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## TAMIL NADU

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Child nutrition indicators improved, with stunting declining from 25.0% to 20.7% and severe wasting from 5.5% to 4.9%.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Delimitation Commission's meeting was chaired by State Election Commissioner B. Jothi Nirmaladasamy in Chennai.
- ❖ The Madras High Court declared that M. Appavu had won the 2016 Radhapuram Assembly election, setting aside the election of I.S. Inbadurai after nearly ten years.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu received more Cauvery water (330 TMC ft.) than its allocated share (177.25 TMC ft) during the water year 2025–26.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government released the 'Vetri Tamizhagam Vision Document' during its first Cabinet meeting which contains 436 vision statements based on the government's election commitments.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu launched India's first State-level Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Cool Roof Coating Application
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded a modest growth of 6.8% in the State's Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) during 2025–26, despite registering 10.83% economic growth.
- ❖ TN Government hospitals contributed 64% of deceased organ donors in Tamil Nadu as of April 2026.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launched the Singappen Special Force on 9 June 2026 in Chennai.
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu released the State Heat Action Plan (HAP) 2026 to reduce heat-induced illnesses and strengthen heatwave preparedness across the State.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's first Pink Police Booth was inaugurated at Ponneri under the Avadi Police Commissionerate.
- ❖ The State Govt released the White Paper on the Fiscal Management of Tamil Nadu: An Examination of Public Finances 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government approved five dedicated Renewable Energy Zones under the Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGECL), Their five zonal headquarters are located in Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, and Madurai.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Police has designated Helpline 1091 as the official helpline of the Singappen Special Force (SSF).
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has announced the Chief Minister's Police Medals for outstanding work in eradicating drug production and preventing illicit drug trafficking in the State since 2023.

## NATIONAL

- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India 2022-23.
- ❖ India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined to 1.9 children per woman in 2024, falling below the replacement level of 2.1.
- ❖ The Supreme Court held that the right to trauma care is an integral part of the Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution.
- ❖ India ranked second in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region in operational data centre capacity as of May 2026.
- ❖ All emergency numbers, such as 100, 101, 108, 102, 1033, 1091, etc., will be merged into 112.
- ❖ India has signed a deal with Vietnam for the supply of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile
- ❖ Indian Railways has approved India's first indigenous 10-coach Hydrogen Fuel Cell-based train on the Jind–Sonipat route in Haryana
- ❖ India's first SkyCast System was inaugurated at Indira Gandhi International Airport by the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ❖ The India–Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) came into force on 1 June 2026.
- ❖ The Central Government approved the Chenab–Beas Link Tunnel Project in May 2026 in Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Indian Railways unveiled a new 18-star logo after the South Coast Railway (SCoR) became the country's 18th railway zone on 1 June 2026.
- ❖ The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) crossed the milestone of 90 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs) on 30 May 2026.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully flight-tested the indigenous RudraM-II, an air-to-surface anti-radiation missile (ARM) developed by the DRDO.
- ❖ Centre has launched 'Samadhan Didi', an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled voice chatbot under the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS).
- ❖ India became the world's second-largest solar growth market in 2025, surpassing the United States in annual solar capacity additions.
- ❖ The Government launched E85 fuel across 48 retail outlets of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).
- ❖ India's 7th Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) was inaugurated at Jammu.
- ❖ The first phase of the Viksit Vibrant Village Program (VVVP) 2026 was launched to strengthen youth engagement in border villages.

