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NATIONAL NEWS

- Which state topped the NITI Aayog Investment Friendliness Index 2026? **Gujarat**
- Which state became the first to adopt a Risk-Based Business Approval System? **Chhattisgarh**
- Against how many dengue virus serotypes does QDENGGA provide protection?
All four dengue virus serotypes (DENV-1 to DENV-4)
- Where will India's first AI-powered bird sanctuary be developed? **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- Which Ramsar Site will host India's first AI-powered bird sanctuary?
Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary Jammu
- Who inaugurated India's first language museum 'Shabdlok'? **Amit Shah**
- Where is India's first language museum 'Shabdlok' located?
Kolkata, West Bengal
- Which bridge was inaugurated over the Shayok River in Ladakh?
Udmaroo Bridge
- Over which river is the Udmaroo Bridge built?
Shayok River
- In which district of Ladakh is the Udmaroo Bridge located?
Nubra district
- Which member number did India become in the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement?
123rd member
- During which WTO Ministerial Conference was the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement adopted?
12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12)
- Which Indian state signed an MoU with the UAE for a Food Processing Cluster?
Andhra Pradesh
- Which organisation signed the MoU with the UAE Food Cluster?
Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board
- Which company will establish the food processing unit in Andhra Pradesh?
Floor Masters International
- Which village became India's first climate-resilient village?
Killai, Tamil Nadu
- Which state launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog Platform?
Rajasthan
- What is the objective of the Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog Platform?
To provide employment
- Which state signed an MoU with SRFTI to establish its first film institute?
Jharkhand
- With which institute did Jharkhand sign the MoU for its first film institute?
Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute
- Which country has the world's second-most electrified railway network?
India
- Approximately what percentage of India's Broad Gauge railway network has been electrified?
More than 97%
- Which state launched the BHARAT TAXI service?
Maharashtra
- Who launched the BHARAT TAXI service?
Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis
- Where was the BHARAT TAXI service launched?
Navi Mumbai International Airport
- What is the new name of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme?
Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme
- Which classes are covered under the expanded Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme?
Classes 1 to 8 in government schools
- Which city will host the International Type 1 Diabetes Summit 2026?
Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Which organisations are jointly organising the International Type 1 Diabetes Summit 2026?
Clinton Foundation
- Which organisation signed an MoU with MAHAPREIT to promote green infrastructure?
NABARD
- What does MAHAPREIT stand for?
Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy
- Which sectors will the NABARD–MAHAPREIT partnership primarily promote?

Renewable energy, EV charging, solar energy and climate resilience

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Which country became the first European Union (EU) nation to ban social media access for children under 15? **France**
- From which date will children under 15 not be allowed to create new social media accounts in France? **1 September 2026**
- From when will the ban apply to existing social media accounts in France? **January 2027**

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS NEWS

- Who received the Bharat Samman 2026 award? **Dr. Nandini Azad**
- For what contributions was Dr. Nandini Azad honoured with the Bharat Samman 2026? **Women's empowerment**
- Who will receive the Career Pardo Award? **James Gray**
- At which film festival is the Career Pardo Award presented? **Locarno Film Festival, Switzerland**
- What is the highest honour of the Locarno Film Festival? **Golden Leopard (Pardo d'Oro)**
- Who was selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026? **Ajit Doval**
- Why was Ajit Doval selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026? **counter-terrorism and border security**
- Which was the first Santhali-language film to win a National Film Award? **Angen (Invisible)**
- Which National Film Award did Angen (Invisible) win? **Best Debut Film of a Director**
- Who directed the Santhali-language film Angen (Invisible)? **Ravi Raj Murmu**

APPOINTMENTS NEWS

- Which actor was appointed Brand Ambassador of Policybazaar? **Amitabh Bachchan**
- Which campaign will Amitabh Bachchan promote as Policybazaar Brand Ambassador?

"Parivaar Sabse Pehle" campaign

- Who was appointed Director in the Department of Defence? **Sudheer Kumar Singh**
- Under which ministry does the Department of Defence function? **Ministry of Defence**
- Who was appointed as the CEO of NITI Aayog? **Anurag Jain**
- Which IAS batch does Anurag Jain belong to? **1989 batch (Madhya Pradesh cadre)**
- Whose additional charge did Anurag Jain succeed as NITI Aayog CEO? **Nidhi Chibber**
- Which committee approved the appointment of Anurag Jain as NITI Aayog CEO? **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet**
- Who was appointed as the next CEO of Infosys? **Ashiss Dash**
- Whom will Ashiss Dash succeed as Infosys CEO? **Salil Parekh**
- When will Salil Parekh's second term as Infosys CEO end? **31 March 2027**
- Which committee recommended the appointment of Ashiss Dash as Infosys CEO? **Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC)**
- Who became the new Prime Minister of Lithuania? **Mindaugas Sinkevicius**
- Who became the first AI Minister of the United Kingdom? **Kanishka Narayan**
- Who became the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom? **Andy Burnham**

