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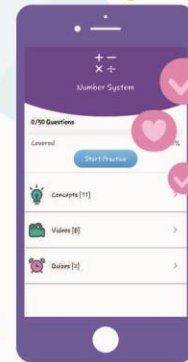
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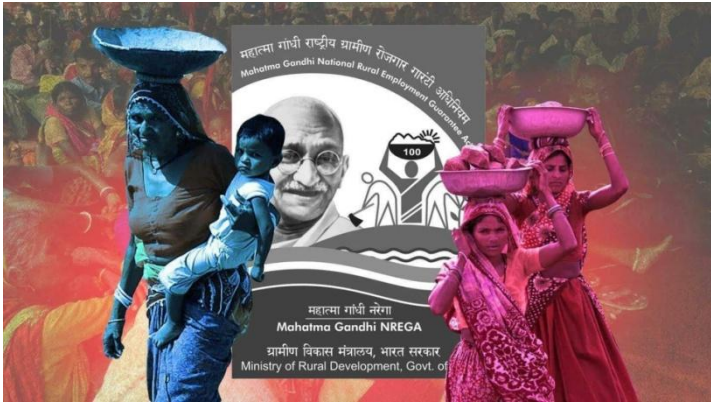


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MGNREGA replaced by VB-G RAM G



The Act will come into force on 1 July, 2026 and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 will stand repealed. To ensure seamless transition, existing e-KYC verified MGNREGA Job Cards shall remain valid until Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards are issued.

Salient Features of the VB-G RAM G Ac

Viksit Bharat @2047 Alignment: Shifts towards integrated rural development and durable asset creation. **Thematic Public Works:** Prioritizes four areas- water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihood-related assets, and extreme weather mitigation.

Key Statutory Provisions

Centrally Sponsored Scheme: Shared responsibilities between Centre and States. **Enhanced Guarantee:** Mandates a statutory 125 days of guaranteed unskilled wage employment per rural household annually. **Prompt Payments & Penalties:** Wages must be paid weekly or within 15 days from closure of muster rolls; delays incur a daily compensation rate of 0.05% of unpaid wages.

Unemployment Allowance: If employment not provided within 15 days, mandates an allowance at one-fourth of the notified wage for the first 30 days, and one-half thereafter. **Agricultural Balance:** Empowers States to notify up to a 60-day pause during peak sowing/harvesting seasons to secure farm labour. **Tech-Enabled Governance:** Integrates face authentication for attendance, GIS, AI-enabled analytics, real-time dashboards, and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Participatory Planning: Execution relies on bottom-up Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans (VGPPs) seamlessly integrated into the Viksit Bharat-National Rural Infrastructure Stack (VB-NRIS).

What is VB-G RAM G?

It is a legislative framework that repeals and replaces the MGNREGA, 2005, effective July 1, 2026. It transitions India's rural safety net from an open-ended, demand-driven right to a centralized, supply-driven, budget-capped asset-creation mission.

Why Introduced?

Rectifying Scattered Capital Spend: Sub-optimal asset creation under MGNREGA led to short-term distress employment rather than asset creation.

Structural Labor Realignment: Nearly 45% of India's rural workforce remains underemployed or engaged in low-productivity farm operations. (Source: Periodic Labour Force Survey). The framework systematically migrates excess labor into infrastructure assets.

Capping Fiscal Volatility: Unpredictable mid-year supplementary budget spikes under demand-driven models created severe financial strains on the Union Treasury.

Objectives

Boost Rural Disposable Income: Elevate household consumption by expanding the baseline legal employment days.

Build Durable Rural Assets: Align village level infrastructure to the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan to accelerate saturation outcomes.

Enforce Leakage-Free Governance: Deploy modern biometric, geospatial, and AI tools to eradicate corrupt intermediary networks.

Key Features Of VB-G RAM G

Enhanced Employment Threshold: Guarantees 125 days of wage employment per rural household annually, marking a 25% statutory increase over the older 100-day metric.

Shared Financial Architecture: Operates as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a mandatory 60:40 Centre-to-State cost-sharing ratio for general states, and 90:10 for Himalayan and Northeastern states.

Normative Budget Allocations: The Centre pre-defines and caps state budgets using objective indicators and rule-based parameters instead of open-ended demand requests.

Statutory Agricultural Pause: Mandates a 60-day freeze on public works during peak local sowing and harvesting periods to preserve critical farm labor supply lines.

Thematic Work Verticals: Restricts all public works strictly into four domains: water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihood-related assets, and climate resilience.

National Doctor's Day celebrates on 1st July



India celebrates National Doctor's Day on July 1, the birth anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, an eminent physician, academician, freedom fighter and politician.

Doctor's Day is celebrated globally on different dates. The date changes from country to country.

National Doctor's Day marks the role of doctors who work tirelessly to ensure that patients remain in good health.

The day celebrates the efforts taken by the healthcare staff for their hardwork and dedication.

The theme for this year's is

"Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?"

National Doctor's Day: History

It was in 1991, when the day was first established. Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy is remembered on this day. He was a famous doctor and West Bengal's second chief minister. Interestingly, his birthday and death anniversary are on the same day.

The day honors Dr Roy and also recognises everyone's effort to patients.

About Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy:

Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy was born in 1882 in Patna. He was the youngest of the five siblings. Dr BC Roy studied at Presidency College in Kolkata and later at Patna College with Honours in Mathematics.

In 1901, he joined the Calcutta Medical College. After completing medical studies in India, Dr BC Roy left for England only with a small sum of money for higher studies.

He was repeatedly refused admission at St. Bartholomew's Hospital but he was determined and kept submitting his application.



After nearly 30 applications, Dr BC Roy was admitted, say records. In just a little over two years, he became a member of the Royal College of Physicians and a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

During the freedom movement, Dr BC Roy became close to Mahatma Gandhi. In 1933, when the Mahatma was starting a fast in Poona, Dr BC Roy went to see him. Gandhiji had refused medicines because they were not made in India.

UN Sustainable Development Report 2026

India ranked 94th out of 167 countries in the 2026 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index, achieving its highest-ever position with an overall score of 68.3 out of 100, according to the Sustainable Development Report 2026 released by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).

What are the Key Findings of the Sustainable Development Report 2026?

Global

Off Track for 2030: Globally, none of the 17 SDGs are on track to be achieved by 2030.

Only about 16.5% of individual SDG targets are progressing on track, with nearly half making only marginal progress and 15% actively reversing since 2015.

Top Performers: Nordic countries continue to lead the global rankings, with Finland securing the top spot, followed closely by Sweden and Denmark.

At the bottom of the index are Chad, the Central African Republic, and South Sudan due to conflict and instability.

Most Stagnant Goals: The goals furthest off track globally are SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities), SDG 14 (Life Below Water), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).

Multilateralism Commitment: Barbados ranked first globally in its commitment to UN-based multilateralism, whereas the US ranked last, largely due to its opposition to the 2030 Agenda and withdrawal from international organizations.

India

Major Global Mover: Since the SDGs were adopted in 2015, India has climbed 18 places (from 112th to 94th), making it one of the fastest-improving major economies alongside China.

However, it still lags behind South Asian neighbors like Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

2030 Projections: Only 33.3% of India's SDG targets are on track to be achieved by 2030, while progress is limited to 42.7% of targets, and 24% have worsened.



The Hunger Crisis (SDG 2): Zero Hunger remains India's most pressing challenge.

Progress is stagnating, with child wasting rising to 19% (the highest globally), child stunting remaining severe at 29.3%, and undernourishment rising to 12%.

Widespread Structural Bottlenecks: India faces "major challenges" in 7 of the 17 goals, specifically SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities), SDG 14 (Life Below Water), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).

Governance and Health Reversals: Under SDG 16, India's score on the Press Freedom Index has dropped severely (from 59.51 in 2015 to 31.96).

Deteriorating: India is deteriorating on two environmental SDGs—SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

The decline in SDG 13 is primarily driven by rising carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel combustion and cement production, with per capita CO₂ emissions reaching a record high of 2.21 tonnes.

Areas of Success: The report highlights that India has made significant, notable progress globally in expanding electricity access (SDG 7) and increasing mobile broadband and internet usage (SDG 9).

India launches e-OCI card for overseas citizen



What It Is?

The Electronic Overseas Citizen of India (e-OCI) Card is a citizen-centric, paperless documentation framework designed for the global Indian diaspora. It converts the traditional, physical OCI stamp-and-booklet layout into an institutionalized, securely verifiable digital credential.

Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India.

Aim: To eliminate physical paperwork, verification delays, and administrative overhead costs for more than 50 lakh OCI holders.

To integrate diaspora credentials directly with real-time digital immigration security lines across all Indian airports.

Key Features of the e-OCI System:

Elimination of the Age-20 Booklet Re-issue: Scraps the complex rule that forced cardholders to get a fresh physical OCI booklet re-issued whenever they received a new passport after turning 20 years old.

Seamless Online Passport Updates: Cardholders simply log in to update their new passport numbers and details online without needing physical submissions or in-person verification.

Lifelong Unique Registration: Assigns an unchangeable, unique digital registration number to each cardholder to ensure secure, lifelong tracking.

End-to-End Digital Workflow: Applicants can submit applications, upload supporting documents, clear security profiles,

and download their approved digital e-OCI cards directly via ociservices.gov.in.

Advanced OCR Analysis: Uses Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology to automatically verify uploaded foreign passports, reducing data errors and processing times.

Virtual Mobile Portability: Cardholders can safely store and display their digital credentials on mobile devices, removing the risk of losing or damaging physical booklets during international travel.



Key Benefits Preserved Under the Scheme:

Registered e-OCI cardholders continue to enjoy robust statutory rights under Section 7A of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Lifelong Visa Status: Grants a multiple-entry, multi-purpose lifelong visa to visit India for any general purpose.

FRRO Exemptions: Complete exemption from reporting or registering with local police authorities or Foreigners Regional Registration Officers (FRRO), regardless of the length of stay in India.

Economic Parity: Grants equal status with Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) across economic, educational, and financial sectors—excluding the right to buy agricultural or plantation properties.

Frictionless Employment: Permits cardholders to take up employment in India without needing to apply for a separate commercial employment visa.

ICC Women's T20 World Cup Winners List (2009–2026)



The 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup concluded in England as Australia clinched their 7th record-breaking title. This tournament has produced some of the sport's greatest champions. Since the inaugural edition in 2009, this tournament has witnessed the rise of the dominant teams and historic firsts in each year and some of the unforgettable finals. Here is the latest breakdown of ICC Women's T20 World Cup winners list from 2009 to 2026, along with the captain, runners-up, and some of the key records.

Year	Host Country	Winner	Winning Captain	Runner-up	Runner-up Captain
2026	England	Australia	Sophie Molineux	England	Nat Sciver-Brunt
2024	UAE (Hosted for Bangladesh)	New Zealand	Sophie Devine	South Africa	Laura Wolvaardt
2023	South Africa	Australia	Meg Lanning	South Africa	Sune Luus
2020	Australia	Australia	Meg Lanning	India	Harmanpreet Kaur
2018	West Indies	Australia	Meg Lanning	England	Heather Knight
2016	India	West Indies	Stafanie Taylor	Australia	Meg Lanning
2014	Bangladesh	Australia	Meg Lanning	England	Charlotte Edwards
2012	Sri Lanka	Australia	Jodie Fields	England	Charlotte Edwards
2010	West Indies	Australia	Alex Blackwell	New Zealand	Aimee Watkins
2009	England	England	Charlotte Edwards	New Zealand	Aimee Watkins

2009 – England became the Inaugural Champions

The inaugural edition of the Women's T20 World Cup was held in England and England's captain Charlotte Edwards has guided the history.

England has defeated New Zealand by six wickets in the final at Lord's, and they have become the first-ever team to win the Women's T20 World Cup champions.

2010 – Australia's First Title

In the 2nd edition, Australia clinched the maiden Women's T20 World Cup trophy in the West Indies under Alex Blackwell.

They defeated New Zealand by three runs in a thrilling final, and it started the new era for women's T20 cricket.

2012 – Australia Successfully Defends Its Title

Under the leadership of Jodie Fields, Australia has successfully defended its title after beating England by four runs in Sri Lanka.

With this, they became the first team to successfully defend the Women's T20 World Cup.

2014 – Historic Hatrick by Australia

For the third consecutive time, Australia won the tournament under the new leadership of Meg Lanning.

They have defeated the rival England by six wickets in Bangladesh to win their third consecutive championship.

2016 – West Indies Creates History

West Indies won the 2016 ICC Women's T20 World Cup by defeating Australia in the final at Eden Gardens, Kolkata, India.

Under the leadership of Stefanie Taylor, the team has inspired the team, and with the contribution of Hayley Matthews, 66 runs helped West Indies lift the title against Australia.

2024 – New Zealand Ends Its 15-Year ICC Trophy Wait

In 2024, New Zealand lifted its maiden Women's T20 World Cup trophy.

Under the leadership of Sophie Devine, New Zealand defeated South Africa in the final.

