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TAMIL NADU

- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded strong growth with 10.83% GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) in 2025-26 after 11.19% in 2024-25.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded the highest marine fish landings in India in 2025 with about 6.85 lakh tonnes of fish, slightly higher than 6.79 lakh tonnes in 2024.
- ❖ A total of 4,87,98,833 voters out of 5,73,43,291 cast their votes on April 23 across 75,064 polling booths.
- ❖ The 16th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was dissolved by the Governor of Tamil Nadu with effect from 5 May 2026.
- ❖ In the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections total of 3,352 candidates lost their election deposit for failing to secure one-sixth of the valid votes polled in their constituencies.
- ❖ Chennai Metro Rail Limited won the Global Environmental Leadership Project of the Year 2026 award in the Metro Rail category at the GEEF (Global Energy and Environment Foundation) Global Environmental Excellence Awards 2026.
- ❖ India's first Urban Weather Testbed and Aerosol Observatory was launched in Chennai to improve weather forecasting and climate research in cities.
- ❖ C. Joseph Vijay, president of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), was sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ A National Sample Survey report found that Tamil Nadu recorded the lowest out-of-pocket medical expenditure (OOPME) for treatment in government hospitals among major States in India.
- ❖ Karuppaiah M.V. (Sholavandan MLA) sworn in as Pro-tem Speaker by Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar at Lok Bhavan.
- ❖ The elected Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) took oath in the 17th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 11 May 2026.
- ❖ The Singappen Special Task Force was formed by the Tamil Nadu government to strengthen women's safety and preventive protection across the State.
- ❖ J.C.D. Prabhakar of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam was unanimously elected as the Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 12 May 2026.
- ❖ C. Joseph Vijay won the confidence motion in the Tamil Nadu Assembly with 144 votes during the 2026 floor test.
- ❖ Around 83% of candidates in Tamil Nadu lost their election security deposit in the 2026 Assembly elections.
- ❖ India signed an MoU to set up the country's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ The 1,100 MW Velimalai Pumped Storage Hydro Electric Project in Kanniyakumari received Terms of Reference (ToR) clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government announced a cooperative crop loan waiver scheme for loans taken from cooperative banks between 1 May 2025 and 28 February 2026.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has appointed Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal as the Director General of Police (DGP) and Head of the Police Force (HoPF), succeeding Sandeep Rai Rathore.

NATIONAL

- ❖ DRDO conducted the maiden salvo launch of NASM-SR (Naval Anti-Ship Missile – Short Range) with the Indian Navy from a helicopter off the Odisha coast in the Bay of Bengal.
- ❖ Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is set to launch the E-PRAAPTI portal for EPF account management.
- ❖ The Government of India will launch Prashast 2.0 to identify 21 types of disabilities, support early screening of Children with Special Needs (CWSN) in schools, simplify certification, and link students to Samagra Shiksha.
- ❖ India launched its first official F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026 to connect esports with motorsport, organised by Formula 1 and Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited.
- ❖ National Medical Commission (NMC) removed the cap on MBBS seats in medical colleges.
- ❖ Ministry of Coal signed Coal Mine Development and Production Agreements for four coal blocks with UCG provisions.
- ❖ China has announced the reopening of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra for Indian pilgrims through Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass in Sikkim
- ❖ Lok Sabha Speaker reconstituted four major Parliamentary Committees - Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee, Committee on Public Undertakings, and Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for 2026–27.
- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) 2.0 guidelines.
- ❖ India deployed the Aarogya Maitri system in Jamaica to strengthen health cooperation with Caribbean nations.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has proposed amending the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, to extend legal protection to Vande Mataram, similar to the National Anthem.

- ❖ The Union Government announced that the South Coast Railway Zone (SCoR) will be officially notified on June 1, 2026.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India expanded the definition of ‘acid attack victims’ under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, to include survivors of forcible acid ingestion.
- ❖ NCRB recorded 34,878 juvenile crime cases in 2024 compared to 31,365 cases in 2023.
- ❖ India recorded 58.86 lakh cognisable crimes in 2024, showing a 6% decline compared to 2023.
- ❖ The National Crime Records Bureau released the Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India (ADSI) 2024 report, which recorded 1,70,746 suicides in India during 2024.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, to increase the sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court of India from 34 to 38 judges, including the Chief Justice of India (CJI).
- ❖ India became the world’s 3rd largest country in installed renewable energy capacity.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the “Mission for Cotton Productivity” with an outlay of ₹5,659 crore for 2026–27 to 2030–31.
- ❖ Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has announced to constitute a high-powered committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Aravind Kumar to prepare a blueprint for the Modernisation of courts across the country.
- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the JANANI (Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care) digital platform during the National Summit on Best Practices.
- ❖ The Government of India recently launched the Swasth Bharat Portal to create a unified digital health platform across the country.
- ❖ India’s first hydrogen-powered shuttle bus service started in the Central Vista area of New Delhi.
- ❖ The Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women was reconstituted for 2026–27 by Lok Sabha Speaker under Daggubati Purandeswari.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India expanded 12 weeks maternity leave benefits for adoptive mothers in the case Hamsaanandini Nanduri vs Union of India.
- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu promulgated the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Ordinance, 2026, to increase the number of judges of Supreme Court from 33 to 37.

- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard commissioned ICGS Achal, a new-generation Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) and the fifth vessel in a series of eight ships, at Goa Shipyard Limited.
- ❖ The Government of India notified a 1% welfare cess on construction costs under the Code on Social Security, 2020.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs has amended Citizenship Rules, 2009 and notified Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- ❖ Bureau of Indian Standards notified new standards for E22, E25, E27, and E30 ethanol-blended petrol fuels under IS 19850:2026.
- ❖ India started work on new Chenab River hydropower projects amid the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty.
- ❖ India has assumed the chairmanship of the Regional Cooperative Agreement (RCA) for 2026 under the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
- ❖ the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) launched Yard 3039 'INS Sanghmitra' for the Indian Navy in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ❖ Medha Vishram Kulkarni was appointed as the Chairperson of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- ❖ Sudheer Gupta was appointed as the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on the Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
- ❖ Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament (MP) Raghav Chadha was appointed as the Chairman of the Committee on Petitions of the Rajya Sabha in New Delhi.
- ❖ India's birth rate declined from 21 per 1,000 population in 2014 to 18.3 in 2024, while the death rate declined from 6.7 to 6.4.
- ❖ India's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), which measures infant deaths per 1,000 live births, declined from 39 in 2014 to 24 in 2024.
- ❖ India successfully tested the indigenous Vayu Astra loitering munition developed by Nibe Limited.
- ❖ Oil India Limited discovered a new natural gas zone in the Dandewala Field of Jaisalmer district, western Rajasthan
- ❖ India unveiled its first indigenous 300-km "Suryastra" Universal Rocket Launching System in Shirdi, Maharashtra.
- ❖ The Indian Army developed two Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based platforms, Kautilya and Q-FORCE, for command intelligence and logistics management.
- ❖ India's Out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) forms nearly 50% of the Current Health Expenditure (CHE) in India.
- ❖ Government Health Expenditure (GHE) increased from 1.15% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2013-14 to about 1.48% in 2022-23.

- ❖ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App in New Delhi to strengthen Scheduled Caste (SC) welfare scheme implementation.
- ❖ Google announced “Google AI Educator Series (GES)”, a free Artificial Intelligence (AI) training programme for school and higher education teachers in India.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) formed a High-Level Committee headed by retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar to study demographic changes caused by illegal immigration and abnormal migration patterns in India.
- ❖ The union home minister proposed the Four-Dimensional Grid Border Security Model to strengthen India's international border protection.

INTERNATIONAL

- ❖ The United Arab Emirates announced it will exit Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and OPEC+ from May 1, 2026.
- ❖ The United States ended the sanctions waiver on Chabahar Port on April 26, 2026.
- ❖ Finland launched Europe’s first fully integrated lithium project near Kokkola.
- ❖ India was placed on the Priority Watch List of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in 2026.
- ❖ Jordan joined India-led global initiatives ISA, CDRI and GBA.
- ❖ UNESCO designated 12 new Global Geoparks and the total number of Global Geoparks increased to 241 sites in 51 countries.
- ❖ Mayon Volcano erupted in the Philippines, forcing the evacuation of nearly 1,500 families and restrictions on airspace near Manila.
- ❖ Canada became the first non-European country to attend a summit of the European Political Community (EPC).
- ❖ NASA scientists discovered a hidden 2.5-billion-year-old internal structure inside the Great Dyke of Zimbabwe using satellite imaging and geophysics mapping.
- ❖ The United States launched “Project Freedom”, in the Strait of Hormuz.
- ❖ Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has announced that May 10 will be celebrated as 'Marka-e-Haq Day' annually.
- ❖ The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) approved 48 new members globally, including five organisations from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean region.

- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
- ❖ Indian War Memorial at Imjingak Park inaugurated near Seoul to mark the 75th anniversary of the Korean War.
- ❖ The UK government announced a free bus travel scheme for children in England under the “Great British Summer Savings” package, applicable in August 2026 on participating local bus services, allowing children aged 5–15 years free unlimited travel.
- ❖ The 79th World Health Assembly passed its first-ever resolution recognising stroke as a major public health priority in May 2026.
- ❖ Taiwan became the world’s fifth-largest stock market, overtaking India in total market value.
- ❖ Russia and Kazakhstan signed an agreement to build Kazakhstan’s first nuclear power plant
- ❖ The Quad countries unveiled the Quad Critical Minerals Initiative Framework during the 11th Quad Foreign Ministers’ Meeting held in New Delhi.

