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TAMIL NADU

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has reconstituted the Curriculum Design Committee and appointed Mylswamy Annadurai as its new Chairman.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has notified the implementation of the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin (VB-G RAM G) from July 1, 2026.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Forest Department has launched a beekeeping initiative in the Pichavaram mangroves, Cuddalore, to improve the livelihood of the Irula tribal community.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has renamed the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department as the Social Justice Department.
- ❖ Kamarajar Port has become India's second major port with an 18-metre draft capability.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded a 92% Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at the primary level
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has renamed the women's free bus travel scheme from "Magalir Vidiyal Payanam" to "Magalir Payanam".
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded the highest Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)- 52.3%, in higher education in India
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined to 1.3 in 2026, below the replacement level of 2.1 required for population stability.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has launched the Nalam TN integrated digital public healthcare portal in Chennai.
- ❖ The 12th-century Abathsahayeswarar Temple at Thukkachi, Thanjavur district, Tamil Nadu, received the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award of Distinction (2024) for heritage conservation.
- ❖ The Union Government approved a six-month service extension for Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary M. Sai Kumar from 1 September 2026 to 28 February 2027.
- ❖ Kerala and Tamil Nadu decided to strengthen cooperation against drug trafficking through Operation Toofan, an anti-narcotics campaign.
- ❖ The 150th birth anniversary of Maraimalai Adigal was celebrated in Tamil Nadu in July 2026, remembering his contribution to the Tamil language and literature.
- ❖ VELS Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies (VISTAS) inaugurated India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-integrated vertical university campus at Thiruvannamiyur, Chennai.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has decided to celebrate the State's history on both July 18 and November 1 every year.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA) unearthed over 1,000 artefacts from the Noyyal riverbed at Vellalore, Coimbatore

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's merchandise exports increased to US\$58.95 billion in 2025–26 and remained the third-largest exporting State in India for the third consecutive year (since 2023–24).
- ❖ In 2025–26, Tamil Nadu accounted for 41.63% of India's electronics exports, 33.38% of motor vehicles and cars, 35.59% of leather and leather products, 23.13% of textiles and allied products, and 16.66% of engineering goods.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's share in India's electronics exports increased from 32.84% (2023–24) to 38% (2024–25) and 41.63% (2025–26).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded 38 deaths while cleaning sewers and septic tanks, making it the third-highest in the country after Maharashtra (58) and Haryana (47).
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has renamed the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme as the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme.
- ❖ Killai in Cuddalore district has become Tamil Nadu's first fully operational Climate-Resilient Village (CRV).
- ❖ The Panchayat Union Primary School at Kondappanaickenpatti, Salem, became the first government primary school in Tamil Nadu to receive ISO 9001:2015 certification.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu will host the 31st Southern Zonal Council meeting at Mamallapuram in August 2026.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has extended the tenure of the Seventh State Finance Commission under the chairmanship of K. Allaudin by four months, from 31 August 2026 to 31 December 2026.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has constituted a Revenue Augmentation Committee under the chairmanship of Montek Singh Ahluwalia to strengthen the State's revenue base.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu accounts for 40% of all women directly employed in Indian factories.
- ❖ The Neyyar water-sharing issue is the long-pending legal dispute between Tamil Nadu and Kerala over Neyyar River water continues before the Supreme Court.

NATIONAL

- ❖ India successfully tested 'Garudastra', India's heaviest indigenous 120-mm vehicle-mounted mortar system.
- ❖ The Union Government approved DISHA 2.0 (Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice) to improve access to legal aid through digital and AI-based systems.
- ❖ The Indian Army plans to operationalise its first Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs) from 1 July 2026 under the XVII Corps (Mountain Strike Corps) at Panagarh, West Bengal.