- ❖ The United States NASA officially ended the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) mission after losing contact with the spacecraft.
- ❖ The union home minister launched the Land Port Management System (LPMS) to digitise operations at India's land ports.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi became India's longest-serving continuously elected Prime Minister on 10 June 2026.
- ❖ The Central Government is establishing Mega Leather, Footwear, and Accessories Clusters in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu with a total investment of about ₹898 crore.
- ❖ Indian farmers are set to begin large-scale cultivation of Imidazolinone-Resistant (IMI-Resistant) Mustard Hybrids during the 2026–27 rabi season.
- ❖ The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has issued standards for tea bags for the first time, banning the use of epichlorohydrin and chlorine bleaching.
- ❖ The Government has revived the long-pending Kirthai-II Hydroelectric Project, a 930 Megawatt (MW) run-of-river hydropower project on the Chenab River in Kishtwar district, Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ Union Govt launched the BHAVYA Portal to accelerate the development of 100 industrial parks across India.
- ❖ The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has released a new standard, IS 20201:2026, to improve the management of Community Seed Banks and protect indigenous crop varieties in India.
- ❖ The India–France ATL (Atal Tinkering Labs) Bridge was officially launched during the Bharat Innovates 2026 summit held in Nice, France.
- ❖ The Central Government announced a ₹1.25 lakh crore Viksit Bharat–GRAMG (VB-G RAM-G) rural development initiative, which will come into effect from 1 July 2026.
- ❖ India's first drone-based mail and parcel transmission service has been launched by the Department of Posts in Himachal Pradesh between Mandi Head Post Office and Rehardhar Branch Post Office
- ❖ The Indian Navy's INAS 330 ("The Harpoons") was decommissioned after 55 years of service, retiring its Sea King Mk 42B helicopters to be replaced by MH-60R Seahawks.
- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad will set up India's first Centre of Design Excellence in Nuclear Engineering (CODENE).
- ❖ India has set a target of 155 Gigawatt (GW) of installed wind energy capacity by 2035, with an interim target of 100 GW by 2030.
- ❖ India's annual defence production reached a record ₹1.78 lakh crore in Financial Year 2025-26, the highest ever achieved by the country.

- ❖ June 18, 2026, marked the 75th anniversary of the Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951.
- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard inducted its first indigenous Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) hovercraft, designated H-561.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India in Maniyar Iliyaz @ Shaik Riyaz v. P. Ayyappan & Ors. held that the right to walk on safe and demarcated footpaths is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution.
- ❖ The Union Home Minister launched the Abhigyan App to strengthen the use of crime-related data by law enforcement agencies.
- ❖ The Prime Minister of India launched the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSCEM) in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh, to eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia by 2047.
- ❖ The Indian Navy commissioned three indigenously built warships- INS Dunagiri, INS Agray and INS Sanshodhak in Kolkata.
- ❖ The Supreme Court in SaveLIFE Foundation & Anr. vs Union of India held that the right to trauma care is an integral part of the Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.
- ❖ Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been assigned to build a new Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) in Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) 2026 introduced the world's first dedicated standards for blood and blood components.
- ❖ India has set a target to achieve 100 GW pumped storage hydropower capacity by 2035-36 to strengthen energy storage and grid stability.
- ❖ The Madras High Court has ruled that a person who converts to Islam cannot claim Backwards Class (Muslim) status and declared the Tamil Nadu Government's 2024 Government Order (G.O.) unconstitutional.
- ❖ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has launched Nirbhay Chetna, the world's largest women's safety and gender sensitisation initiative.
- ❖ India's first Indian Space Industry E-Catalogue was launched at the 5th Indian Space Congress (ISC) held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has designated Haldia Seaport, West Bengal, as an Immigration Post.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) launched four new digital applications - Abhigyan, CrPI, e-Prosecution 2.0, and e-Forensics 2.0 to speed up investigation, prosecution, and forensic processes in the criminal justice system.
- ❖ According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), India continues to have the world's second-largest road network.

## INTERNATIONAL

- ❖ The United Nations (UN) included Israel and Russia in its 2026 blacklist of parties suspected of conflict-related sexual violence.
- ❖ Kazakhstan has signed a \$16.5 billion agreement with Russia's state nuclear company Rosatom to build the country's first nuclear power plant.
- ❖ India's National Security Adviser participated in the 1st International Security Forum (ISF) held in Moscow, Russia.
- ❖ India's seafood exports reached a record USD 8.46 billion (₹73,890 crore) in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman was elected President of the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) .
- ❖ Malaysia began enforcing a law from 1 June 2026 requiring social media platforms to verify users' ages and block children under 16 from creating accounts.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected five countries (Austria, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, Zimbabwe, and Kyrgyzstan) as non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- ❖ India and the United Kingdom launched the India–UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory in New Delhi.
- ❖ The COP31 co-presidency of Australia and Turkey has proposed the “35 by 35” target to increase electricity's share of global final energy demand to 35% by 2035.
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates has fixed 15 years as the minimum age for social media use, becoming the first Arab country to introduce such a rule.
- ❖ Uzbekistan has joined the New Development Bank as its 10th member country and the first country from Central Asia to become a member.
- ❖ Bangladesh has approved the construction of the Padma Barrage Project on the Padma River in the Rajbari district.
- ❖ US President Trump renamed the United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) back to the United States Pacific Command (USPACOM).
- ❖ The Mombasa Declaration was adopted by 15 countries from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, and the Pacific to strengthen global efforts against illegal fishing.
- ❖ The European Union (EU) agreed to join the Pax Silica initiative, a United States-led framework on artificial intelligence supply chains and export controls.
- ❖ The United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 2823 (2026) to strengthen accountability for crimes against UN peacekeepers.
- ❖ Bolivia's Parliament approved a nationwide State of Emergency declared by President Rodrigo Paz to end a 50-day protest and highway blockade crisis.