2026 – Australia Clinch Record Seventh Title

After missing the final in 2024, Australia bounced back in 2026 and won the trophy.



2018 – Australia Return With Bang

In 2018, Australia, after facing a setback in 2016, won the title against arch-rivals England.

Under the leadership of Lanning, they defeated England by eight wickets, and Alyssa Healy and Ashleigh Gardner produced a match-winning performance.

2020 – Australia Win At Home Turf

At the Melbourne Cricket Ground in front of 86,000 spectators, Australia dominated throughout the final match and produced one of the greatest performances in tournament history.

Beth Mooney and Alyssa Healy's performance has crushed India's hope and won their fifth title.

2023 – Sixth Title for Australia

In South Africa, Australia remained unbeaten throughout the tournament,

Australia has defeated host nation South Africa in the final.

After defeating England, Australia won its seventh title in the tournament's history.

Most Successful Teams in ICC Women's T20 World Cup History

Australia: 7 times

England: 1 times

West Indies: 1 times

New Zealand: 1 times

Modified UDAN Scheme



What is the Regional Connectivity Scheme – Modified UDAN?

About: The Modified UDAN scheme, introduced in the Union Budget 2025–26, is a revamped version of the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) initiative, aimed at ensuring affordable air travel, improving connectivity to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, and promoting both infrastructure development and long-term operational sustainability.

Need for the Modified UDAN: While the original UDAN scheme, launched in October 2016, successfully operationalized 663 routes and carried over 162.47 lakh passengers, it faced significant sustainability challenges:

High Discontinuation Rates: According to a Comptroller and Auditor General of India report, only 7% to 10% of routes remained financially viable after their initial subsidy period ended.

The original three-year cap on subsidies was not long enough for airlines to develop self-sustaining markets on Tier-2 and Tier-3 routes.

Abandoned Routes and Airports: Out of the 663 routes launched since 2017, 327 had fallen into disuse by February 2026.

Furthermore, 15 of the 95 airports revived under the scheme had ceased operations.

Core Pillars of the Modified UDAN:

Extended Subsidies (Viability Gap Funding): To keep airfares affordable (historically capped at Rs 2,500 per hour of flight for half the seats), the government subsidizes airline operators.

The modified scheme extends this subsidy window from three to five years, giving airlines a longer runway to establish profitable routes.

Direct Government Funding: Instead of funding these subsidies through an extra levy added to passenger tickets on major routes, the financial support will now come directly from the government exchequer.

Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Support: Moving beyond just building airports, the government will now actively subsidize the day-to-day running costs of low-traffic aerodromes to prevent them from shutting down.

Massive Infrastructure Expansion: The scheme targets the development of 100 airports from currently unserved airstrips and the construction of 200 modern helipads specifically designed for remote, hilly, and island regions.

Focus on Indigenous Aviation: Aligning with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, the program includes provisions to procure locally manufactured aircraft, such as HAL Dhruv helicopters and HAL Dornier planes, to navigate difficult terrains.

What is the Background of UDAN Scheme?

About: UDAN is a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation aimed at democratising aviation and enhancing regional connectivity, ensuring access to air travel even in remote areas.

Launched under the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016, it focuses on connecting Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities through a market-driven yet financially supported model, with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) as the nodal implementing agency.

Core Mechanism & Funding: The scheme sustains affordable air travel through an airfare cap, financially supported by Viability Gap Funding (VGF) from the Centre.

This is backed by collaborative governance, including waived landing charges and state commitments to reduce VAT on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to 1% or less.

Massive Infrastructure Expansion: India's overall airport network has more than doubled, growing from 74 airports in 2014 to 159 airports in 2024.

Strategic Evolution (UDAN 1.0 to 5.0): The initiative systematically expanded its scope from connecting underserved airports to including helipads in UDAN 2.0, introducing tourism routes in UDAN 3.0, focusing on hilly regions, the North-East, and island territories in UDAN 4.0, and further promoting seaplane operations under UDAN 5.0 series.

23rd FIFA Men's World Cup 2026



Recently, the 23rd FIFA Men's World Cup has begun.

FIFA – Federation Internationale de Football Association.

It is the global governing body for football, managing its rules and development worldwide.

Founded in – Paris in 1904.

Headquarters – Zurich, Switzerland.

Members– 211 national associations.

All India Football Federation (AIFF), has been officially affiliated with FIFA since 1948, but never played a match in FIFA World Cup.

Flagship Tournaments –FIFA World Cup, FIFA Women's World Cup and the FIFA Club World Cup.

First Tournament – 1930, hosted by Uruguay (Winner – Uruguay).

Frequency – Held every 4 years (except during WW-II).

Expansion – 13 teams (1930) to 48 teams (2026).

Titles – Brazil (5), Germany (4), Italy (4), Argentina (3 – defending champions), France (2).

Argentina defends title; only Italy and Brazil have ever retained the trophy.

FIFA World Cup, 2026

Hosted by – United States, Canada, Mexico (first time jointly hosted by 3 nations – Canada hosting for the first time).

Significant Changes

Format – Expanded to 48 teams, 12 groups of 4 and 104 matches to promote inclusivity, expand global reach, increase commercial value.

Key Facts About FIFA World Cup 2026

Aspect	Details
Host Nations	USA, Canada, Mexico
Total Participating Teams	48
Total Matches to Played	104
Opening Match	Mexico vs South Africa
Date of The Final	July 19, 2026
Host Cities	16

FIFA Peace Prize

Established on - 2025 to honour individuals taking exceptional actions for peace and unity across the world.

The inaugural prize was presented to U.S. President Donald Trump

FIFA World Cup

18-carat solid gold prize, depicts two human figures holding up the Earth.

Winning nations now receive only a bronze and gold-plated replica (Winners' Trophy), while the original solid gold trophy is kept permanently at the FIFA Museum in Zurich, Switzerland.

The UDISE Report 2025–26

UDISE+ 2025-26 serves as a comprehensive statistical database for the Indian school education system, covering approx. 14.67 lakh schools and over 24 crore students.

key findings of the report

Number of Teachers: Teachers exceeded 1.02 crore in 2025–26, marking an 8.3% increase over 2022–23.

Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR): The current PTRs are 10 for Foundational, 12 for Preparatory, 17 for Middle, and 21 for Secondary levels.

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommends a ratio of 30:1.

Reduced Drop Out Rates: Dropout rates fell to 1.8% at the preparatory level (from 2.3%) and to 7.0% at the secondary level (from 8.2%) in 2025–26.

Improved Student Retention Rate: Rising to 83.7 % and 51.9 % at the middle and secondary stages, respectively. **Improved Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER):** GER at the secondary level rose from 68.5% in 2024-25 to 71.7 % in 2025-26.

Improved Infrastructure: Number of schools with computer access, increasing from 64.7% in 2024-25 to 69.9% in 2025-26.

In 2025-26, 95.0% of schools are powered with electricity, and 98.5% have girls' toilets.

Improved Female Representation: Women in 2025-26, comprising 54.9% of the total teaching workforce and girls' enrolment reaching 48.4% in 2025-26.

Gender Parity Index (GPI): GPI measured as ratio of GER of girls to GER of boys stood at above 1 at all level indicating more proportionally higher participation of girls as compared to boys.

About UDISE

UDISE is an educational management information system under the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education.

UDISE+ functions as a central platform that enables respective schools to efficiently record and submit data related to its profile (infrastructure & facilities), individual students and teachers' details

Wimbledon Winners List 2026



Linda Noskova Wins Wimbledon 2026

In 2026, the Wimbledon women's singles championship delivered a landmark moment for Czech tennis, as Linda

Noskova defeated Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 to win her first title in her maiden major final appearance.

Muchova, who had also finished as a runner-up at the 2023 French Open, once again came close to winning her first Grand Slam crown. Noskova became the latest Czech champion to continue Czechia's outstanding legacy at Wimbledon.

The 2026 Wimbledon women's singles championship delivered a landmark moment for Czech tennis. Linda Noskova defeated Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 to capture her first Grand Slam title in her maiden major final appearance.

After this victory, Noskova joined an elite list of the Czech Wimbledon champions, including Jana Novotna, Petra Kvitova, Marketa Vondrousova, and Barbora Krejčíková.

Note : Novak Djokovic reach the Wimbledon 2026 final?

No. Djokovic reached the semi-finals, where he lost in straight sets to Sinner for the second consecutive year, after a five-hour quarter-final win over Auger-Aliassime.

Wimbledon Men's Singles Winners List (2026)

Jannik Sinner Defends Wimbledon Title in 2026

Currently world No. 1 Jannik Sinner has successfully defended his Wimbledon title by defeating Alexander Zverev 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the 2026 final.

The win marked Sinner's second consecutive Wimbledon championship and his fifth Grand Slam singles title overall.

After become the first Italian to lift the Wimbledon men's singles trophy in the year 2025, Sinner extended his historic run by

becoming the only Italian player to win the prestigious title more than once.

For Zverev, the final marked his maiden appearance in a Wimbledon championship match, but he fell short of capturing his second Grand Slam title.

Most Successful Wimbledon Men's Singles Champions (Open Era)

There are several legendary players have dominated the Wimbledon since the Open Era began.

Player	Wimbledon Titles
Roger Federer	8
Novak Djokovic	7
Pete Sampras	7

Wimbledon 2026 results: every champion

Complete Wimbledon 2026 Champions List

Category	Champion
Men's Singles	Jannik Sinner (Italy)
Women's Singles	Linda Noskova (Czechia)
Men's Doubles	Harri Heliövaara (Finland) / Henry Patten (Great Britain)
Women's Doubles	Guo Hanyu (China) / Kristina Mladenovic (France)
Mixed Doubles	Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador) / Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)
Wheelchair Men's Singles	Tokito Oda (Japan)
Wheelchair Women's Singles	Yui Kamiji (Japan)
Wheelchair Quad Singles	Niels Vink (Netherlands)

Record prize money: Wimbledon 2026 paid out a record £64.2 million in total prize money

The records set at Wimbledon 2026

Sinner became the tenth man in the Open Era to defend the Wimbledon gentlemen's singles title.

Nosková, at 21 years and 236 days, became the youngest ladies' champion since Petra Kvitová in 2011.

The women's final was the first all-Czech Wimbledon singles final in the Open Era.

Arévalo became a rare same-day men's-doubles finalist and mixed-doubles champion.

NATIONAL NEWS



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.

- 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.

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.

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 – QDENG A



- 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.

India Becomes 123rd Member of WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement



- India became the 123rd member of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (AFS). India became a founding member of the WTO on 1 January 1995.
- The Agreement was adopted during the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) which was held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- It was received by WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala. World Trade Organization Established: 1 January 1995, HQ: Geneva, Switzerland.

Killai Becomes India's First Climate-Resilient Village



- Killai village in Tamil Nadu has become India's first climate-resilient village.
- The initiative focuses on protecting coastal communities from climate change and natural disasters.
- The village has adopted climate-resilient housing, disaster preparedness, and sustainable livelihood practices.

Rajasthan Launches Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog Platform



- Rajasthan launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog Platform to empower youth.
- The platform provides employment, skill development, internships, and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- It acts as a single digital portal connecting youth with government schemes.

Indian Railways Becomes World's Second-Most Electrified Network



- Indian Railways has become the world's second-most electrified railway network after Switzerland.
- More than 97% of the Broad Gauge network has been electrified.
- railway electrification is the absolute backbone of Indian Railways' ambitious commitment to become a Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030.

ICAI Inaugurates Global Orbit Summit 2026 in New Delhi

- ICAI organized the Global Orbit Summit 2026 in New Delhi to strengthen India's role in global trade and professional services.

- The summit focused on Global Capability Centres (GCCs), innovation, cross-border collaboration, and skill development.
- ICAI, established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, regulates the Chartered Accountancy profession in India.

Assam Launches Statewide Drug Disposal Campaign



- Assam launched a statewide campaign to safely collect and dispose of expired, unused, and unwanted medicines.
- The campaign promotes scientific disposal methods and raises awareness about responsible medicine disposal.
- It supports public health, environmental protection, and sustainable waste management.

Shivraj Singh Launches Nationwide 'Vriksh Mitra' Campaign



- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Vriksh Mitra' campaign to promote tree plantation and environmental conservation.
- The campaign encourages citizens and institutions to plant and nurture trees.
- It supports Mission LiFE and India's climate and green development goals.

Delhi Govt Renames Mahila Samriddhi as Delhi Lakshmi Yojana



- The Delhi Government renamed the Mahila Samriddhi Yojana as the Delhi Lakshmi Yojana.
- The scheme will provide ₹2,500 per month to eligible women from low-income families meeting the prescribed conditions.
- It aims to strengthen financial support and welfare for eligible women in Delhi.

India Launch 1st "Hydrogen for Heritage" Project



- India will launch its first hydrogen-powered train under the "Hydrogen for Heritage" initiative.
- The train will operate on heritage and hill routes, promoting clean, low-carbon rail transport.
- Hydrogen is a zero-emission fuel that produces only water vapour as a by-product.

