	17. (E)	18. (E)	19. (B)	20. (D)
21. (C)	22. (E)	23. (C)	24. (E)	25. (C)	26. (B)	27. (A)	28. (D)	29. (E)	30. (D)
31. (E)	32. (A)	33. (E)	34. (C)	35. (D)	36. (D)	37. (B)	38. (C)	39. (C)	40. (C)
41. (C)	42. (C)	43. (B)	44. (B)	45. (E)	46. (D)	47. (B)	48. (C)	49. (A)	50. (A)
51. (A)	52. (C)	53. (B)	54. (C)	55. (D)	56. (E)	57. (C)	58. (B)	59. (D)	60. (B)
61. (D)	62. (B)	63. (A)	64. (D)	65. (D)	66. (A)	67. (C)	68. (E)	69. (D)	70. (E)
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