## ECONOMY

- ❖ Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited plans to launch India's first Blue Bond in FY 2026–27.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India is exploring a universal 'Kill Switch' mechanism and 'Switch On/Switch Off' facility for digital payment channels.
- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has revised the base year of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) from 2011–12 to 2022–23.
- ❖ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) will release the revised WPI with 2022–23 as the new base year, replacing the 2011–12 series.
- ❖ India slipped to the 7th position in global stock market capitalisation rankings after being overtaken by South Korea.
- ❖ NPCI International Payments Limited and ACLEDA Bank launched cross-border UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payments in Cambodia through the KHQR platform.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu–Andaman & Nicobar Islands–Puducherry (TAP) region Special Economic Zones (SEZs) achieved their highest-ever exports in 2025–26.
- ❖ A rare Yellow Puffball Mushroom was documented in Zedua village, Longding district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ India became the world's largest digital wallet market in 2025 with more than 440 million app downloads.
- ❖ India became the world's third-largest domestic aviation market in April 2024, surpassing Brazil and Indonesia, and ranking behind only the United States and China.
- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu approved the merger of REC Limited with Power Finance Corporation (PFC) to create a larger power sector financing institution.
- ❖ India received over USD 100 billion in workers' remittances in FY 2025-26
- ❖ Bengaluru-based Sarvam AI became India's 130th unicorn after raising \$234 million in a Series B funding round.
- ❖ RBI has launched "Reelathon 2026" in India to spread awareness on cybersecurity and the prevention of financial fraud among digital users.
- ❖ NSE Indices Limited in India has launched 11 new sector-specific indices, expanding its total sectoral indices count to 34.
- ❖ Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) became India's 28th Nav ratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).
- ❖ India became the world's largest ship recycling nation in 2025, accounting for 35.4% of global ship recycling.
- ❖ India contributed about 9% of global aquatic animal production in 2024, ranking second after China.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ India successfully launched Mission SANA, the country's first indigenous stratospheric super-pressure balloon mission, from Vijayawada by Red Balloon Aerospace.
- ❖ China successfully performed the world's first simultaneous pig liver and pig kidney transplant into a human patient.
- ❖ The Indian Army conducted an operational demonstration of the indigenous Divyastra Mk-1 tactical loitering munition in Jodhpur on 1 June 2026.
- ❖ The James Webb Space Telescope detected methane on the interstellar comet 3I/ATLAS, marking the first direct detection of methane on an object originating outside the Solar System.
- ❖ A rare Blue Moon–Micromoon event was observed on 31 May 2026, making it an uncommon lunar phenomenon.
- ❖ Microsoft unveiled the Majorana 2 quantum chip at Build 2026, reporting a major improvement in qubit stability, with an average qubit lifetime of 20 seconds and peaks of up to 60 seconds.
- ❖ NASA announced the four-member crew- Randy Bresnik (United States), Luca Parmitano (Italy), Andre Douglas (United States), and Frank Rubio (United States) for the Artemis III mission.
- ❖ The IIT Madras has released ANCHOR (Atlas of Neurochemical Characterization of the Human Brainstem with 3D Reconstruction), the world's most detailed 3D atlas of the human brainstem.
- ❖ India validated Truenat HR-HPV-Plus, the country's first indigenous Human Papillomavirus (HPV) screening test for cervical cancer, developed by Molbio Diagnostics.
- ❖ IIT Bhubaneswar has developed ArsenSafe, a portable device that rapidly detects arsenic contamination in drinking water without laboratory facilities.
- ❖ India has approved Pluvicto, the country's first radioligand therapy (RLT) for treating advanced prostate cancer.
- ❖ The first Made-in-India C-295 military transport aircraft successfully completed its maiden test flight in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- ❖ INS Agray, the fifth Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), was delivered to the Indian Navy
- ❖ China's LineShine supercomputer, ranked first in the TOP500 list (June 2026 edition).
- ❖ Canada signed a \$2.5 billion agreement with Australia and BAE Systems Australia to acquire an Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar (A-OTHR) system.

## ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ The Rusty-Spotted Cat was recorded for the first time in the National Chambal Sanctuary of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Scientists discovered a new evergreen tree species named *Humboldtia nairiana* in the riparian forests of Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ❖ The Yellow-throated Marten (*Martes flavigula*) has been recorded for the first time in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, Assam.
- ❖ *Mesalina bishnoi*, a newly identified lizard species belonging to the genus *Mesalina*, has been recorded in India for the first time from an open semi-desert habitat near Gajner, Bikaner district, Rajasthan.
- ❖ Marine researchers have documented the giant *Pavona clavus* (Potato Patch) coral colony near Kadmat Island in the Lakshadweep archipelago.
- ❖ The latest synchronised survey found that the population of the Nilgiri Tahr, Tamil Nadu's State animal, has increased to 1,364.
- ❖ Scientists discovered a new frog species, *Amolops kamal* (Nagaland Cascade Frog), in Kiphire district, Nagaland, near the Myanmar border.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's first-ever comprehensive state-wide raptor assessment recorded 5,712 sightings belonging to 51 raptor species across the state
- ❖ A total of 798 bird species were recorded across the state, including 397 wetland species and 401 terrestrial species during the Tamil Nadu Synchronised Bird Estimate 2025
- ❖ A rare caracal was recorded during a wildlife survey in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Uttar Pradesh has been declared India's 100th Ramsar Site under the Ramsar Convention.
- ❖ Scientists have reported that the fourth global coral bleaching event, the fastest and most widespread on record, likely ended in mid-2025.
- ❖ Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) released a new bush-type green chilli variety, KAU Thejaswini, suitable for year-round cultivation in Kerala.
- ❖ The United Nations has issued the first-ever carbon credits under Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement for a clean-cooking project in Myanmar.
- ❖ SHAN (Snow Leopard and High-Altitude Nature) Conservation Society was approved in Ladakh by the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh as a dedicated body to protect snow leopards and cold desert ecosystems.
- ❖ Turkey's Presidency of the UNFCCC COP31 and the Food and Agriculture Organization have launched the Turquoise Nexus Initiative (TNI).
- ❖ India's first 3D-printed artificial reef modules are set to be deployed off the Ramanathapuram coast in Tamil Nadu under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

- ❖ Jonathan, a Seychelles giant tortoise living on St Helena Island, is the world's oldest living land animal and has been officially recognised as a Guinness World Records ICON.
- ❖ The Meghalaya State Zoo recorded the first successful birth of a Stump-tailed Macaque (*Macaca arctoides*) in June 2026.
- ❖ Bangladesh became the 27<sup>th</sup> member country of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).

## **REPORTS AND INDICES**

- ❖ The Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update 2026–2035 was released by the World Meteorological Organization
- ❖ The State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) 2026 report has been released by the ICRIER–Prosus Centre for Internet and Digital Economy.
- ❖ NITI Aayog released the report “Future of India's Semiconductor Industry”, outlining India's Semiconductor Vision 2035.
- ❖ The UN University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) released the report “Environmental Cost of AI's Energy Use: Carbon, Water and Land Footprints”.
- ❖ The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2026 has been released published by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).
- ❖ The Planetary Climate Vital Signs Report 2026 was released during the Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB64).
- ❖ The UNICEF Children's Climate Risk Report 2026 highlights that around 392 million children in India (92%) are exposed to extreme heat, with 89 million children facing recurrent heatwaves.
- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP) released the Hunger Hotspots Report 2026
- ❖ Bengaluru was ranked as the second-best Artificial Intelligence (AI)-native startup cluster in Asia in the Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) 2026.
- ❖ The Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2026 was released by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with Accenture.
- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2026 report under the theme “Blue Transformation: Turning Vision into Impact”.
- ❖ India ranked 13th globally in AI-economy readiness in the QS World Future Skills Index 2027, released by QS Quacquarelli Symonds.