Uttarakhand Opens First GI Products Gallery



- Uttarakhand inaugurated its first Geographical Indication (GI) Products Gallery.
- The gallery promotes GI-tagged products, local artisans, traditional crafts, tourism, and the local economy.
- GI tags in India are granted under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

Lakhanpur Selected for PM SVANidhi Street Food Hub Initiative



- Lakhanpur (J&K) was selected under the PM SVANidhi Street Food Hub Initiative.
- The project will improve hygiene, infrastructure, business opportunities, and promote local cuisine and tourism.
- PM SVANidhi was launched on 1 June 2020 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

Ahmedabad Sets Tree Plantation Record in Guinness



- Ahmedabad set a Guinness World Record by planting 3.61 lakh saplings in one hour.
- The drive promotes environmental conservation and urban green cover.
- Ahmedabad is India's first UNESCO World Heritage City (2017).

Andhra Pradesh Launches 'Pillale Sampada' Initiative



- 'Pillale Sampada' ("Children are Wealth") is a child welfare initiative launched by the Andhra Pradesh Government.
- The programme focuses on children's education, nutrition, healthcare, and overall development.
- It aims to ensure the holistic well-being of children, especially from vulnerable families.

Gujarat's Unjha Cumin and Fennel Receive GI Tag

- Unjha Cumin (Jeera) and Unjha Fennel (Saunf) from Gujarat received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Unjha in Gujarat's Mehsana district is known as the Spice City of India and hosts one of Asia's largest spice markets.
- In India, GI tags are granted under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, with the GI Registry in Chennai.

Assam Becomes First State to Commercially Produce Matcha Tea



- Assam became India's first state to commercially produce Matcha tea, boosting tea diversification and export opportunities.

- Matcha is a premium powdered green tea made from shade-grown tea leaves and is rich in antioxidants with strong global demand.
- Commercial production will increase farmers' income through specialty tea and promote innovation and value addition in the tea sector.

Maharashtra Govt Bans Sale of High-Energy Drinks Near Schools



- Maharashtra banned the sale of high-energy drinks in and around schools to protect children's health.
- The move aims to reduce obesity, sleep disorders, and excess caffeine intake while promoting healthier drinks.
- The ban supports child nutrition initiatives, with compliance monitored by local authorities.

NBA Notifies Assam's 'Borjuli Site' as Biodiversity Heritage Site



- The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) declared Assam's Borjuli Site a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS).
- Biodiversity Heritage Sites are notified under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 to protect ecologically important areas with community participation.
- The recognition will promote conservation, research, sustainable use of biodiversity, and awareness of Assam's natural heritage..

Union Cabinet Approved the Modified UDAN Scheme



- The Union Cabinet approved the Modified UDAN Scheme to strengthen regional air connectivity, especially in underserved and remote areas.
- UDAN has expanded regional connectivity through new airports and flight routes since its launch.
- The modified scheme aims to make regional aviation more sustainable and inclusive.

PM Modi Inaugurates CG Semi OSAT Facility in Sanand



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the CG Semi OSAT facility in Sanand, Gujarat, boosting India's semiconductor mission.
- The facility will assemble, test, mark, and package semiconductor chips for domestic and global markets.
- It will create skilled jobs, attract investments, and support the Semicon India Programme and Make in India initiative.

Sirsa Kinnow, Haryana's Fruit Receives GI Tag

- Sirsa Kinnow received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, recognizing its unique quality and origin in Haryana's Sirsa district.

- Sirsa is a major kinnow-producing region, and the GI tag is expected to boost exports and benefit farmers.
- The GI tag provides legal protection, promotes regional branding, and preserves traditional farming practices.

India Ranks 125th in Global Passport Index 2026



- India ranked 125th in the Global Passport Index 2026, down one place from the previous year.
- The index ranks passports based on visa-free, visa-on-arrival, and electronic travel authorization access.
- It measures global travel freedom, connectivity, and diplomatic strength.

Gujarat to Introduce State's First Air-Filled Rubber Dams



- Gujarat will build its first air-filled rubber dams to improve water conservation and river management.
- These inflatable dams store water during rains and release it during floods, offering a cost-effective and eco-friendly solution.
- The project will improve irrigation, groundwater recharge, drinking water supply, and sustainable water management.

Delhi Govt. Launch ₹ 8,300 Cr. Air Pollution Project with World Bank



- The Delhi Government will implement an ₹8,300 crore air pollution control project with World Bank support.
- The project targets emissions from transport, industries, construction, and waste burning while strengthening air quality monitoring.
- It promotes clean mobility, sustainable urban planning, and better environmental governance.

Kamarajar Port Becomes India's Second Major Port with 18-Metre

- Kamarajar Port has become India's second major port to achieve an 18-metre draft. The deeper draft allows the port to handle larger cargo vessels.
- Increased draft capacity enhances cargo handling efficiency and lowers shipping costs. It strengthens India's maritime trade and logistics infrastructure.
- Kamarajar Port, formerly Ennore Port, is India's first corporatized major port. It is located near Chennai in Tamil Nadu.

Uttarakhand Becomes India's Sixth Fully Literate State



- Uttarakhand became India's sixth fully literate state under the ULLAS programme, achieving over 95% literacy.
- The achievement reflects successful adult education efforts and promotes inclusive, lifelong learning.
- Earlier, Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Kerala, and Himachal Pradesh achieved full literacy, supporting NEP 2020 goals.

Agriculture Minister Launches PRAGATI for 20 Lakh Farmers



- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the PRAGATI Initiative to benefit around 20 lakh farmers.
- The initiative promotes modern farming, digital technologies, capacity building, and sustainable agriculture.
- It aims to improve farmers' income and support agricultural growth and modernization.

Telangana to Host 8th Khelo India Youth Games in November 2026



- Telangana will host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games in November 2026 for the first time.
- Khelo India is the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports' flagship programme to promote grassroots sports and talent development.
- The Games will feature athletes from across India, with top performers eligible for Khelo India support.

UP Launches Chief Minister Teacher Cashless Medical Scheme



- The Uttar Pradesh Government launched the Chief Minister Teacher Cashless Medical Scheme for teachers.
- The scheme provides cashless treatment at empanelled hospitals, improving healthcare access and financial security.
- It strengthens employee welfare and supports better productivity and service quality.

Delhi Ranks 120th in Global Liveability Index



- Delhi ranked 120th in the Global Liveability Index 2026.
- The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) releases the index based on stability, healthcare, culture, environment, education, and infrastructure.
- Mumbai ranked 121st, Chennai 123rd, Bengaluru 127th, while Copenhagen remained the world's most liveable city.

Bengaluru ranked second-best AI-native cluster in Asia

- Bengaluru has been ranked Asia's second-best AI-native startup cluster in the GSER 2026, after Beijing.

- The city accounts for about 58% of India's AI startup funding and ranks among the global top 10 for R&D performance.
- Bengaluru is also ranked 15th globally among startup ecosystems, with an ecosystem value of about \$152.8 billion.

India Ranks 70th In WEF Energy Transition Index 2026



- India climbed to 70th in the WEF Energy Transition Index, emerging as one of the world's strongest improvers.
- The rise was driven by gains in infrastructure, renewable energy, grid expansion, green hydrogen, and sustainability.
- India's green economy also grew rapidly, with low-carbon jobs rising 24% and renewable energy employment reaching 1.3 million.

Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited Granted Navratna Status



- Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) has been granted Navratna status, becoming India's 28th Navratna CPSE.
- The status allows CPCL to invest up to ₹1,000 crore per project without prior government approval.
- It also enables greater financial autonomy and overseas joint ventures, strengthening CPCL's market position.

Northeast's Largest Organic Spice Unit Inaugurated in Meghalaya



- FM Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated Northeast India's largest organic spice processing plant at Bhoirymbong, Meghalaya.
- The ₹32 crore facility can process over 10,000 MT of organic spices annually, benefiting around 5,500 farming families.
- It is the region's first plant with both NPOP and EU organic certifications, boosting direct exports and farmers' income.

Ministry Of Minority Affairs Announces Haj Policy 2027



- The Haj Policy 2027 was released early, allowing online applications through the Haj Committee of India portal and Haj Suvidha App.
- The Haj quota remains 70:30 between the Haj Committee of India and private tour operators, with improved pilgrim support.
- The policy introduces AI-based assistance and stricter medical screening to enhance pilgrim safety and services.

MoCA & Delhi Airport Launch 'Air Suvidha 2.0' portal



- The Ministry of Civil Aviation and DIAL launched Air Suvidha 2.0, an upgraded contactless passenger health declaration portal.
- Developed with the DGHS, it requires international passengers to submit an online health self-declaration before immigration.
- The form can be filled up to 24 hours before arrival in India.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah to launch Bharat Taxi in Gujarat



- The Ministry of Cooperation launched Bharat Taxi, India's first driver-owned cooperative ride-hailing service.
- Operating on a zero-commission model, it ensures drivers receive full ride earnings directly.
- Registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, it also provides drivers with insurance, loans, pensions, and social security benefits.

Jharkhand's Bhagaiya Silk, Munda Jewellery, Craft Get GI Tag



- Jharkhand's Bhagaiya Silk, Kuchai Silk, Munda Jewellery, and Bamboo Craft have received GI Tags.
- The recognition protects their unique identity, promotes traditional craftsmanship, and boosts artisans' incomes.
- NABARD played a key role in securing the GI registration and strengthening producer value chains.

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SC Declares Right to Walk on Safe Footpaths a Fundamental Right

- The Supreme Court ruled that the right to walk on safe footpaths is a fundamental right under Articles 19 and 21.
- It directed civic bodies to build and maintain safe pedestrian infrastructure.
- The Court also urged a dedicated law and regulatory framework to protect pedestrian rights.

India's 7th Regional Meteorological Centre Inaugurated in Jammu

- The IMD's new Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) in Jammu will serve Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, and Himachal Pradesh.
- It will provide district-level forecasts and early warnings for flash floods, avalanches, cloudbursts, and landslides.
- The launch supports IMD's plan to expand India's Doppler Weather Radar network from 50 to 100.

UP Launch 'Project Ganga' to Bring High-Speed Internet to Rural Areas



- The project aims to provide fiber broadband connectivity to 20 lakh households across Uttar Pradesh.
- It will create 8,000–10,000 Digital Service Providers, promoting youth entrepreneurship and women participation.
- The initiative will boost digital education, telemedicine, e-governance, and create over one lakh jobs.

Union Home Minister launch Land Port Mgmt. System 'VINIMAY'



- Amit Shah launched 'VINIMAY', a digital platform to modernize India's land port operations.
- The system integrates cargo and passenger processing, reducing paperwork by 90% and truck waiting time by 40–60%.
- Developed by LPAI, VINIMAY strengthens smart borders, trade efficiency, and security.

Maharashtra to Introduce Women Farmers Empowerment Bill



- The bill aims to support women farmers with better access to credit, subsidies, and land rights.
- It promotes women's leadership in cooperatives and agribusiness through incentives and training.
- The move seeks to recognize women as primary farmers and reduce gender gaps in agriculture.

JNPA Emerges as India's Top Container Port in 2025



- JNPA retained its position as India's top-performing container port and ranked 22nd globally in CPPI 2025.
- The port achieved a record container throughput of 7.94 million TEUs in 2025.
- Growth was driven by capacity expansion and digitalized logistics operations.

Keralam Forms First Ever Artificial Intelligence Ministry



- Kerala became India's first state to create a dedicated cabinet-level AI portfolio.
- P.K. Kunhalikuttu will oversee the AI department along with Industries, Commerce, and IT.
- Twin AI Centres of Excellence in Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram will promote research and startups.

Sikkim Becomes India's Fifth Fully Literate State



- Sikkim became India's first fully literate state under the ULLAS initiative, with a literacy rate of 99.82%.
- The recognition was announced during Sikkim University's seventh convocation in Gangtok.
- ULLAS defines full literacy through adult literacy, basic numeracy, and functional learning benchmarks.

India Set to Test Plastic Currency as RBI Revives Polymer Note Project



- RBI is considering polymer banknotes to reduce currency printing costs and improve durability.
- Polymer notes can last 3–4 times longer than paper notes and offer better resistance to moisture and tearing.
- India had earlier piloted ₹10 polymer notes in 2012, but the project was shelved due to technical challenges.

India Launches First SkyCast System at Delhi Airport

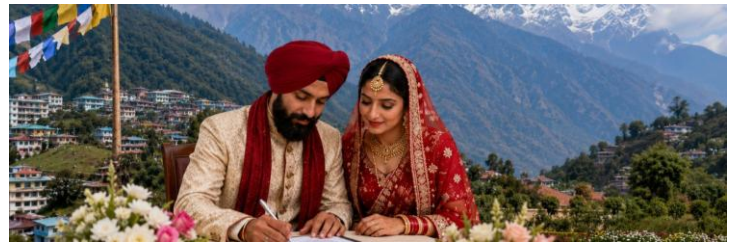
- SkyCast is an advanced aviation weather system providing real-time alerts for fog, wind shear, turbulence, and icing.
- It integrates technologies like Radar Wind Profiler, SODAR, Microwave Radiometer, and Ceilometer.
- With SkyCast, India became the 19th country to deploy an integrated aviation weather monitoring system.