- ❖ Akashvani launched Swar Prerna Veethika, a permanent photo gallery, to mark its 90th anniversary and the upcoming 100 years of radio broadcasting in India (2027).
- ❖ ICGS Akshay, a new-generation Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV), was commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard (Bharatiya Tatrakshak) at Goa.
- ❖ India won five medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) at the Global Skills Challenge 2026, held in Australia.
- ❖ Government of India established the Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in 2026.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the Modified UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) Scheme for 2026–27 to 2035–36 with an outlay of ₹28,840 crore.
- ❖ The Ministry of Rural Development has launched LokOS (People Operating System), a digital platform for the end-to-end digitisation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Community-Based Organisations (CBOs).
- ❖ India and Japan will celebrate 2027 as the 'India-Japan Year of Shared Horizons'.
- ❖ Prime Minister of India inaugurated India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex at Pachpadra, Balotra district, Rajasthan.
- ❖ The National Commission for Women (NCW) has expanded its 24×7 Women Helpline – 14490 to provide support for women in distress.
- ❖ The Indian Navy will commission INS Mahendragiri (F38), the sixth Project 17A indigenous stealth frigate, at Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ IIM Bangalore will establish its first overseas campus at the Singhasari Special Economic Zone, Indonesia.
- ❖ Over 104 crore health records have been linked to more than 93 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) accounts.
- ❖ India's Female enrolment increased by 42% in a decade, rising from 1.57 crore (2014-15) to 2.24 crore (2023-24).
- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare notified Navi Mumbai Airport, Maharashtra, as an authorised port for importing drugs.
- ❖ The Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) 2025–26 to assess the performance of school education across districts.
- ❖ India officially launched its campaign for election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2028-29 term.
- ❖ The India–United Kingdom (UK) Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) came into effect to strengthen bilateral trade and investment ties.
- ❖ India led the adoption of seven Codex standards during the 49th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC49) held in Geneva.

- ❖ India launched the "Seafarer-First" emergency maritime safety plan after attacks on merchant vessels MT Al Bahiyah and MT Mombasa in the Strait of Hormuz.
- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the National Investment Policy for Urea-2026 for Atmanirbhar Bharat (NIPU-2026).
- ❖ The Central Government has notified a ban on Paraquat Dichloride, a herbicide linked to poisoning-related deaths, under the Insecticides Act, 1968.
- ❖ India's first immersive language museum "Shabdalok (Museum of Word)" inaugurated at the National Library campus, Kolkata.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 to increase the Supreme Court of India's judge strength from 33 to 37 (excluding the Chief Justice of India).
- ❖ The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) launched the E-Commerce Council of India (ECCI) in Bengaluru.
- ❖ India's first hydrogen-powered train flagged off between Jind and Sonipat in Haryana.
- ❖ India's first Space Exploration Gallery was inaugurated at the Regional Science Centre, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ India became the 123rd member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to accept the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies by submitting its Instrument of Acceptance to the WTO.
- ❖ The Government of India released a factsheet titled "White Gold: India's Cotton Story".
- ❖ Indian Air Force Ranked World's 3rd Strongest Air Force in WDMMA (World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft) 2026.
- ❖ DRDO successfully conducted the maiden flight-test of the 'Kusha' Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LR-SAM) from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- ❖ The Indian Navy commissioned INS Malvan, the second Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), to strengthen maritime security.
- ❖ India plans to develop and operationalise at least five indigenously designed Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) by 2033.
- ❖ India's Installed Wind Power Capacity reaches 57,443 MW as on June 30, 2026 and wind energy generation touched 106 billion units in FY 2025-26.
- ❖ A high-powered task force headed by technology expert Nandan Nilekani formed to suggest reforms in the examination system.
- ❖ India emerges as 2nd topper in Railway Electrification with 99.6% Broad Gauge Network Electrified after Switzerland.

- ❖ The Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- ❖ India approved the manufacture and use of anhydrous ammonia as a fertiliser for three years.
- ❖ India has reduced its undernourished population by 42% over the last two decades, outpacing global trends in its battle against hunger.
- ❖ The Madras High Court ruled that Hindu daughters who died before September 9, 2005 are not entitled to equal coparcenary rights in ancestral property.
- ❖ The number of individuals reporting ₹100 crore or more income increased to 576 in AY 2025–26, compared to 142 in AY 2021–22.
- ❖ India contributes around 12.16% of the global seafaring workforce with about 3.11 lakh maritime professionals, ranking after the Philippines.