## STATES

- ❖ Telangana inaugurated India's first solar power projects operated by women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under the Indira Mahila Shakti Scheme.
- ❖ Sikkim has been declared India's fifth fully literate State under the ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) programme.
- ❖ Kerala's 'Project Menstrual Dignity' proposes up to three days of menstrual leave per month for schoolgirls in Kerala.
- ❖ Siddaramaiah is the 18th Chief Minister of Karnataka and now holds the record for the longest cumulative tenure in the State's history.
- ❖ The Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) launched Mission Senehgori to promote Assam's Muga silk as a global luxury brand.
- ❖ The National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6) 2023-24 reported high levels of child malnutrition in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6) 2023-24 recorded a decline in child stunting in Meghalaya.
- ❖ Kerala launched HAWK (Hostile Activity Watch Kernel) as India's first judiciary-integrated digital system for wildlife offence management.
- ❖ Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, has been selected for the state's first semiconductor project under the India Semiconductor Mission.
- ❖ The West Bengal Legislative Assembly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA).
- ❖ The Andaman and Nicobar Islands recorded India's lowest TFR (Total Fertility Rate) in NFHS-6 (National Family Health Survey-6).
- ❖ The APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) facilitated India's first-ever sea shipment of botanical-infused ready-to-cook millet functional foods from Karnataka to New Zealand.
- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh Government has withdrawn the two-child norm that restricted eligibility for government jobs and service benefits.
- ❖ The Kerala Cabinet has approved the Priyadarshini Scheme, which provides free travel for women and transgender persons on Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) ordinary bus services from 15 June 2026.
- ❖ The Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) has secured trademark protection for the Nilachakra logo and the terms Patitapabana and Ananda Bajara, becoming the first Indian shrine to obtain such protection.
- ❖ Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, became the first city in India to be integrated into the Easy Connect model for international travel.
- ❖ Four traditional products from Jharkhand—Bhagaiya silk, Kuchai silk, Munda jewellery and bamboo craft—have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

- ❖ India's first 8-lane tunnel beneath the Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan, is set to open on 20 June 2026 as part of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway project.
- ❖ Telangana launched its Breakfast and Milk Scheme when schools reopened after the summer vacation.
- ❖ The traditional Tripura Sarinda, a stringed musical instrument of Tripura's indigenous communities has been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ Assam has been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags for four traditional products - Karbi Anglong Handloom Products, Assam Bihu Pepa, Assam Bamboo Crafts, and Deuri Handloom Products.
- ❖ The Jonnagiri Gold Mine in Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh, began commercial operations and is operated by Geomysore Services India Pvt Ltd, making it India's only private-sector primary gold mine since Independence.
- ❖ Khurasani Imli of Mandu, a historic town in Madhya Pradesh, has been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana, became the first university in India to receive four International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certifications simultaneously, awarded by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

## PERSONALITIES AND AWARDS

Personalities	Associated fields	Remarks
<b>K. Arumugam</b>	Hockey Historian	Authored a book India's First Olympic Gold
<b>Ajay Kochhar</b>	Vice Admiral	48 <sup>th</sup> Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
<b>V. Mohana</b>	Senior Advocate	Second woman to be directly elevated from the Bar to the Supreme Court
<b>N.S. Raja Subramani</b>	–	New CDS
<b>P. Sumathi</b>	Secretary to the TN Law Department	First woman to hold the post
<b>Krishna Swaminathan</b>	Admiral	27 <sup>th</sup> Chief of the Naval Staff
<b>R. Praggnanandhaa</b>	Chess	First Indian to win the prestigious Norway Chess 2026 title
<b>Vinod Rai</b>	Former CAG	Authored the book 'When Audit Matters: CAG Interventions That Made a Difference'
<b>Elon Musk</b>	–	World's first trillionaire
<b>Vivek Aggarwal</b>	–	First Indian as VP of FATF

<b>Prof. Bimal N. Patel</b>	Indian jurist	Elected as a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
<b>Tushar Mehta</b>	–	Reappointed as the Solicitor General of India

Prize/ Awards	Awardee	Remarks
<b>FAO Soil Farmer Hero</b>	Valluvan	Farmer
<b>The Earth Prize</b>	Vivaan Chhawchharia Ariana Agarwal, and Avyana Mehta	For developing Plas-Stick, a biodegradable water filtration innovation
<b>2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports</b>	Lionel Messi	Football Player
<b>Order of the White Double Cross, First Class</b>	PM Modi	highest State honour of Slovakia
<b>Wolf Prize in Physics 2026</b>	Physicist Jainendra K. Jain	First Indian-origin scientist