India's first satellite-tagged Ganges soft-shell turtle released



- India released its first satellite-tagged Ganges softshell turtle in Assam's Kaziranga National Park.
- The conservation project was led by WII and Assam Forest Department with National Geographic Society support.
- The endangered species is protected under Schedule I of India's Wildlife Protection Act.

Sikkim to Implement Anand Marriage Act, 1909 from 2026



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Bhopal Introduces India's 1st Solar-Powered 'Algae Tree'



- Bengaluru installed an AI-powered "Algae Tree" at Swami Vivekananda Park to reduce urban pollution.
- The solar-powered unit uses microalgae to absorb CO₂ and release oxygen.
- It can reduce fine pollutants by 45–55% within a 15-metre radius.

Ministry of Edu. Launches Pilot Prog. for Out-of-School Adolescents



- The initiative targets school dropouts aged 14–18, as only 62 out of 100 students reach Class XII.
- It offers flexible open schooling and vocational education through NIOS and State Open Schools.
- The pilot will cover 10 high-dropout districts across nine states/UTs.

Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav Launches 'Ayush Anudan' Portal



- Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav launched the Ayush Anudan Portal for paperless grant management.
- The portal digitizes grant applications, approvals, processing, and real-time tracking.
- It integrates with NITI Aayog's NGO Darpan Portal for faster applicant verification.

Kerala Forms AI Ministry, PK Kunhalikutty Gets Charge



- Kerala became India's first state to establish a cabinet-level AI portfolio.
- P.K. Kunhalikutty was given charge of the new AI ministry along with Industries, IT, Start-ups, and Mining.
- The initiative aims to strengthen AI-driven governance and technology development.

CSIR-CRRI & BPCL Develop Plastic Waste Geocell 'Phoenix'



- CSIR-CRRI and BPCL developed Phoenix, India's first geocell made entirely from mixed plastic waste.
- The geocell strengthens roads and stabilizes soil with performance comparable to virgin plastic products.
- It helps recycle difficult-to-process plastic waste and has been tested on the Delhi Expressway.

Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches PMGSY-IV



- PMGSY-IV aims to connect 50,000 unconnected habitations with all-weather roads.
- ₹19,000 crore has been allocated for rural roads in FY 2026–27.
- The scheme will improve access to healthcare, education, and agricultural markets.

Judiciary Launches One Case One Data, Su Sahay



- One Case One Data (OCOD) will unify judicial records across courts, creating a single digital trail for every case.
- Su Sahay, an AI chatbot, will provide 24/7 guidance on case status, filing, and court procedures.
- The initiatives aim to improve transparency, efficiency, and data-driven judicial management.

V. D. Satheesan Named Kerala's Chief Minister



- V.D. Satheesan became Kerala Chief Minister after the UDF won 102 of 140 Assembly seats.
- His selection followed 10 days of discussions, with support from Congress workers and IUML.
- A six-time MLA from Paravur, Satheesan previously served as Leader of Opposition.

India's Passport Ranked 78th in Henley Passport Index 2026



- India ranked 78th in the Global Passport Index, with access to 56 destinations without a prior visa.
- This is a three-place drop from its earlier 75th position but an improvement from 85th last year.
- India ranks ahead of Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan in South Asia.

India Assumes Chair of Common Criteria Development Board



- India has been elected to the Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB) for a two-year term (April 2026–April 2028).
- MeitY and STQC represent India, with STQC serving as the national certification body.
- The CCDB handles technical development under the Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA).

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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



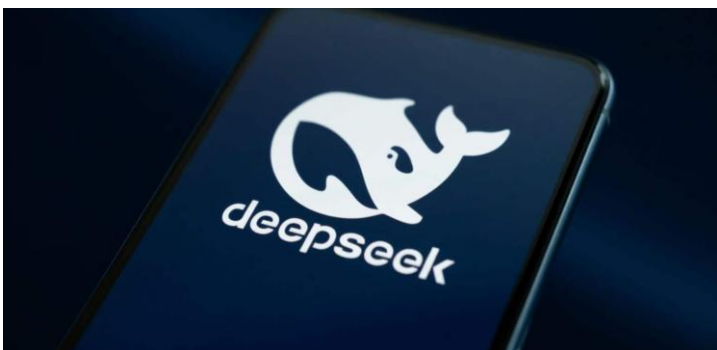
- India participated in the UN's first Global Dialogue on AI Governance in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The dialogue focused on AI ethics, transparency, safety, innovation, and international cooperation.
- India's participation reflects its growing role in global digital governance and promoting safe, inclusive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



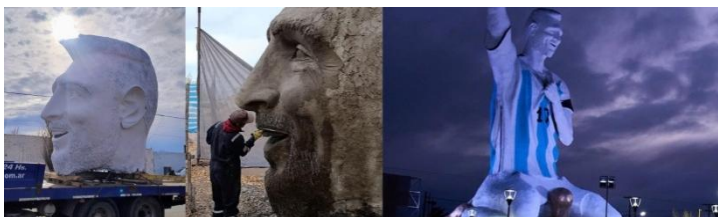
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Prambanan Temple during his Indonesia visit.
- Prambanan is Indonesia's largest Hindu temple complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 9th century and dedicated to Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva.
- The visit highlighted shared cultural ties and strengthened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

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung Nominates Han Seong-sook

- Han Seong-sook, former Naver CEO and current SME Minister, has been nominated as South Korea's Prime Minister.



- If approved, she will become the first female PM of the Lee administration and the country's second woman PM.
- Her nomination follows Kim Min-seok's resignation as PM..

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



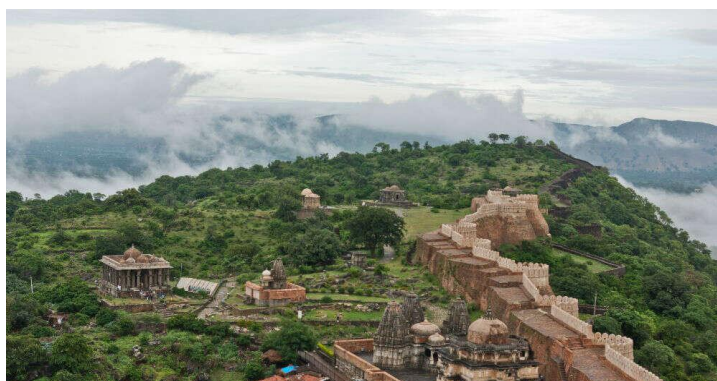
- Kevin Warsh was sworn in as the 17th Chairman of the US Federal Reserve on May 22, 2026.
- He succeeds Jerome Powell, who remains on the Federal Reserve Board.
- A former Fed Governor, Warsh pledged a reform-focused approach centred on price stability and inflation control.

Lionel Messi Becomes Billionaire in Historic Football Milestone

- Lionel Messi became the second footballer to reach billionaire status after Cristiano Ronaldo, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

- His wealth comes from career earnings, endorsements, investments, and commercial partnerships.
- His move to Inter Miami significantly boosted his income through MLS revenue-sharing and media rights.

Kumbhalgarh Fort Recognized as 2ND Longest Wall By UNESCO



- Kumbhalgarh Fort's 36-km wall is recognized as the world's second-longest continuous surviving wall after China's Great Wall.
- Built by Rana Kumbha in the 15th century, it stretches across Rajasthan's Aravalli Hills.
- The fort has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2013.

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.

Kevin Warsh takes oath as Chairman of US Federal Reserve



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- He succeeds Jerome Powell, who remains on the Fed's Board of Governors.
- Warsh previously served as a Fed Governor and will focus on inflation control and institutional independence.

Ali Falih Kadhim al-Zaidi Sworn in as Iraq's Youngest PM



- Ali al-Zaidi, 40, became Iraq's youngest-ever Prime Minister.
- The businessman and banker was chosen as a consensus candidate by the Shiite Coordination Framework.
- He was sworn in with a partially approved cabinet, as some ministerial posts remain vacant.

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.

Google, Blackstone launch \$5 billion AI cloud company

- Google and Blackstone are partnering to expand access to Google's AI chips (TPUs) for enterprises.
- Blackstone will invest \$5 billion and target 500 MW of data-centre capacity by 2027.
- Benjamin Treyner Sloss, a former Google infrastructure executive, will lead the new venture as CEO.

India Becomes Bangladesh's 2nd Trading Partner, Surpassing US



- India surpassed the US to become Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner, with an 8.47% trade share.
- China remains Bangladesh's largest trading partner.
- Strong imports of food, cotton, yarn, and industrial goods from India drove the shift.

PM Modi Receives FAO Agricola Medal in Rome



- PM Narendra Modi received the 2026 Agricola Medal from FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu in Rome.
- The award recognizes his leadership in food security, sustainable agriculture, and rural development.
- Modi dedicated the honour to India's farmers, livestock rearers, fishers, and agricultural scientists.

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.

Bulgaria parliament approves Rumen Radev as new PM



- Former President Rumen Radev became Bulgaria's new Prime Minister after his Progressive Bulgaria party won snap elections.
- His appointment ends years of political instability and repeated elections.
- His government will focus on economic growth and dismantling the oligarchic model.

Yoweri Museveni Sworn In for Seventh Term as Uganda President



- Yoweri Museveni extended his 40-year rule after winning Uganda's 2026 presidential election with 71.65% of the vote.
- Main challenger Bobi Wine rejected the results, alleging fraud, intimidation, and an internet blackout.
- Museveni pledged to focus on economic transformation, regional stability, and stronger EAC cooperation.



NATIONAL NEWS

- Which state launched the Digital Square Education Initiative? **Kerala**
- Which state became the first to introduce AI as a mainstream school subject? **Punjab**
- Under which project has AI been introduced in Punjab schools? **Sarbat.AI Project**
- Which place received the UNESCO World Heritage Tag? **Sarnath**
- Sarnath is located near which city? **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**
- India slipped to which rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026? **81st**
- Which state launched the Family Register Initiative? **Telangana**
- Through which platform is the Family Register Initiative available? **MeeSeva**
- Which state plans to radio-collar elephants for the Haridwar Ardh Kumbh 2027? **Uttarakhand**
- Which institute is providing technical support for the elephant radio-collaring programme? **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)**
- Which state launched the Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi Yojana? **Himachal Pradesh**
- How much annual financial assistance is provided under the Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi Yojana? **₹3,500 per eligible fisherman family**
- Which ministry signed an MoU with Air India? **Ministry of Tourism**
- Under which brand will India be promoted through the Tourism Ministry–Air India MoU? **Incredible India**
- India became the world's _____ largest supplier of seafarers according to the BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026? **Second-largest**
- Which state launched the e-Zero FIR System? **Gujarat**
- Complaints through which helpline are automatically converted into e-Zero FIRs? **1930 National Cybercrime**
- Which state issued India's first Rare Earth Exploration Licence? **Rajasthan**
- Which organisation received Rajasthan's first Rare Earth Exploration Licence? **Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd**
- Which state launched the DWEEPTI Yojana? **Chhattisgarh**
- India improved to which rank in the latest Global Reform Rankings? **57th**
- Which organisation released the Global Reform Rankings (MDPI)? **Competere Foundation**
- Who launched the RAAHI and e-Audio initiatives? **President Droupadi Murmu**
- What is the full form of RAAHI? **Rashtrapati Bhavan & Heritage Interconnector**
- Which index is proposed to replace WPI for GDP deflation? **Producer Price Index (PPI)**
- Which company introduced India's first UPI-based Flexi Benefits Wallet? **OmniCard**
- India's first UPI-based Flexi Benefits Wallet allows employees to make payments through which platform? **UPI**
- 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 QDenga 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 smart card has been made mandatory for women to avail free bus travel in Delhi from 1 August 2026? **Pink Saheli Smart Card**
- Pink Saheli Smart Card?
To ensure transparent verification,
- Which two organizations launched the nationwide village-level telecom performance survey?
Department of Posts and TRAI
- What is the objective of the nationwide rural telecom survey?
To assess mobile coverage, call quality, internet speed, and customer experience in villages
- When was TRAI established?
20 February 1997 under the TRAI Act, 1997
- Which organization organized the Global Orbit Summit 2026 in New Delhi?
Institute of Chartered Acc. of India (ICAI)
- What was the main objective of ICAI's Global Orbit Summit 2026?
To strengthen India's role as a global business and financial hub