INTERNATIONAL

- ❖ Bangladesh has signed an agreement with a Chinese state-owned company to develop the Mongla Port Economic Zone.
- ❖ The United States Supreme Court upheld birthright citizenship and rejected an executive order limiting citizenship for children born to undocumented or temporary immigrants in the United States (U.S.).
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the 2026 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS to accelerate efforts to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.
- ❖ Italy has become the country with the highest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, with a total of 61 protected sites.
- ❖ India and Seychelles signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in Seychelles by the end of 2026.
- ❖ India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI), developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has been launched in Greece through Eurobank.
- ❖ Kazakhstan joined the AI for Good Global Commission as a founding member at the invitation of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- ❖ BRICS nations adopted the Guwahati Declaration in Guwahati, Assam, to strengthen cooperation against illicit drug trafficking and organised transnational crime.
- ❖ At least 15 Indian tourists died after a speedboat capsized near May Rut Ngoai Islet, Phu Quoc, Vietnam.
- ❖ The French Parliament approved a bill creating a legal right to assisted dying for adults with incurable and life-threatening illnesses.

- ❖ The European Commission unveiled the Electrification Action Plan to raise the European Union's electrification rate to 46% by 2040, aiming to make Europe the world's first "electro continent".
- ❖ The President of India completed the first-ever State Visit by an Indian Head of State to Moldova and North Macedonia.
- ❖ Spain declared a national emergency for the first time due to severe wildfires in Madrid and Ávila provinces.
- ❖ The US and Saudi Arabia have signed a deal that will reportedly allow the Gulf kingdom to develop a civilian nuclear programme.

ECONOMY

- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) will launch the Index of Services Production (ISP) in July 2026 on a trial basis.
- ❖ As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data for FY26, India's external debt increased to \$762.8 billion, along with a rise in the debt-to-GDP ratio to 20.8%.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched three key surveys – Inflation Expectations Survey of Households, Rural Consumer Confidence Survey, and Urban Consumer Confidence Survey.
- ❖ The United States (US) imposed a 10% tariff on imports from India and 16 other countries over concerns related to forced labour in supply chains.
- ❖ India will launch its first domestic benchmark-based Natural Gas Futures Contract through the National Stock Exchange (NSE).
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India is reviving plans to introduce polymer (plastic) currency notes, starting with a pilot project for ₹10 and ₹20 denominations.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) inaugurated the world's first hydrogen production facility using nuclear process heat at IGCAR, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ ISRO successfully conducted a 175-tonne hot test of the Semi-Cryogenic Engine Power Head Test Article (PHTA) at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ DRDO launched a project to deploy an indigenous Underwater Fibre Optic Sensing System (UFOSS) for seabed-based submarine surveillance in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- ❖ Scientists identified Parrot bornavirus 4 (PaBV-4) in India for the first time.

- ❖ IIT Guwahati (IITG) researchers developed a biological material using cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) to remove lead from contaminated water.
- ❖ Mission Drishti, the world's first OptoSAR (Optical + Synthetic Aperture Radar) satellite, lost communication due to an anomaly caused by a geomagnetic solar storm.
- ❖ NASA launched the Swift Boost Mission, the first satellite servicing mission to extend the life of the Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory.
- ❖ India launched the Airship-based High Altitude Pseudo Satellite (AS-HAPS) programme for indigenous long-endurance surveillance airships.
- ❖ China successfully tested a sea-based reusable rocket booster recovery system using the Long March 10B rocket.
- ❖ Astronomers using NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) discovered a new giant exoplanet, Beta Pictoris d, in the Beta Pictoris system.
- ❖ The Boomerang Nebula has been identified as the coldest known naturally occurring object in the universe, with a temperature of about -272°C , near absolute zero.

ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ The Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved US\$1.26 million for a new conservation initiative led by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Niokolo-Koba National Park.
- ❖ A new herpetological study reported the first confirmed record of the Sistan sand boa (*Eryx sistansensis*) in India.
- ❖ An Omega Block weather pattern is driving the deadly heatwave across Western Europe, with temperatures crossing 40°C in parts of France and Spain.
- ❖ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given in-principle approval to resume the tiger reintroduction project in Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Odisha.
- ❖ Van Mahotsav 2026 is being observed across India from 1 July to 7 July 2026 as the annual "Festival of Forests."
- ❖ ZSI's Animal Discoveries-2025 reports 709 additions to India's fauna, including 483 new species and 226 species recorded for the first time in India, taking the total faunal diversity to 105,953 species.
- ❖ ZSI's Plant Discoveries-2025 records 353 additions to India's flora, including 221 taxa new to science and 132 new distribution records for India.
- ❖ The Borjuli Wetland in Assam has been officially notified as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) to protect the wild rice species *Oryza rufipogon*.
- ❖ Himalayan pangolin (*Manis aurita*) is a distinct extant species, separate from the Chinese pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*).