ECONOMY

- ❖ India and New Zealand signed a landmark Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- ❖ The Securities and Exchange Board of India operationalised the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA).
- ❖ Reserve Bank of India launched Mission SAKSHAM for Urban Cooperative Banks.
- ❖ India allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector under the automatic route through amendments to the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) Rules, 2019.
- ❖ National Stock Exchange (NSE) launched Electronic Gold Receipt (EGR) trading in 2026.
- ❖ Indian Agri-Exports surpassing \$50 billion in FY 2025–26
- ❖ The Securities and Exchange Board of India proposed GARUDA, a green-channel mechanism for Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).
- ❖ India remains the world’s largest producer of jaggery (gur), contributing over 70% of global production.
- ❖ The Ministry of Commerce revised the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for processing Foreign Direct Investment approvals to improve transparency and efficiency.

- ❖ India became the second-largest trading partner of Bangladesh, surpassing the United States, according to data from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).
- ❖ National Commodities and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) launched India's first SEBI -approved weather derivative contract called RAINMUMBAI.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved its highest-ever surplus transfer of ₹2.86 lakh crore to the Central Government for the Financial Year (FY) 2025–26.
- ❖ The RBI formed an 8-member expert committee called Quantum Secure and Adaptive Financial Ecosystem (Q-SAFE) under Professor Anil Prabhakar of IIT Madras.
- ❖ India surpassed the United Kingdom (UK) to become Sri Lanka's second-largest export destination during January–April 2026.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ China unveiled the Atlas drone swarm system of the People's Liberation Army, an AI-based platform that can launch and control up to 96 drones for surveillance and attack.
- ❖ DRDO launched the Vikram VT 21 project for advanced armoured vehicles.
- ❖ India successfully tested a long-range hypersonic anti-ship missile developed by the DRDO with a strike range of over 1,500 km and speeds up to Mach 10.
- ❖ India's first privately developed orbital rocket, Vikram-1, was flagged off which has been developed by Hyderabad-based startup Skyroot Aerospace.
- ❖ The University of Oxford and Serum Institute of India have partnered to develop the next-generation R78C malaria vaccine, which targets Plasmodium falciparum.
- ❖ GalaxEye launched Mission Drishti, the world's first OptoSAR satellite and India's largest privately developed Earth observation satellite.
- ❖ Pixxel and Sarvam are developing India's first orbital data centre satellite, Pathfinder, a 200 kg-class satellite expected to be launched in Q4 2026.
- ❖ India conducted the maiden test of a nuclear-capable Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) from Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.
- ❖ India successfully tested the Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology under Mission Divyastra.
- ❖ An international panel has renamed Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) as Polyendocrine Metabolic Ovarian Syndrome (PMOS) to better reflect its biological complexity.

- ❖ DRDO and the Indian Air Force successfully conducted the maiden flight trial of TARA (Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation), India's first indigenous glide weapon system
- ❖ Roche launched India's first under-the-skin (subcutaneous) immunotherapy drug, Tecentriq SC, for lung cancer treatment.
- ❖ Scientists proposed the existence of a hidden ancient dwarf galaxy named "Loki" inside the Milky Way.
- ❖ Sweden joined India's Venus Orbiter Mission "Shukrayaan" through scientific collaboration with ISRO.
- ❖ Scientists discovered diverse microbial communities living beneath Antarctica's Ross Ice Shelf without sunlight.
- ❖ DRDO successfully completed the final development trials of the indigenous ULPGM-V3 missile.
- ❖ Scientists using data from MAVEN have observed the Zwan-Wolf effect deep in Mars' atmosphere for the first time.
- ❖ Scientists developed "Plant-OpenCRISPR1," the world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-designed genome-editing platform for crops.
- ❖ The European Space Agency and the Chinese Academy of Sciences launched the SMILE (Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionosphere Link Explorer) mission, their first fully joint space mission.

ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ Rare sea slug Discodorid cebuensis has been recorded for the first time in India at Haji Ali, Mumbai.
- ❖ A new "fanged frog" species named Limnonectes motijheel has been discovered in Namdapha Tiger Reserve in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ India submitted updated NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) for 2031–35 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change under the Paris Agreement.
- ❖ Two new jumping spider species belonging to the Salticidae family, Mogrus shushka and Mogrus pune, have been discovered in India. Mogrus shushka was found in the dry regions of Rajasthan and Gujarat, while Mogrus pune was found in urban parks in Maharashtra.
- ❖ Scientists have discovered "cleaner ants" in the Arizona, United States desert that groom much larger harvester ants without attacking them.
- ❖ The United Nations (UN) expanded the Methane Alert and Response System (MARS) to include the coal and waste sectors.