- Under which Act was ICAI established?
Chartered Accountants Act, 1949
- Which state launched a statewide drug disposal campaign?
Assam
- What is the objective of Assam's drug disposal campaign?
To safely dispose of expired & unused medicines and prevent misuse and pollution
- Which Union Minister launched the nationwide 'Vriksh Mitra' campaign?
Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- What is the objective of the 'Vriksh Mitra' campaign?
To promote tree plantation and environmental conservation
- Which national mission does the 'Vriksh Mitra' campaign support?
Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)
- What is the new name of the Mahila Samridhi Yojana?
Delhi Lakshmi Yojana
- How much financial assistance is provided under the Delhi Lakshmi Yojana?
₹2,500 per month
- Which project will introduce India's first hydrogenpowered train?
Hydrogen for Heritage Project
- What is the main objective of the Hydrogen for Heritage Project?
To promote clean and eco-friendly railway transport
- What is the only by-product of hydrogen fuel?
Water vapour
- Which state inaugurated its first GI Products Gallery?
Uttarakhand
- What is the purpose of Uttarakhand's GI Products Gallery?
To promote GI-tagged products, local artisans, tourism, and regional products
- Under which Act are GI Tags granted in India?
Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999
- Which town was selected under the PM SVANidhi Street Food Hub Initiative?
Lakhanpur
- Which ministry launched PM SVANidhi?
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- When was PM SVANidhi launched?
1 June 2020.
- Which city created a Guinness World Record by planting 3.61 lakh saplings in one hour?
Ahmedabad.
- Which Indian city is India's first UNESCO World Heritage City?
Ahmedabad
- Who launched the book The Second Orbit?
Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla
- Which mission made Shubhanshu Shukla famous?
Axiom Mission 4
- Which organization released India's first Monthly Services Production Index?
Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
- Approximately what percentage of India's GDP is contributed by the services sector?
Around 55%
- Which state doubled the subsidy under the Pink ERickshaw Scheme?
Maharashtra
- From what percentage to what percentage was the Pink E-Rickshaw subsidy increased?
20% to 40%
- Which state became India's first to commercially produce Matcha tea?
Assam
- Which state government banned the sale of highenergy drinks near schools?
Maharashtra
- Which site in Assam was notified as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS)?
Borjuli Site
- Which scheme was modified and approved by the Union Cabinet to improve regional air connectivity?
UDAN Scheme
- Which organization released the report Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global?
NITI Aayog

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- India and China decided to resume border trade through which pass?
Nathu La Pass
- Nathu La Pass connects India with which region of China?
Tibet Autonomous Region

- India invited the Prime Minister of which country to attend the BRICS Summit 2026? **Bangladesh**
- Where will the BRICS Summit 2026 be held?
New Delhi
- Which country formally withdrew from the International Criminal Court (ICC)? **Venezuela**
- Where is the headquarters of the International Criminal Court (ICC)? **The Hague, Netherlands**
- India signed MoUs with how many countries to share its Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)?
24 countries
- Which ministry is leading India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) initiative?
Ministry of Electronics and Information Tech.
- India and which country jointly restored heritage sites in Lalitpur (Patan)? **Nepal**
- Under which partnership was the Lalitpur restoration carried out?
India–Nepal Development Partnership
- What is the name of China's world's most powerful solid-fuel rocket? **Gravity-1 (Yinli-1)**
- Which company developed the Gravity-1 rocket?
Orienspace
- India's first commercial freight train to Nepal carried which commodity? **Canola seeds**
- India's first commercial freight train service strengthened trade with which country? **Nepal**
- Which country's President resigned on health grounds? **Bangladesh**
- Who became the Acting President of Bangladesh after the resignation of Mohammed Shahabuddin? **Hafiz Uddin Ahmad**
- Which country topped the Henley Passport Index 2026? **Singapore**
- India signed three bilateral agreements with which country? **Romania**
- Which country ranks first in the global supply of seafarers? **Philippines**
- The India–Romania agreements cover which three sectors?
Science & Technology, Education and Sports
- 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**
- Which country's space agency successfully launched and landed a reusable experimental rocket? **Japan (JAXA)**
- What does JAXA stand for?
Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
- What is the world's first approved PROTAC-based therapy? **Vepdegestrant**
- Which disease is Vepdegestrant primarily used to treat? **ER-positive Breast Cancer**
- Where was the 56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 held?
Bucaramanga, Colombia
- Which organization selects and trains India's IPhO team? **HBCSE under DAE**
- HBCSE under DAE? **Soyuz MS-29 Mission**
- Soyuz MS-29 Mission? **Soyuz-2.1a**
- How many countries participated in IPhO 2026?
87 countries
- What is the name of the world's first commercial nuclear-powered satellite? **BOHR**
- Which company launched BOHR into space?
SpaceX
- What does BOHR stand for?
Betavoltaic Orbital HighReliability
- Which rocket launched BOHR? **Falcon 9**
- Which company developed BOHR?
City Labs (USA)
- What is the world's first 7-star luxury train?
Seven Stars in Kyushu
- Which country operates the Seven Stars in Kyushu? **Japan**
- Which two countries launched the 'Manas and Mahabharata' Civilisation Initiative?
India and Kyrgyzstan
- What is Manas? **National Epic of Kyrgyzstan**
- What is the new name of the International Booker Prize? **Bukhman International Booker Prize**

- Which country will host the BRICS Women Working Group Meeting in 2026? **India**
- How many countries are members of BRICS in 2026? **11**
- Which footballer retired from international football after the 2026 FIFA World Cup? **Neymar**
- Which city hosted the UN's first Global Dialogue on AI Governance? **Geneva**
- Who became the first Indian Prime Minister to address the Indonesian Parliament? **Narendra Modi**
- Which country hosted the first overseas campus of IIM Bangalore? **Indonesia**

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**
- Who received the Fortune India Most Powerful Women (MPW) Honour? **Nita Ambani**

Nita Ambani is the Founder and Chairperson of which organization? **Reliance Foundation**

- Nita Ambani is a member of which international sports body? **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**
- Which ONGC division won the Platinum Global Safety Innovation Award 2026? **ONGC Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) Division**
- Who received the AAPI Humanitarian Award and the Key to the City of Tampa? **Nita Ambani**
- Which country's highest civilian honour, 'Bintang Adipurna', was conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi? **Indonesia**
- Which heritage site received the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Award? **Jestha Varna Mahavihar (Nepal)**
- Who won the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar? **Acharya Ranchhodlal Goswami**
- Which initiative won the WSIS Prize 2026? **DoT's Samridh Gram Initiative**

APPOINTMENTS NEWS

- Who took charge as the Union Education Minister? **Pralhad Joshi**
- Whom did Pralhad Joshi succeed as the Union Education Minister? **Dharmendra Pradhan**
- Who is heading the Exam Reform Task Force constituted by the Government of India? **Nandan Nilekani**
- Which ministry constituted the Exam Reform Task Force? **Ministry of Education**
- Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Mexico? **Ngulkham Jathom Gangte**
- Ngulkham Jathom Gangte belongs to which civil service? **Indian Foreign Service (IFS), 1994 Batch**
- 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**
- Who has been appointed Player Ambassador by the Asian Tennis Federation? **Leander Paes**
- Which former ISRO Chairman joined the Board of Agnikul Cosmos? **S. Somanath**
- What is the name of Agnikul Cosmos' launch vehicle? **Agnibaan**
- Who is the current Chairman of ISRO?
Dr. V. Narayanan
- Who has been appointed to the US Federal Reserve Task Force? **Raghuram G. Rajan**
- Who has been appointed Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences? **Dr. Srinivasa Kumar**
- Which senior diplomat received a one-year extension as India's Foreign Secretary till July 2027?
Vikram Misr

- Who was appointed to the SWIFT Global Supervisory Board from NPCI? **Dilip Asbe**
- Who was appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of South Indian Bank?
Muralidhar Pai
- Who was elected Chairperson at the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection meeting?
Nidhi Khare

BANKING NEWS

- Which authority is responsible for issuing banknotes in India? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- Which denomination of banknote is issued by the Ministry of Finance? **₹1 note**
- Who was appointed as the Official Liquidator for Paytm Payments Bank Ltd.? **Girikumar Nair**
- Under which Act is the liquidation of Paytm Payments Bank being carried out?
Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (along with the Companies Act, 2013)
- Which bank will become the first Indian bank to issue Basel III-compliant AT-1 Bonds?
State Bank of India (SBI)
- How much does SBI plan to raise through its AT-1 bond issue? **₹5,000 crore**
- Which company launched the 'Drishti' Digital Platform? **Axis Finance Limited (AFL)**
- The 'Drishti' Digital Platform is an in-house Business Rules Engine (BRE) developed by which company? **Axis Finance Limited**
- Which mutual fund launched a REIT-Oriented Index Fund? **Edelweiss Mutual Fund**
- Which index does the Edelweiss REIT-Oriented Index Fund track? **Nifty REITs & InvITs Index**
- 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

- Which company is set to become the first foreign insurer to fully own its Indian life insurance business?
Aviva

- What enabled Aviva to achieve full ownership?
India's liberalized FDI policy in insurance

- Which bank will acquire NHB's 10% stake in

Residential Development Corporation Limited (RDCL)?
State Bank of India (SBI)

SPORTS NEWS

- Who became the first Indian to win the World Junior Squash Championship? **Anahat Singh**

- Where was the World Junior Squash Championship held?

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada

- Who won her third consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal in weightlifting?

Saikhom Mirabai Chanu

- Mirabai Chanu won the gold medal in which weight category at the Commonwealth Games?

Women's 49 kg

- Where is the 16th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship being held?

Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

- Which organisation conducts the Hockey India Junior Men National Championship?

Hockey India

- Who won India's first Commonwealth Games Para Athletics gold medal? **Sharmila Dhankar**

- In which event did Sharmila Dhankar win the gold medal?
Women's F57 Shot Put

- Which Indian cricketer announced his retirement from international cricket? **Ajinkya Rahane**

- What is Ajinkya Rahane's nickname? **Jinx**

- Who won the silver medal in weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games 2026?

Lovepreet Singh

- Lovepreet Singh won the silver medal in which event?
Men's +110 kg Weightlifting

- Where are the U17 World Wrestling Championships 2026 being held?

Baku, Azerbaijan

- Which Indian wrestler won the silver medal in the 110 kg Greco-Roman category? **Rachit Rachit**

- Which city will host the 135th edition of the Durand Cup? **Shillong, Meghalaya**

- The Durand Cup is recognised by which organisation? **All India Football Federation**

- 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**
- Who won the 2026 Wimbledon Women's Singles title? **Linda Noskova**
- Whom did Linda Noskova defeat in the final?
Karolina Muchova
- Which Grand Slam title did Linda Noskova win?
Wimbledon 2026 Women's Singles
- Who captained the Indian Women's Cricket Team in the historic Test win over England?
Harmanpreet Kaur
- Which Indian batter became the first woman to score a Test century at Lord's? **Yastika Bhatia**

- Which Indian bowler became the first woman to take a five-wicket haul in a Women's Test at Lord's? **Kranti Gaud**
- What is the mascot of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026? **Mayur**
- Where will the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026 be held? **New Delhi**
- Which team won the first-ever Women's T20I Deaf Cricket Series?
India Deaf Women's Cricket Team
- Which country did India defeat in the series?
Sri Lanka
- Where did the series take place?
Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
- Which player was named Player of the Series?
Reddy Jyoshna
- Which player received the Best Batter award?
Needa Zabi Shaikh
- Which player won the Best Bowler award?
Chandani Khan
- Where did the 135th Durand Cup Trophy Tour begin?
Guwahati

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- Which company, along with Sarvam AI and the Government of Odisha, will set up India's first AI-optimised data centre? **HCLTech**
- India's first AI-optimised data centre will be established in which state? **Odisha**
- Which company established an Integrated Genomic Solutions Centre in Amaravati?
AstraZeneca India
The Integrated Genomic Solutions Centre focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of which two cancers
Lung cancer and breast cancer
- India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) will be set up in which city?
Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- Which department is implementing India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ)?
Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

- Which ministry launched the DAANVEER Gram Panchayat Digital Infrastructure Initiative?

Ministry of Panchayati Raj

- DAANVEER was developed in collaboration with which two organisations?

National Informatics Centre (NIC) and DigiHaat

- What is the name of the 7th Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) launched by the Indian Navy?

INS Machilipatnam (BY 529)

- Which shipyard built INS Machilipatnam?

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)

- 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?

Thiruvannamiyur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

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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 Org.

- Which institution will establish the ECOGEN What is the thrust class of India's first indigenous expendable turbojet engine? **350 kg thrust class**

- Where will Aero India 2027 be held?

Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru

- Which ministry organizes Aero India?

Ministry of Defence

- How often is Aero India organized? **Biennially**

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



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.

Ajit Doval selected for Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026



- National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval has been selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026. The award was instituted in 1983 by the Lokmanya Tilak Trust
- The award recognises his contribution to national, counter-terrorism and border security.
- S.M. Joshi was the first recipient of the award. Ajit Doval is a 1968-batch IPS officer (Kerala cadre). He is India's longest-serving National Security Advisor.

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.
- WSIS (World Summit on the Information Society) recognizes innovative ICT projects supporting sustainable development.
- Samriddh Gram improves digital infrastructure, government service access, and rural digital inclusion.