- ❖ A banyan tree in Munger, Bihar, has been scientifically identified as the world's oldest accurately dated banyan tree, with an estimated age of about 700 years.
- ❖ The Natural History Museum (NHM), Mizoram, was notified as India's 21st Designated Repository under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- ❖ The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) released the updated Red List of Threatened Species 2026, with 175,909 species, of which 49,505 species are threatened with extinction.
- ❖ The rhino population in Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Uttar Pradesh, increased to 53 after the fourth rhino census conducted from 25–27 June 2026.
- ❖ The rare Laudankia Vine Snake (*Ahaetulla laudankia*) was documented in the Ubeshwar wildlife area of Udaipur, Rajasthan, after nearly 30 years.
- ❖ The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is preparing India's first standard for mangrove ecosystem restoration titled "Restoration of Mangrove Ecosystem — Guidelines."
- ❖ The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) discovered a new deep-sea fish species named *Cyttopsis indica* from the Arabian Sea off southern Kerala.
- ❖ The rare alpine flower *Cyananthus hookeri* was rediscovered in Arunachal Pradesh after 158 years.
- ❖ Scientists identified Likweli, a new monkey species in the rainforests of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), with the scientific name *Colobus cenogenesis*.
- ❖ Researchers discovered two new solitary bee species in the Siang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The world's largest iceberg, A23a, has broken into smaller fragments in the South Atlantic Ocean after drifting for nearly 40 years.
- ❖ Scientists discovered *Lestes paloti*, a new species of spreadwing damselfly, in the Western Ghats of Kerala.
- ❖ Scientists documented two new spider species — *Simonia lawbah* and *Hamataliwa papikonda* from Meghalaya and Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Scientists have discovered a new species of porcelain crab named *Pachycheles ravichandrani* in the Lakshadweep Islands.
- ❖ Researchers from Agharkar Research Institute (ARI), Pune, discovered five new species of *Allographa* (lichen-forming fungi) in the Western Ghats: *Allographa keralensis*, *A. nayakae*, *A. paraconsanguinea*, *A. persistinspersa*, and *A. semicarbonisata*.
- ❖ The world's first successful scientific reintroduction of tigers into a landscape of local extinction took place at the Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan, India.
- ❖ The Indian rhinoceros population in Uttar Pradesh's Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) has risen to 53

- ❖ The Supreme Court has cleared the Kukrail Night Safari project in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ A new species of ginger lily, *Hedychium zubeengargianum*, has been named after late Assamese music legend Zubeen Garg.
- ❖ India's first AI-powered bird sanctuary is being developed at the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ The Malvi camel (White Camel) has been classified as endangered after its population declined to 102 animals, according to the 2019 Livestock Census.

REPORTS AND INDICES

- ❖ The World Hydropower Outlook 2026, released by the International Hydropower Association (IHA).
- ❖ The World LNG Report for 2026 was released recently by the International Gas Union (IGU).
- ❖ The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released the World Investment Report 2026.
- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) has released the Global Status Report on Cancer 2026.
- ❖ The Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 report for 2022–23 and 2023–24, assessing the performance of States and Union Territories (UTs) in school education.
- ❖ The World Intangible Investment Report 2026, launched by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Luiss Business School
- ❖ The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) released the Global Liveability Index 2026, ranking 173 cities based on living conditions and urban resilience.
- ❖ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released the World Economic Outlook (WEO) Update July 2026 titled "Global Economy in Crosscurrents of War and Technology".
- ❖ The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) released the Lives, Choices and Futures — Demographic Futures Survey 2026, analysing youth aspirations, relationships and family decisions.
- ❖ The Ministry of Coal released 'AAROH – Annual Report on Mine Closure', India's first report on scientific mine closure and repurposing practices.
- ❖ 2nd edition of the Digital Threat Report 2025-26 was released by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), along with CERT-In, CSIRT-Fin, and SISA
- ❖ NITI Aayog released the first ever report on "Investment Friendliness Index".