## EVENTS AND SUMMITS

- ❖ The second BRICS Culture Working Group (CWG) Meeting was held in Varanasi
- ❖ The first in-person technical meeting of the BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Working Group under India's BRICS Presidency began in Puri, Odisha.
- ❖ The 64th Sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB64) of the UNFCCC are being held in Bonn, Germany.
- ❖ The BRICS Agriculture Meeting 2026 was held in Indore under India's BRICS Chairmanship to discuss key issues in the global agriculture sector.
- ❖ The National Mango Festival 2026 was inaugurated in Rayapettai, Chennai.
- ❖ The 114th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) was held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ The 52nd G7 Summit began in Évian-les-Bains, France, on 15 June 2026, hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron.
- ❖ The 13<sup>th</sup> BRICS Urbanisation Forum concluded in New Delhi
- ❖ Ambubachi Mela 2026 is held at Kamakhya Temple, Assam.
- ❖ India, as the BRICS Chair for 2026, hosted the 16th BRICS National Security Advisers' (NSA) Meeting in New Delhi under the chairmanship of National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval.
- ❖ The BRICS Heads of Space Agencies (HOSA) Meeting 2026 was held in Bengaluru under India's chairmanship.

## DEFENCE EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

Name	Countries/ Organization Involved	Venue
<b>Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2026</b>	Multilateral peacekeeping drill	Mongolia

## SPORTS

- ❖ Indian shooter Esha Singh won the gold medal with a world record score in the women's 25m pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2026, Munich, Germany.
- ❖ Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) won the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 title by defeating the Gujarat Titans (GT).
- ❖ The 125th edition of the French Open concluded in Paris, France, with Alexander Zverev (Germany) winning the Men's Singles title and Mirra Andreeva (Russia) winning the Women's Singles title.
- ❖ India topped the medal tally at the inaugural World Yogasana Championship 2026 held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❖ India won the SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Women's Championship 2026 by defeating Bangladesh 3–1 in the final held in Goa.
- ❖ Kazakhstan's Bibisara Assaubayeva won the 3rd edition of the Norway Chess Women's Tournament 2026.
- ❖ India won the Men's U18 Asia Cup 2026 title by defeating Japan 4–1 in the final at Kakamigahara, Japan.
- ❖ Cristiano Ronaldo became the first football player in history to score in six FIFA World Cups, having scored in the 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022, and 2026 editions.
- ❖ Harmanpreet Kaur, India's women's cricket team captain, became the first cricketer in the world (men's and women's) to play 200 Twenty20 International (T20I) matches during the Women's T20 World Cup 2026 against South Africa in Manchester.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Important Day	Theme
<b>June 01</b>	World Milk Day	Celebrating Women Farmers
<b>June 01</b>	Global Day of Parents	Together for Parents
<b>June 02</b>	World Peatlands Day	–
<b>June 05</b>	World Environment Day	Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future
<b>June 06</b>	World Pest Day	Defending Health Across Borders: The Global Power of Pest Management
<b>June 07</b>	World Food Safety Day	From Burden to Solutions – Safe Food Everywhere
<b>June 08</b>	World Oceans Day	Reimagine: Beyond the World We Know, a New Relationship with Our Ocean
<b>June 12</b>	World Day Against Child Labour	Red card to child labour: Fair play for children, decent work for adults
<b>June 13</b>	International Albinism Awareness Day	Proudly in my skin – celebrating all skin tones
<b>June 15</b>	Global Wind Day	Our wind, our community
<b>June 17</b>	World Crocodile Day	Legacy in Every Scale
<b>June 19</b>	World Sickle Cell Day	Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Disease
<b>June 19</b>	National Reading Day	–
<b>June 20</b>	World Refugee Day	Solidarity with Refugees
<b>June 21</b>	World Hydrography Day	Transforming how ocean data is shared
<b>June 21</b>	International Day of Yoga	Yoga for Healthy Ageing
<b>June 23</b>	International Olympic Day	You Can Do This! Let's Move
<b>June 27</b>	International Day of Deaf Blindness	Connected by Touch: Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges
<b>June 29</b>	International Day of the Tropics 2026	–
<b>June 30</b>	International Asteroid Day	Planetary Defence and Asteroid Impact Hazards