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi received Indonesia's highest civilian honour, 'Bintang Adipurna', during his official visit.
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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.

Ganesh Purohit was felicitated with Lifetime Achievement Award



- A 70-year-old veteran coach received the Jeevan Gaurav Award at the 3rd Bhau Kane Memorial Outstanding Coach Award ceremony in Nagpur.
- The award included ₹1 lakh, a memento, shawl, and coconut.
- An NSNIS Patiala alumnus, he earned his coaching diploma in 1986.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



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.

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 (£).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BANKING NEWS



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).

- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SPORTS



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 sports person 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.

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.

FIFA World Cup 2026 Kicks Off at Estadio Azteca



- Mexico City's Estadio Azteca will host the opening match of the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
- It becomes the first stadium to host World Cup opening matches three times.
- The venue has been renovated to host the expanded 48-team tournament.

Indian wicket-keeper KS Bharat announces retirement

- KS Bharat announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 32.
- He played seven Test matches for India, scoring 221 runs and recording 19 dismissals as wicketkeeper.
- Bharat thanked his family and mentors and said he will continue contributing to cricket through coaching and mentoring.

Kane Williamson, New Zealand captain announces retirement



- Kane Williamson retired from international cricket after a 16-year career.

- He finished as New Zealand's highest international run-scorer with 19,346 runs and 48 centuries.
- As captain, he led New Zealand to the 2021 World Test Championship title and two ODI World Cup finals.

North Korean women's team win Asian Champions League title



- North Korea's Naegohyang Women's FC won the 2025–26 AFC Women's Champions League, the first North Korean club to claim the title.
- They defeated Japan's Tokyo Verdy Beleza 1–0, with Kim Kyong-yong scoring the winner.
- The \$1 million prize faces uncertainty due to UN sanctions on North Korea.

India creates history at International Association of Ultrarunners



- India achieved a historic podium sweep at the 2026 IAU 24H Asia & Oceania Championships in Japan.
- Amar Singh Devanda, Geeno Antony, and Saurav Kumar Ranjan won Gold, Silver, and Bronze.
- India also secured men's Team Gold and women's Team Bronze, winning five medals overall.

Mercedes teen star Kimi Antonelli wins the Canadian GP



- 19-year-old Mercedes driver Kimi Antonelli won his fourth consecutive F1 race in Montreal.
- His teammate George Russell retired on Lap 30 due to a power unit failure.
- Antonelli extended his 2026 championship lead to 43 points over Russell.

Mohit & Chander Mohan clinches gold at Asian U-23 Wrestling



- Mohit Kumar and Chander Mohan won gold in the 65kg and 79kg categories at the U-23 Asian Wrestling Championships.
- India won the overall Freestyle Team Championship with 27 medals.
- Mohit defeated Kyrgyzstan's Oskonbai Abdisamatov 12-4, while Chander beat Kazakhstan's Yerkhan Abil 7-6.

Two-time Paralympic Champion Sumit Antil breaks World Record

- Sumit Antil set a new world record of 74.82m in para-javelin, surpassing his previous 73.29m mark.

- The 27-year-old improved his run-up and technique to achieve the record.
- A two-time Paralympic champion, Antil aims to break the 80m barrier.

Esha Singh wins Munich World Cup with 25m pistol World Record

- Esha Singh set a new world record with 43/50 in the 25m pistol event.
- She defeated Germany's Doreen Vennekamp to win gold at the 2026 ISSF World Cup.
- The victory secured India's first individual shooting medal of the season and Esha's spot in the World Cup Final.

India to host 2027 Asian Relays and 2028 Asian Indoor Championships



- Chandigarh will host the 2027 Asian Relay Championships, while Bhubaneswar will host the 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships.
- Bhubaneswar's event will serve as a test for the 2028 World Athletics Indoor Championships.
- The events will boost India's athletics infrastructure and provide home-ground opportunities for Indian athletes.

Jannik wins Italian Open title

- Jannik Sinner won the 2026 Italian Open, defeating Casper Ruud in straight sets.
- He became the first Italian man in 50 years to win the title.
- The victory gave Sinner his 10th ATP Masters 1000 title and completed the Career Golden Masters.

Ukraine's Elina Svitolina wins Italian Open women's title



- Jannik Sinner and Elina Svitolina won the men's and women's singles titles at the 2026 Italian Open.
- Sinner defeated Casper Ruud, while Svitolina beat Coco Gauff in the finals.
- Svitolina claimed her third Italian Open title, while Sinner completed his Career Golden Masters.

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Faustino Oro become second youngest GM in chess history

- 12-year-old Argentine chess prodigy Faustino Oro became a Grandmaster at the Sardinia International Chess Festival.

- At 12 years, 6 months, and 26 days, he became the second-youngest GM ever.
- Oro secured his final GM norm unbeaten, drawing against Ian Nepomniachtchi.

Neeru & Vivaan win bronze in trap mixed team event



- Neeru Dhanda and Vivaan Kapoor won bronze in the trap mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup in Almaty.
- They matched Italy's score but finished third based on qualification ranking.
- It was India's second medal in this Olympic shooting event.

India's Gyaneshwari Yadav bags silver & bronze in Weightlifting



- Gyaneshwari won silver in the snatch and bronze overall in the women's 53kg category at the Asian Weightlifting Championships.
- She lifted 194kg overall, finishing just 1kg behind Vietnam's Hoai Huong Nguyen.
- Her performance strengthens India's prospects for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Virat Kohli slams record 9th IPL century



- Virat Kohli smashed an unbeaten 105 off 60 balls, becoming the first batter to score nine IPL centuries.
- He also became the fastest to 14,000 T20 runs, reaching the milestone in 409 innings.
- His century powered RCB to a successful 193-run chase and the IPL 2026 points-table lead.

India's Ajith clinches double bronze at Asian Senior Weightlifting



- Ajith won two bronze medals in the men's 71kg category at the Asian Weightlifting Championships.
- He lifted 140kg in Snatch and 174kg in Clean & Jerk for a total of 314kg.
- He secured the overall bronze by a narrow 1kg margin over Uzbekistan's Matrasulov Khusinboy.

Aparna Dahiya secures Gold medal at the 11th Sanda World Cup



- Aparna won gold in the women's 52kg category at the Sanda World Cup.
- She defeated reigning world champion Thi Phuong Nga Ngo of Vietnam in the final.
- It was India's first gold at the 11th Sanda World Cup and a rematch victory over her 2025 rival.

Harjinder Kaur wins bronze at Asian Weightlifting Championships



- Harjinder Kaur won bronze in the snatch in the women's 69kg category at the Asian Weightlifting Championships.
- She lifted 217kg overall, finishing just 2kg behind Japan's Yui Miyagoe for the overall bronze.
- North Korea's Song Kuk Hyang won gold with 263kg, setting world and Asian records in clean & jerk.

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY



HCLTech to Set Up First AI Data Centre in Odisha



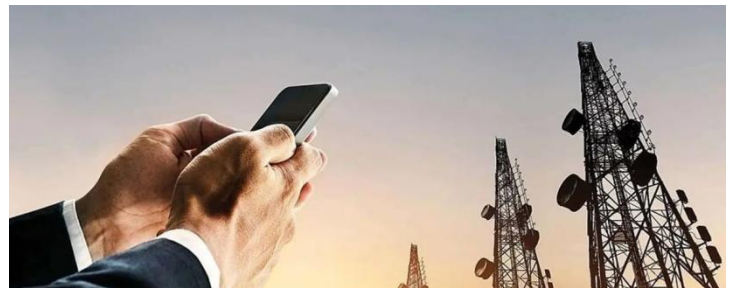
- HCLTech, Sarvam AI, and the Government of Odisha. HCLTech HQ: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- To establish India's first AI-optimised data centre supporting AI model training, inference, storage, and networking.
- Supports India's Sovereign AI Mission with multilingual and sector-specific AI applications.

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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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.

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.

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).

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 AtUmroi

- 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.

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.

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.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Directions (1-7): Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below.

In the heart of Bhadalwadi village in Maharashtra's Pune district, amid expansive sugarcane fields, stands a farm that defies conventional agricultural practices. Ramkrushna Yekale, a local schoolteacher and environmentalist, has converted his nearly 2-hectare land into a dense green zone that resembles a forest more than a farm. Motivated by the sharp decline in bird populations, Yekale initiated this transformation in 2019 when large-scale construction, including the Pune-Solapur highway, led to the removal of numerous banyan trees—key nesting habitats for native birds.

To revive the lost biodiversity, Yekale, who has long been associated with bird conservation efforts, planted 62 banyan trees and hundreds of other native species. His aim was to recreate a suitable habitat, particularly for birds like the 'rosy starling', whose numbers were dwindling. Though faced with scepticism from fellow villagers for abandoning sugarcane—a highly profitable crop in the region—Yekale remained committed to his vision. He highlights that sugarcane farming could have fetched him around ₹8 lakh annually. Yet, his stable income from teaching allowed him to take this unconventional step, even surviving challenges like the 2019 drought, which forced him to rely on costly water tankers to sustain the saplings.

Today, Yekale's land is home to over 200 species of indigenous trees and serves as a vibrant habitat for birds and wildlife, proving that ecological restoration and livelihood can coexist. The once-plain sugarcane field has now become a site for educational visits and biodiversity documentation. Various environmental groups, researchers, and schoolchildren frequently visit the area to observe native flora and avian life in their natural surroundings. Yekale believes that even small landowners can contribute meaningfully to environmental conservation, provided they remain patient and consistent in their efforts.

1. What was the primary reason behind Ramkrushna Yekale's decision to convert his farmland into a green sanctuary?

- (A) To experiment with forest farming as a commercial venture
- (B) To combat air pollution in his region

(C) To revive the habitat lost due to infrastructure development

(D) To reduce his dependency on teaching income

(E) None of these

2. Which of the following is not true according to the passage?

(A) Yekale's efforts were welcomed by the villagers right from the beginning

(B) Over 200 varieties of indigenous trees are now found on Yekale's land

(C) Yekale's farm is now a destination for biodiversity-related visits.

(D) His teaching income helped support the plantation project

(E) He planted banyan trees to help species like the rosy starling

3. What does Yekale's transformation of his farm primarily demonstrate?

(A) Traditional farming practices are outdated and unprofitable.

(B) Biodiversity projects require full-time dedication and land acquisition.

(C) Individual efforts, even on a small scale, can lead to significant ecological impact

(D) Environmental conservation is only feasible through government policies

(E) Sugarcane cultivation has no future due to climate challenges

4. Which of the following challenges did Yekale face during the initial phase of his project?

(A) Lack of land availability for tree plantation

(B) Shortage of indigenous tree saplings in the region

(C) Drought conditions that required external water support

(D) Lack of government support and teaching job termination

(E) No support from bird conservation groups

5. According to the passage, how does Yekale view the role of small landowners in environmental conservation?

(A) He feels they can contribute only with government subsidies.

(B) He believes their role is insignificant compared to larger institutions

(C) He asserts that their contributions are possible only with commercial compromise

(D) He is optimistic that even small landowners can make a meaningful difference

(E) He believes they should avoid experimentation and stick to traditional farming

6. Choose the word that is most similar in meaning to "dwindling" as used in the passage:

- (A) Flourishing (B) Declining
(C) Stabilizing (D) Strengthening
(E) Multiplying

7. Choose the word that is most opposite in meaning to "consistent" as used in the passage:

- (A) Erratic (B) Steady
(C) Committed (D) Persistent
(E) Loyal

Directions (8-12): In the passage given below, there are five blanks. Each blank has a number corresponding to the options. Choose the most appropriate word from the given options for each blank to make the passage meaningful and grammatically correct.

The leaves of madhu soleng, as the Chinese knotweed is known in Assamese, have a distinct sour taste. While raw leaves are commonly used in salads, many home cooks experiment by adding them to dal, curries, chutneys, and even pickles. The leaves can be stored for a few days, and the plant also bears sour berries. Its flowers and seeds are edible but are (43) _____ only for a short time during the monsoon season. Nutrition expert Sangeeta Khanna, who substitutes the leaves for tomatoes or raw mangoes in dal, describes the herb as anti-inflammatory and beneficial for digestive health. She often uses it to prepare fish tenga, a traditional Assamese dish.

Scientifically known as *Persicaria chinensis*, madhu soleng is generally considered an (44) _____ species. In tea-growing regions, it tends to cover tea bushes and obstruct drainage systems. It has even been spotted in protected ecological zones such as the Kaas plateau in Maharashtra, known for the rare neelakurinji flower that blooms once every 12 years.

The plant is a twining perennial herb with a reddish stem, growing up to 1 metre in height. It (45) _____ across varied altitudes, from sea level to heights of 3,000 metres. It is found in many Indian states and is known by different names—angom yensil in Manipuri, paral in Marathi, sorale in Kannada, among others. Despite its classification as invasive, the herb's culinary and medicinal

applications continue to (46) _____ interest among both chefs and botanists. With growing awareness around gut health and traditional diets, ingredients like madhu soleng are being (47) _____ into modern cooking in creative ways.