Report	Organization	Top	Bottom	India's position
SDG Index 2026	UN SDSN	–	–	94th
Global Passport Index (GPI) 2026	Global Citizen Solutions	Sweden	–	125th
Henley Passport Index 2026	Henley	Singapore	–	81st

STATES

- ❖ The Hemis Festival 2026 began at Hemis Monastery in Leh, Ladakh.
- ❖ In Madhya Pradesh, Indori Malwi Potato (Indore), Garadu (a tuber) and Balam Kakdi (cucumber) from Ratlam, and Mandu's iconic Baobab tree fruit (Dhar) were granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags
- ❖ Spiti Seabuckthorn (Chharma), Salooni Safed Makka (White Maize), Chamba Metal Art, Sirmauri Loiya, Kinnauri Topi, Sepuvadi of Mandi, Kinnauri Apple, and Kinnauri Jewellery from Himachal Pradesh have received Geographical Indication (GI) tags.
- ❖ Chandannagar's Jalbhara Sandesh, Janai's Manohara, and Balagarh's Traditional Wooden (Dingi) Boats from West Bengal, have received GI tags.
- ❖ Dree Festival 2026 is the major agricultural festival of the Apatani tribe in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Sirsa Kinnow has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, becoming Haryana's first fruit to get this recognition.
- ❖ Gujarat is constructing its first two air-filled rubber dams across the Heran River in Chhota Udepur district and the Ambika River in Tapi district.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Maharashtra governments reached an agreement on pending issues related to the Narmada Project.
- ❖ Uttarakhand became India's sixth fully literate state under the Ullas – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Programme).
- ❖ Delhi launched the Mission 70 Lakh Tree Plantation Campaign and Delhi Ridge Rejuvenation Campaign under the Green Action Plan 2026–27.
- ❖ Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang launched the "Mission: Million Oak Trees by 2047" initiative to restore Himalayan oak forests.
- ❖ Ahmedabad, Gujarat, created a Guinness World Record by planting 3.61 lakh saplings in one hour on 12 July 2026 at Bhadaj.
- ❖ ONGC completed drilling its second geothermal well in Puga Valley, Ladakh, in July 2026.
- ❖ The Geological Survey of India (GSI) identified thorium-bearing mineral deposits in Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka.

- ❖ Nearly 200-year-old Jodhpur's Mojari craft received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Centre.
- ❖ Jharkhand received Geographical Indication (GI) tags for four traditional products — Bhagaiya Silk, Kuchai Silk, Munda Jewellery, and Jharkhand Bamboo Craft in June 2026.
- ❖ Odisha has recognised 10 habitat rights claims covering 8 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006.
- ❖ Maharashtra became the first Indian state to enact the Maharashtra Women Farmers Empowerment Act, 2026, giving legal recognition to women farmers.
- ❖ The union home minister laid the foundation stone for the world's largest curd production plant under the Amul Bengal Dairy Project in Howrah, West Bengal.
- ❖ Scientists have identified the Pichhore orbicular granite in Shivpuri district, Madhya Pradesh as the second-oldest known orbicular rock in the world, dating back about 2.56 billion years.
- ❖ India Commissions First Geothermal Wells at Puga Valley in Ladakh.
- ❖ Bihar Chief Minister inaugurated the 68.80 km Belwa-Minapur Link Channel (Belwadhar) in Sheohar, Bihar.
- ❖ Karnataka leads all Indian states with the highest number of medical seats, boasting 15,395 MBBS seats.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh secured second place among Indian States under the MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes) scheme for mangrove restoration.