BANKING NEWS

- Which new framework was introduced by the RBI? **Specified Non-Financial Assets**
- To which institutions does the RBI's SNFA Framework apply? **All India Financial Institutions**
- What are Specified Non-Financial Assets (SNFAs)? **Non-Performing Asset (NPA) loans**
- Within how many years must banks dispose of SNFAs under the RBI framework? **Within 7 years**
- Which company will acquire a controlling stake in IDBI Bank? **Fairfax Financial Holdings (Canada)**
- What is the estimated value of Fairfax's acquisition of IDBI Bank? **Approximately US\$5.5 billion**

- Whose stake in IDBI Bank is being sold to Fairfax?
Life Insurance Corporation
- Which bank signed an MoU with Digital India BHASHINI for multilingual AI banking?
Punjab National Bank
- What is the objective of the PNB–BHASHINI partnership?
To provide banking services
- What does BHASHINI stand for?
BHASHA Interface for India
- Under which programme is BHASHINI implemented?
Digital India Programme
- Which ministry implements the BHASHINI initiative?
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- Which technologies power the BHASHINI initiative?
Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Which company introduced India's first Meal Card with UPI payments?
EnKash
- What is EnKash?
Indian business payments management platform
- Which organisation developed the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)?
National Payments Corporation of India
- What does UPI stand for?
Unified Payments Interface
- Which is India's domestic card payment network?
RuPay

SPORTS NEWS

- Which Indian shuttler became the first Indian to win the Japan Open title?
PV Sindhu
- The Japan Open is a tournament of which BWF World Tour category?
Super 750
- Which Indian woman became the first Indian Olympic medallist in badminton?
PV Sindhu
- Where is the headquarters of the Badminton World Federation (BWF)?
Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul
- How many medals did Indian students win at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2026?
Four medals
- What type of competition is the International Biology Olympiad (IBO)?
An international science competition
- Which institution functions under the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) and coordinates India's participation in the IBO?
Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education
- Who became the first Indian to score an ODI century at Lord's?
Rohit Sharma
- By what nickname is Rohit Sharma popularly known?
Hitman
- How many ODI double centuries has Rohit Sharma scored?
Three
- Who became the first footballer to start three FIFA World Cup Finals?
Lionel Messi
- In which years did Lionel Messi start FIFA World Cup Finals?
2014, 2022 and 2026
- How many Ballon d'Or awards has Lionel Messi won?
Eight

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- Which institution inaugurated India's first AI-integrated vertical university campus?
VELS Institute of Science
- Where is India's first AI-integrated vertical university campus located?
Thiruvanniyur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Who inaugurated India's first AI-integrated vertical university campus?
Padma Shri Sridhar Vembu
- Which organisations have collaborated with VISTAS to establish Industry-Academia Centres of Excellence (CoEs)?
Microsoft and Oracle Academy
- Which rank did the Indian Air Force (IAF) secure among independent air forces in the WDMMA Global Air Power Rankings 2026?
3rd
- Which rank did India secure overall in the WDMMA Global Air Power Rankings 2026?
6th
- Which rating system is used by WDMMA for Global Air Power Rankings?
True Value Rating (TVR) System
- Which two air forces ranked above the Indian Air Force among independent air forces in the WDMMA rankings?
U.S. and Russian Air Force
- Which Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) will be commissioned by the Indian Navy?
Malvan
- Malvan belongs to which class of Anti-Submarine Warfare vessels?

Mahe-class ASW-SWC

- Which shipyard built the ASW craft Malvan?

Kochi

- Which was the first indigenous Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft?

INS Mahe

- Where were India's first geothermal wells commissioned?

Puga Valley, Ladakh

- Who commissioned India's first geothermal wells?

Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena

- What is geothermal energy?

Energy obtained from Earth's surface

- Which institution will establish the ECOGEN Centre of Excellence on Green Hydrogen?

IIT Kanpur

- What is the full form of ECOGEN?

Centre of Excellence on Integrated Ecosystem

- Under which policy has the ECOGEN project been sanctioned?

Uttar Pradesh Green Hydrogen Policy, 2024

- Which national mission does the ECOGEN initiative support?

National Green Hydrogen Mission

- Which organisation developed India's first indigenous expendable turbojet engine?

Gas Turbine Research Establishment

- GTRE is a laboratory of which organisation?

Defence Research and Development Organisation

- Which institution will establish the ECOGEN What is the thrust class of India's first indigenous expendable turbojet engine?

350 kg thrust class