8. Which among the following fits best in blank (43)?

- (A) acquired (B) available
(C) produced (D) matured
(E) None of these

9. Which among the following fits best in blank (44)?

- (A) invasive (B) endangered
(C) indigenous (D) restricted
(E) None of these

10. Which among the following fits best in blank (45)?

- (A) struggles (B) spreads
(C) thrives (D) fluctuates
(E) None of these

11. Which among the following fits best in blank (46)?

- (A) lose (B) demand
(C) cancel (D) attract
(E) None of these

12. Which among the following fits best in blank (47)?

- (A) ignored (B) exported
(C) labeled (D) incorporated
(E) None of these

Directions (13-17): The following sentences, labelled A to E, have been jumbled. Rearrange them into a meaningful and logical paragraph. Then choose the option that represents the correct sequence.

- A. These systems aim to internalise the cost of carbon emissions by making polluters pay for the damage they cause.
B. Carbon pricing has emerged as a central policy tool in the global fight against climate change.
C. As a result, over 80 pricing initiatives are active worldwide, with countries designing frameworks suited to their economies.
D. The goal is to shift both producers and consumers towards more sustainable choices.
E. Under such frameworks, a price is imposed on carbon emissions, either through taxes or emission trading schemes.

13. Which of the following statements comes first in the correct sequence?

- (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D
(E) E

14. Which of the following statements comes second in the correct sequence?

- (A) C (B) E (C) A (D) D
(E) B

15. Which of the following statements comes third in the correct sequence?

- (A) D (B) C (C) A (D) B
(E) E

16. Which of the following statements comes fourth in the correct sequence?

- (A) C (B) A (C) B (D) D
(E) E

17. Which of the following statements comes fifth in the correct sequence?

- (A) E (B) A (C) B (D) D
(E) C

Directions (18-22): In each sentence below, two blanks have been provided. Choose the pair of words that best fits both blanks meaningfully and grammatically from the given options. If none of the pair are correct, mark 'E' (none of these) as your answer.

18. At the 2025 AI Global Forum, multiple nations _____ the need for robust ethical frameworks to guide AI development, while _____ concerns over potential misuse by authoritarian regimes.

- (A) condemned – concealing (B) advocated – raising
(C) dismissed – masking (D) delayed – opposing
(E) None of these

19. During the COP29 summit, delegates _____ the urgency of addressing methane emissions and _____ developed nations to fulfil climate finance pledges.

- (A) ignored – forced (B) reiterated – urged
(C) downplayed – warned (D) halted – condemned
(E) None of these

20. In a historic step, NATO allies _____ a unified cybersecurity protocol to counter hybrid threats and _____ intelligence-sharing across borders.

- (A) designed – restricted
(B) announced – undermined
(C) unveiled – enhanced
(D) questioned – slowed
(E) None of these

21. A recent UN biodiversity report has _____ the alarming rate of species extinction, calling for nations to _____ nature-positive development policies.

- (A) highlighted – adopt (B) disregarded – enforce
(C) overstated – reject (D) exaggerated – discourage
(E) None of these

22. The conflict in the Red Sea region has _____ global shipping lanes, prompting logistics companies to _____ alternate routes and timelines.

- (A) benefited – criticize (B) disrupted – explore
(C) isolated – abandon (D) delayed – accelerate
(E) None of these

Directions (23-25): In each of the following sentences, four words are given in bold. One of these words may be inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Choose the word that is incorrectly used. If all the words are used correctly, select "All are correct" as your answer.

23. The newly released climate report (A) **warns** that rising sea levels could (B) **subdue** several coastal cities by 2100, urging governments to act with (C) **urgency** and adopt sustainable (D) **policies**.

- (A) warns (B) subdue (C) urgency (D) policies
(E) All are correct

24. The central bank is expected to (A) **built** interest rates this quarter, citing stable inflation data and consistent (B) **momentum** in domestic demand, though external (C) **volatilities** may still pose a (D) **challenge**.

- (A) built (B) momentum
(C) volatilities (D) challenge
(E) All are correct

25. During the bilateral summit, both nations (A) reaffirmed their commitment to regional security and (B) pledged to (C) deteriorate military cooperation through joint exercises and intelligence sharing (D) mechanisms. (A) reaffirmed
(B) pledged (C) deteriorate
(D) mechanisms
(E) All are correct

Directions (26-30): In each of the following sentences, the sentence is divided into four parts: (A), (B), (C), and (D). Two of these parts contain errors in grammar or usage. You have to identify the correct pair of parts that contain the errors. If no part contains any error, select option (E) as your answer.

26. The World Bank's latest report /(A) has stated that urban migration /(B) are increasing rapidly in South Asia, /(C) which place huge pressure on housing and sanitation infrastructure /(D). No error/(E)

(A) A-C (B) B-C (C) C-D (D) A-D
(E) No Error

27. The committee recommended to revise the policy /(A) in light of emerging challenges /(B) but the ministry have yet to respond /(C) to the suggestions formally proposed last week /(D). No error/(E)

(A) A-C (B) B-D (C) A-D (D) C-D
(E) No Error

28. The recent AI-generate images /(A) has triggered concerns /(B) about misinformation and fake content /(C) spreading unchecked on social media platforms /(D). No error/(E)

(A) A-C (B) A-B (C) B-C (D) B-D
(E) No Error

29. The agreement signed by both countries /(A) aims to boosting /(B) cooperation in energy security /(C) and to promoting clean technologies /(D). No error/(E)

(A) A-B (B) B-C (C) B-D (D) C-D
(E) No Error

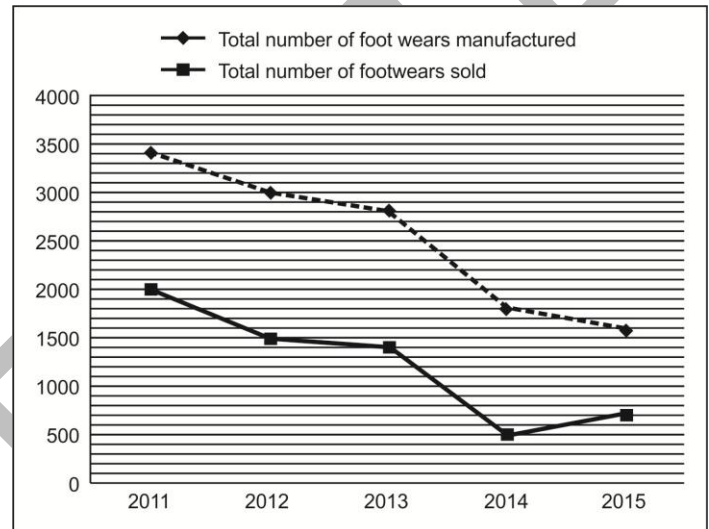
30. The new regulations will come into effect/(A) in 1st July, providing relief/(B) to small businesses operating under /(C) a informal sector in the country/(D). No error/(E)

(A) A-C (B) B-C (C) C-D (D) B-D
(E) No Error

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

Directions (31-35): Study the following information carefully and answer the following questions.

The given line graph shows the total number of footwears manufactured by company 'X' in five different years namely 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 and also given the number of footwears sold in these five years.



Note:

I. Total number of footwears manufactured = Number of footwears sold + Number of footwears unsold.

31. If the total number of footwears sold in 2016 is 20% more than that of 2012 and total number of footwears unsold in 2016 is 30% less than that of 2011, then find the total number of footwears manufactured in 2016 ?

(A) 5600 (B) 3400
(C) 2780 (D) 3450
(E) 3280

32. If the selling price of Each footwears is Rs.320, then find the difference between the selling price of all the footwears sold in 2012 and 2014 ?

(A) Rs.1,00,000
(B) Rs.5,00,000
(C) Rs.3,20,000
(D) Rs.2,60,000
(E) Rs.2,90,000

33. Find the ratio of the difference between the total number of footwears sold in 2014 and 2015 to the average number of footwears sold in 2011 and 2012?

- (A) 1:1 (B) 7:9 (C) 4:35 (D) 5:12
(E) 6:53

34. If 52% and 47% of unsold footwears in 2012 and 2013 are of mens footwears, then find the sum of the total number of ladies footwears unsold in 2012 and 2013 together?

- (A) 1790 (B) 1200 (C) 1450 (D) 1462
(E) 1560

35. Ratio of the number of gents footwears to ladies footwears sold in 2014 and 2015 is 2:3 and 1:6 respectively. The number of gents footwears sold in 2015 and 2014 together is what percentage of the total number of footwears manufactured in 2012?

- (A) 10% (B) 12% (C) 14% (D) 19%
(E) 25%

Directions(36-43): What value should come at the place of question mark in the following questions?

36. $(36 \times 22) \div (748 \div 34) = ?$

- (A) 6 (B) 5 (C) 7 (D) 4
(E) 12

37. $(512)^8 \times (64)^4 \div (512)^7 = (4)^{12}$

- (A) 8 (B) 6 (C) 7 (D) 3
(E) None of these

38. $1425 \div 57 + (13^2 - 6^2) + ? = 21^2$

- (A) 303 (B) 283 (C) 403 (D) 333
(E) None of these

39. $\sqrt{2500 \times 4 - ? \times 3} = \sqrt{(427 - 3^3)}$

- (A) 70 (B) 50 (C) 80 (D) 60
(E) 90

40. $320 \div 5 \times 25 \div 8 + ? = 300 - 250 \div 5$

- (A) 10 (B) 20 (C) 30 (D) 40
(E) 50

41. $40\% \text{ of } 25\% \text{ of } 1800 = 18/11 \times ?$

- (A) 100 (B) 110 (C) 125 (D) 120
(E) 105

42. $? \% \text{ of } 900 = 35^2 - 52 \times 13$

- (A) 61 (B) 59 (C) 70 (D) 25

(E) 60

43. $40\% \text{ of } (\sqrt{6400} \times 2) = ? + 24$

- (A) 40 (B) 30 (C) 32 (D) 56
(E) 24

44. The average mark scored by 12 students is 75. If the scores obtained by P, Q and R are included, the average becomes 75.6. If P and Q scored 20 marks and 4 marks more than that of R respectively, then find the average marks scored by P and R.

- (A) 60 (B) 64 (C) 72 (D) 80
(E) 84

45. A and B started a business and after 8 months, C joined the business with an investment amount of Rs. 2000 more than that of B. At the end of the year, the profit share of A is 50% more than the profit share of C. Find the investment amount of B, if the average investment of A and B is Rs. 5000.

- (A) Rs. 3600 (B) Rs. 4500
(C) Rs. 5400 (D) Rs. 6600
(E) Rs. 6000

46. P and Q started walking towards each other simultaneously from points A and B respectively. P and Q are walking at the speed of 4 m/s and 6 m/s respectively. If the distance between A and B is 24 m, then how many hours it takes for them to meet each other?

- (A) 4 seconds (B) 3 seconds
(C) 3.6 seconds (D) 3.2 seconds
(E) 2.4 seconds

47. If 420 chocolates are distributed among 60 students in a class, such that each boy receives 3 chocolates more than each girl and the number of chocolates received by each boy and girl is in the ratio of 8:5 respectively, then find the number of girls in the class.

- (A) 32 (B) 24 (C) 20 (D) 16
(E) 40

48. If Pravin increases both the selling and cost price of the article by Rs. 1200, then the profit percentage becomes $4/5$ th of the original profit percentage. Find the actual cost price of the article.

- (A) Rs. 400 (B) Rs. 4000
(C) Rs. 480 (D) Rs. 4800
(E) Rs. 1600

49. 5 men, 10 women and 15 children can separately complete a piece of work in 5 days. If the ratio of the number of men, women and children who can complete the same work in 1 day is 2:4:3 respectively. Find the number of men, women and children who can do the work in 1 day respectively.C

- (A) 10, 20 and 15
(B) 20, 40 and 30
(C) 15, 20 and 10
(D) 40, 80 and 60
(E) 20, 10 and 15

50. Rs. $(3x + 2000)$ was invested for 3 years in scheme 'A' which offers simple interest of 15% p.a. The interest received from scheme A is invested in scheme B which offers compound interest of 10% p.a. If the amount received from scheme B after 2 years is Rs. 4356, then find the value of x.

- (A) 2400 (B) 2000
(C) 2180 (D) 2450
(E) 2360

51. The length of a rectangle is 7 cm more than the breadth of the rectangle and its area is 260 cm^2 . If the circumference of the circle is twice the perimeter of the rectangle, then find the area of the circle.

- (A) 616 cm^2 (B) 154 cm^2
(C) 1386 cm^2 (D) 1323 cm^2
(E) 1236 cm^2

52. The total time taken by a boat to cover $(D + 40)$ km downstream and $(D - 10)$ km upstream in 18 hours. The speed of the boat to travel downstream is 10 km/hr more than that in upstream. If the ratio of the speed of the boat in still water to stream is 4:1, then find the value of D.