INITIATIVES, SCHEMES AND CAMPAIGNS

Name	Ministry/Organization	Aim
Global Chemicals Monitoring Programme	UNEP & GEF	Strengthen monitoring of hazardous chemicals globally
SUMAN Roadmap 2030	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Strengthen maternal and newborn healthcare
Integrated Child Health Programme - SSBSK	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Newborn and child healthcare
Gramodyam Program	NABARD	Promote rural entrepreneurship
Aastha Van Sanrakshan Yojana	National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority	Conservation and restoration of nearly 15,000 sacred groves

PARIVARTAN Scheme	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	Reduce transport-related air pollution
Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan	Union Government	For Chemical Parks
Mission "Golden Spice"	Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region	Enhance Lakadong turmeric and position

PERSONALITIES AND AWARDS

Personalities	Associated fields	Remarks
General Dhiraj Seth	–	31 st Chief of the Army Staff
Teejan Bai	Renowned exponent of Pandavani	Chhattisgarh
Girish Bharadwaj	–	Bridge Man of India
V.T. Valluvan	–	UN FAO 'Soil Hero Guardian'
singer S. Janaki	–	Nightingale of South India
Harjit Singh Grewal	–	Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities
Viswanathan Anand	Former Chess Champion	Interim President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE)
Anurag Jain	–	CEO of NITI Aayog

Prize/Awards	Awardee	Remarks
IMO Prize 2026	Meteorologist Dr Florence Rabier	Contributions to Numerical Weather Prediction
Narendra Modi	Guardian of the Blue Horizon	From Seychelles
Narendra Modi	Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia'	From Indonesia
Best Egmont Case Award (BECA) 2026	Financial Intelligence Unit-India	Runner-up
60th Jnanpith Award (2025)	R. Vairamuthu	–
Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026	Ajit Doval	National Security Adviser
Bharat Samman 2026	Dr. Nandini Azad	For Women's Empowerment

EVENTS AND SUMMITS

- ❖ India hosted the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting in Gurugram, Haryana.
- ❖ Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Women's Forum 2026 was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.
- ❖ The Hamburg Sustainability Conference (HSC) 2026, held in Hamburg, Germany
- ❖ The 16th India-Japan Annual Summit was held in New Delhi
- ❖ The inaugural United Nations Global Dialogue on AI Governance was held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ The two-day BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies' Meeting 2026 was held in Guwahati, Assam
- ❖ India has been appointed as the Chair of the Ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) on Consumer Protection Law and Policy organised by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ The 2026 North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Summit was held in Ankara, Türkiye.
- ❖ The 3rd BRICS Transport Working Group (TWG) Meeting began in Nagpur, Maharashtra, under India's BRICS Chairship 2026.
- ❖ The BRICS Women's Ministerial Meeting 2026 concluded in Kochi, Kerala
- ❖ The 15th BRICS Trade Union Forum (BTUF) Summit 2026 concluded in Hyderabad with the adoption of the Hyderabad Declaration.
- ❖ India hosted the 12th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting (LEMM) in Hyderabad under its BRICS Chairship 2026 under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability (BRICS)".
- ❖ India hosted the 5th Meeting of Heads of BRICS National Standardisation Bodies (NSBs) in Bengaluru under its BRICS Chairship 2026.
- ❖ The BRICS Ministerial Declaration 2026 was adopted during the third BRICS Transport Ministers' Meeting held in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- ❖ India hosted the 8th BRICS Heads of Prosecution Services Meeting organised by the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice.
- ❖ 28th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC28) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was held in Geneva, Switzerland
- ❖ IIT Tirupati hosted the 5th BRICS Working Group Meeting on Geospatial Technologies and its Applications.
- ❖ World Artificial Intelligence Cooperation Organization has been launched at World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC), Shanghai, China.

- ❖ India hosted the International Governing Board (IGB) meeting of the BRICS Network University (BRICS NU) and the conference on Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge Systems under its BRICS Presidency 2026.
- ❖ India is hosting the 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting in Chandigarh to strengthen cooperation in global health priorities.
- ❖ Bharat Tex 2026, India's Largest Global Textile Event, held in Delhi.
- ❖ India hosted the 3rd BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in New Delhi, where member countries adopted a Joint Statement.
- ❖ The BRICS Science Academies Forum 2026 concluded at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad.
- ❖ The 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting concluded in Chandigarh
- ❖ India hosted an international conference marking the 60th anniversary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

DEFENCE EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

Name	Countries/ Organization Involved	Venue
Operation Amistad	Indian Army field hospital	Earthquake-hit Venezuela
Valiant Shield 2026	USA, Japan, Australia, Canada and New Zealand	West Pacific Ocean
Resolute Dragon 26	USA, Japan	West Pacific Ocean
RIMPAC 2026 Multinational Naval Exercise	USA	Hawaii
Tiger Lightning	USA & Bangladesh	Bangladesh
Operation Southern Readiness 26-2	Indian Navy & 40 Nations	Kochi
Exercise Pitch Black 2026	Australia + 19 nations	Australia

SPORTS

- ❖ India topped the medal tally at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Championship 2026 with 25 medals, including 7 gold, 8 silver, and 10 bronzes.
- ❖ Indian Army personnel, Havildars Lakshay and Ujjwal Kumar Singh, won India's first World Rowing Cup gold medal at Lucerne, Switzerland, in the Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x) event.

- ❖ Ethan Vaz and Harshavardhan G.B. have been recognised as India's newest Chess Grandmasters (GM), marking India's 96th and 97th GMs.
- ❖ Indian badminton player Kidambi Srikanth won the silver medal in the men's singles event at the US Open in 2026.
- ❖ Kerala's Ancy Sojan broke Anju Bobby George's 22-year-old Indian women's long jump national record with a 6.88 m jump at the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships 2026
- ❖ Australia clinch 7th Women's T20 World Cup by defeating England
- ❖ Aswath S from Kanyakumari became India's 98th Chess Grandmaster (GM)
- ❖ Mayur was unveiled as the official mascot for the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026, Delhi.
- ❖ India Deaf Women's Cricket Team won its first-ever Women's T20I Deaf Cricket Series by defeating Sri Lanka 5–0 in the debut tournament held at Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.
- ❖ India secured joint first rank at the 56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 after all five team members won gold medals in Bucaramanga, Colombia.
- ❖ P.V. Sindhu became the first Indian badminton player to win the Japan Open Super 750 women's singles title in July 2026 after defeating Japan's Akane Yamaguchi, a former world champion, in the final.
- ❖ Spain won the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup, defeating Argentina 1–0 in the final.
- ❖ Lionel Messi (Argentina) became the first player to start three Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup finals during the 2026 FIFA World Cup final.
- ❖ Indian squash player Anahat Singh became the first Indian to win the World Junior Squash Individual Championship 2026 in New Delhi.

Wimbledon 2026 Winners	
Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Men's singles title
Linda Nosková (Czechia)	Women's singles title
Harri Heliövaara (Finland) and Henry Patten (United Kingdom)	Men's doubles title
Guo Hanyu (China) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)	Women's doubles title
Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador) and Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)	Mixed doubles title

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Important Day	Theme
June 30	International Asteroid Day	Planetary Defence and Asteroid Impact Hazards
July 01	GST Day 2026	–
June 26 to July 2	National Electricity Safety Week	Today's Awareness, Tomorrow's Prevention
July 01	Chartered Accountants (CA) Day	–
July 02	World Sports Journalists Day	Championing Fair Play: Reporting with Integrity and Impact
July 05	International Day of Cooperatives	Cooperatives for a Peaceful World
July 06	World Zoonoses Day	One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses
July 06	World Rural Development Day	Financing the First Mile of Food Systems
July 07	World Bioproduct Day	Bioproducts are everywhere – often without us even noticing
July 10	National Fish Farmer's Day	–
July 11	World Population Day 2026	Realizing the hopes and aspirations of young people – today and for the future
July 12	International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms	From Source to Impact: Protecting Land and Life from Sand and Dust Storms
July 15	World Plastic Surgery Day	Changing lives with Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
July 15	World Youth Skills Day	Skills for a shared future
July 16	World Snake Day	Respect, Don't Fear: Protecting Nature's Silent Guardians
July 22	World Brain Day	Brain Health: Access For All
July 23	National Broadcasting Day	–
July 25	World Drowning Prevention Day	Unite to turn the tide
July 26	Kargil Vijay Diwas	–
July 28	World Hepatitis Day	Hepatitis: Let's Break It Down
July 29	International Tiger Day	Securing the Future of Tigers with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities at the Heart
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	Trapped Behind the Scam