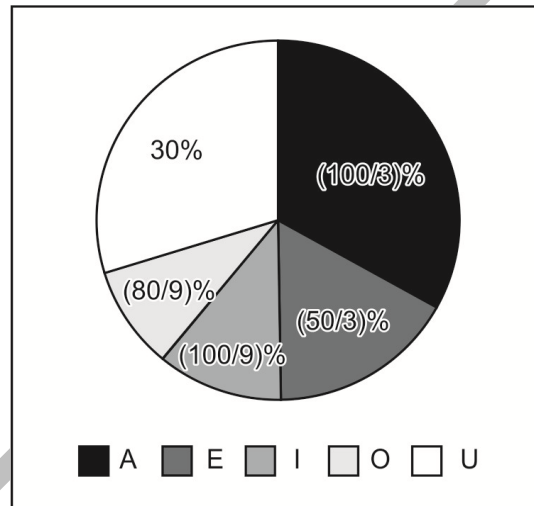
- (A) 110 (B) 160
(C) 185 (D) 190
(E) 215

53. The square of the sum of two numbers is 484 and the sum of squares of the same numbers is 260. If the H.C.F of the numbers is 2, then find the L.C.M of the two numbers.

- (A) 52 (B) 54
(C) 58 (D) 56
(E) 53

Directions (54-58): Study the following data carefully and answer the questions given below:

The given pie chart shows the percentage distribution of the number of shoes sold in a shop on five different brands i.e. A, E, I, O and U in 2023.



Note:

- i). The total number of shoes sold in each brand = The number of formal shoes sold + The number of sports shoes sold.
ii). The difference between the number of shoes sold in brands A and I is 1000.

54. Find the ratio of the number of brand A shoes sold to the sum of the number of brand I and O shoes sold together.

- (A) 8:5 (B) 5:6 (C) 6:5 (D) 1:1
(E) 5:3

55. Out of the total number of brand U shoes sold, 60% were sold to males and out of the total number of shoes (formal + sports) sold to females, 25% were formal shoes. Find the number of brand U sports shoes sold to females.

- (A) 225 (B) 305 (C) 405 (D) 465
(E) 385

56. If the ratio of the number of brand A formal to sports shoes sold is the same as that of brand I and the number of brand A sports shoes sold is 300 less than that of formal shoes, then find the number of brand I sports shoes sold.

- (A) 270 (B) 200 (C) 120 (D) 180
(E) 225

57. If the ratio of the number of brand E formal shoes to sports shoes sold is 17:8, then find the difference between the number of brand E formal shoes sold and the number of brand O shoes sold.

- (A) 110 (B) 132 (C) 98 (D) 84
(E) 103

58. If the sale of brand O shoes increased by $(75/2)\%$ in 2024 compared to last year, then find the number of brand O shoes sold in 2024.

- (A) 540 (B) 500 (C) 510 (D) 550
(E) 560

Directions(59-65): What value should come in the place of (?) in the following number series?

59. 14, 15, 32, ?, 400

- (A) 90 (B) 99 (C) 240 (D) 140
(E) 100

60. 12, 40, ?, 208, 432, 880

- (A) 96 (B) 89
(C) 60 (D) 100
(E) 120

61. 45% of 720 $- 10\%$ of 850 = ? $\times 15 + \sqrt{841}$

- (A) 14 (B) 10
(C) 17 (D) 12
(E) 16

62. $2700 \div 300 \times 14 + 314 = 6^2 + 32 \times 7$

- (A) 6 (B) 2
(C) 5 (D) 3
(E) 7

63. $2105 - 710 + ?2 = 1525 - 805 + 30^2$

- (A) 20 (B) 15
(C) 12 (D) 26
(E) 19

64. $? = 850 - [(-20)^2 - \{(\sqrt{576} - 19) \times 15\}] - 5^3$

- (A) 650 (B) 510
(C) 400 (D) 320
(E) 730

65. $? \%$ of 72% of 2500 = $360 \div ? \times 45$

- (A) 20 (B) 45
(C) 15 (D) 25

(E) 30

REASONING ABILITY

Directions (66-69): Study the following statements and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding the commonly known facts.

66. Statements:

Only a few Flipkart is Myntra.

All Myntra is Shopclues.

Some Shopclues is Snapdeal.

Conclusions:

I. Some Myntra can be Snapdeal.

II. All Flipkart can be Shopclues.

(A) Only I follows (B) Either I or II follows

(C) Only II follows (D) Both I and II follow

(E) Neither I nor II follows

67. Statements:

Only a few Ajio is Firstcry.

Some Firstcry is Paytm.

All Paytm is Nykaa.

Conclusions:

I. All Ajio can never be Firstcry.

II. Some Ajio is Nykaa.

(A) Only I follows (B) Either I or II follows

(C) Only II follows (D) Both I and II follow

(E) Neither I nor II follows

68. Statements:

Only a few Bigbasket is Limeroad.

No Limeroad is Homeshop18.

All Homeshop18 is TatacliQ.

Conclusions:

I. All Bigbasket is Homeshop18.

II. Some TatacliQ being Limeroad is a possibility.

(A) Only I follows

(B) Either I or II follows

(C) Only II follows

(D) Both I and II follow

(E) Neither I nor II follows

69. Statements:

Only a few Koovs is Infibeam.

Some Infibeam is Lenskart.

All Koovs is Voonik.

Conclusions:

I. Some Lenskart is Voonik.

II. No Voonik is Lenskart.

(A) Only I follows (B) Either I or II follows

(C) Only II follows (D) Both I and II follow

(E) Neither I nor II follows

Directions (70-74): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Eight persons – L, M, N, O, P, Q, R and S are sitting around a circular table facing the centre.

Two persons sit between P and M, who sits second to the right of S. N sits second to the right of the one who sits opposite to L, who is an immediate neighbour of P. As many persons sit between N and S as between R and O. Q sits second to the right of O, who is not an immediate neighbour of M.

70. How many persons sit between M and O, when counted from the left of O?

(A) One (B) Four

(C) Two (D) Three

(E) None

71. In which of the following pair, the second person sits to the immediate left of the first person?

(A) QM (B) OS (C) PN (D) LO

(E) SR

72. As many persons sit between S and ____ as between P and ____, when counted from the right of S and the left of P.

(A) M, O (B) R, N (C) Q, L (D) R, M

(E) Q, R

73. If all the persons are sitting in alphabetical order from L in a clockwise order, then how many persons are unchanged in their position (excluding L)?

(A) Two (B) Four

(C) One (D) Three

(E) None

74. Who among the following person sits third to the right of N?

(A) The one who sits opposite to R

(B) P

(C) The one who sits to the immediate left of M

(D) O

(E) Both a and d

Directions (75-77): In each of the following questions, the relationship between different elements is shown in the statements followed by two conclusions. Find the conclusion which is definitely true.

75. Statements:

$Y \leq V < M = O; S > Q \geq P > H > O$

Conclusions:

I. $S > Y$

II. $Q \geq M$

(A) If only conclusion I follows.

(B) If only conclusion II follows.

(C) If either conclusion I or II follows.

(D) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.

(E) If both conclusions I and II follow.

76. Statements:

$N < M \leq J \leq V; T < Q > V \geq X > K$

Conclusions:

I. $J < K$

II. $N < Q$

(A) If only conclusion I follows.

(B) If only conclusion II follows.

(C) If either conclusion I or II follows.

(D) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.

(E) If both conclusions I and II follow.

77. Statements:

$T > W \geq Y = B \geq A; I \leq Q = B; I = S \geq D$

Conclusions:

I. $W > D$

II. $D = W$

(A) If only conclusion I follows.

(B) If only conclusion II follows.

(C) If either conclusion I or II follows.

(D) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.

(E) If both conclusions I and II follow.

Directions (78-82): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Seven surveys - A, B, C, D, E, F and G were conducted on seven different days of the same week starting from Monday to Sunday, but not necessarily in the same order.

Only two surveys were conducted between F and D, which was conducted on Thursday. Only one survey was conducted between F and A. As many surveys conducted before A is same as after G. Survey B was conducted after G but before E.

78. Which of the following survey was conducted on Tuesday?

- (A) The one which was conducted immediately before G
(B) A
(C) The one which was conducted immediately after B
(D) B
(E) The one which was conducted immediately after F

79. How many surveys were conducted between E and A?

- (A) As many surveys conducted before F
(B) Two
(C) As many surveys conducted between B and C
(D) Four
(E) None of these

80. Which of the following survey was conducted two days before B?

- (A) C (B) A (C) G (D) F
(E) D

81. Which of the following combination is true with respect to the final arrangement?

- (A) A-Friday (B) B-Saturday
(C) C-Monday (D) G-Tuesday
(E) None of these

82. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way as per the given arrangement and hence form a group. Find the one that doesn't belong to that group.

- (A) GE (B) DB (C) FE (D) AG
(E) FA

Directions (83-87): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

F 4 & S * V % 9 3 A # 1 H 6 C & ! O 8 5 D + P ? L > 2 G * T \$ 7 1

83. Which of the following element will be fourteenth from the right end, if all the symbols are dropped from the given series?

- (A) C (B) A (C) H (D) D
(E) None

84. If the last fifteen elements from the left end are reversed in the given series, then which of the following element is twenty-second from the left end?

- (A) + (B) 2 (C) D (D) \$
(E) T

85. How many consonants are there which are either immediately followed or immediately preceded by a number, but not both?

- (A) Seven (B) Five
(C) Three (D) Four
(E) Six

86. What is the sum of the numbers which are immediately preceded by a symbol?

- (A) 23 (B) 19 (C) 21 (D) 18
(E) None of the above

87. Which of the following element is seventh to the left of the eleventh from the right end in the given series?

- (A) T (B) ! (C) C (D) &
(E) None of the above

Directions (88-92): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

A certain number of persons are sitting in a linear row facing towards the north. A sits fourth to the left of C. B sits seventh to the right of A. As many persons sit between A and C as between A and F. D sits fourth from the right end and is an immediate neighbor of B. Only five persons sit between B and G. B is an immediate neighbor of H, who sits twelfth from one of the ends. As many persons sit between F and G as between G and H.

88. How many persons are sitting in the row?

- (A) 12 (B) 14 (C) 16 (D) 17
(E) 19

89. Who among the following person sits third to the left of B?

- (A) C (B) F (C) I (D) G
(E) None of these

90. If another person T sits second to the right of F, then what is the position of T with respect to A?

- (A) Third to the left (B) Second to the left
(C) Third to the right (D) Fifth to the right
(E) None of these

91. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word "FRONTLINE" each of which has as many letters between them as there are in the English alphabetical series (both forward and backward directions)?

- (A) None (B) One
(C) Two (D) Three
(E) More than three

92. If 1 is subtracted from the odd digits and 2 is added to the even digits of the number "694523715", then which of the following numbers are repeated more than two times?

- (A) 8 (B) 4
(C) 6 (D) Both a and c
(E) 2

Directions (93-95): Study the following information carefully and answer the question below.

There are seven members in a family of three generations. No single parent has a child. M is the paternal uncle of N. Q is the only married daughter of P who has no siblings. R has only one child which is not K. Both N and Q are siblings and both are of different genders. O is one of the female members of the family.

93. How is P related to R?

- (A) Father (B) Sister
(C) Mother-in-law (D) Father-in-law
(E) Mother

94. How is O related to K's daughter?

- (A) Mother (B) Daughter
(C) Niece (D) Wife
(E) None of these

95. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way as per the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one of the following doesn't belong to that group?

- (A) R (B) M (C) K (D) P
(E) N

Directions(96-100): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Eight persons - P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, and W are planning for a picnic on two different dates either 11th or 20th of four different months - April, May, June and July of the same year, but not necessarily in the same order.

W plans on an even numbered date. T plans three persons after W. The number of persons planning before T is the same as the number of persons planning after S. V plans two persons before R. Neither V nor R plans adjacent to W. As many persons plan between V and S is the same as between T and Q. P plans before U but not plans in the same month as W.

96. Who among the following person plans in the month which has an even number of days?

- (A) The one who plans two persons before T
(B) R
(C) T
(D) The one who plans two persons after S
(E) The one who plans immediately before W

97. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way as per the given arrangement and hence form a group. Find the one who does not belong to that group.

- (A) PS (B) SW (C) QW (D) UV
(E) TR

98. How many persons plan before W?

- (A) As many persons plan before U
(B) Five
(C) As many persons plan after V
(D) As many persons plan between Q and T
(E) No one

99. V plans in which of the following month and date?

- (A) 20th June (B) 11th June
(C) 11th April (D) 20th April
(E) 11th May

100. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true with respect to the final arrangement?

- (A) Only one person plans between Q and U
(B) No one plans before S
(C) More than three persons plan after V
(D) T plans in June
(E) All the statements are true

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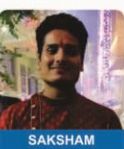
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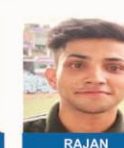
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