- ❖ Around 1.65 lakh Olive Ridley Sea turtle hatchlings were released into the sea along the Tamil Nadu coast during the 2026 nesting season.
- ❖ Scientists discovered a rare giant tree species named *Daturodendron* in the Andes Mountains, belonging to the Solanaceae family, which grows up to 20 metres tall in the cloud forests of Colombia and Peru.
- ❖ In 2025, India recorded 166 tiger deaths, the highest annual figure since 1973
- ❖ India's first satellite-tagged Ganges Soft-shell Turtle was released in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve on Endangered Species Day 2026.
- ❖ A new plant species named *Cyphostemma Annamalaii* belonging to the Vitaceae family was discovered on Sanjeevi hill in Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu in the southern Eastern Ghats.
- ❖ India's first Integrated Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) Field Laboratory Facility was inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay under Bharat Innovates 2026.
- ❖ The 'Lion' Species Spotlight Programme was launched at Sasan Gir, Gujarat, ahead of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit 2026.
- ❖ Scientists discovered a new freshwater fish species named *Labeo kaage* in the Cauvery River basin of Karnataka.
- ❖ The Supreme Court directed Jharkhand to notify 31,468.25 hectares of Saranda Forest as a wildlife sanctuary.
- ❖ The Barda Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat, India, has been officially designated as the second natural habitat for Asiatic lions.
- ❖ India's first solar-powered "Algae Tree" was installed in Bhopal to help control air pollution.
- ❖ Two Amur Falcon birds named Apapang and Alang, tagged with satellite transmitters in Manipur in November 2025, are returning from Southern Africa to East Asia during spring migration.
- ❖ Saudi Arabia became the 26th member nation of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).
- ❖ A rare blueberry relative named *Vaccinium piliferum* was rediscovered in the Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh after 188 years.
- ❖ India became the world leader in issuing Internationally Recognised Certificates of Compliance (IRCCs) under the Nagoya Protocol.
- ❖ The Kopra Reservoir emerged as a biodiversity model under the 2026 International Day for Biological Diversity theme, "Local Action, Global Impact."
- ❖ India has recorded 191 species of cockroaches, with over 60% endemic to the country.

REPORTS AND INDICES

- ❖ The 10th Global Report on Food Crises (GRFC) was released by the Global Network Against Food Crises with support from the European Union.
- ❖ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj released Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 for FY 2023–24 to assess rural local bodies.
- ❖ NITI Aayog released the report “Moving Towards Effective City Government: A Framework for Million-Plus Cities”.
- ❖ The International Organization for Migration (IOM) released the 13th edition of the World Migration Report 2026.
- ❖ The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released the Prison Statistics India (PSI) 2024 report on prison conditions in India.
- ❖ UN Trade and Development released the report “Invisible Barriers: The Costs of Non-Tariff Measures”, stating that Non-Tariff Measures now cost more than tariffs for most countries.
- ❖ NITI Aayog released a policy report titled ‘School Education System in India: Temporal Analysis and Policy Roadmap for Quality Enhancement’.
- ❖ The LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2025 report by DPIIT ranked Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, and Delhi as “Exemplars” in logistics performance.
- ❖ The Global Forest Goals (GFG) Report 2026 was released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat.
- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) released the World Health Statistics Report 2026, an annual compilation of global health indicators published since 2005.
- ❖ The Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID) 2026 report was released by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre in partnership with the Norwegian Refugee Council.
- ❖ The report “A New Geopolitics of Food” was released by the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food).
- ❖ The United Nations Environment Programme released the report titled ‘Sand and Sustainability: An Essential Resource for Nature and Development’.
- ❖ UN-Habitat released the World Cities Report 2026 at the World Urban Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ❖ The United Nations Environment Programme has released the 10th edition of the “Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction 2025–2026”.
- ❖ The World Bank Group released the 13th edition of the “State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2026” report.

Report	Organization	Top	Bottom	India's position
World Press Freedom Index	Reporters Without Borders	Norway	–	157
Henley Passport Index 2026	Henley & Partners	Singapore	–	78

STATES

- ❖ West Bengal recorded the highest-ever voter turnout of 92.47% in the 2026 Assembly elections since Independence.
- ❖ Gujarat Police developed NARIT AI, the first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based tool in India for narcotics investigation.
- ❖ The 17th Old Seed Festival was held in Araku Valley, Andhra Pradesh, to promote tribal biodiversity and traditional farming.
- ❖ India's first green methanol production plant is being set up in Gujarat.
- ❖ Sikkim has become the first state in India to adopt a fully paperless judiciary, marking a major milestone in digital justice delivery.
- ❖ Karnataka launched India's first dedicated digital grievance redressal system for gig workers, marking a major labour welfare reform initiative in the country.
- ❖ Bengaluru City Police introduced an AI-powered multilingual upgrade to the Namma 112 emergency system.
- ❖ Bengaluru was ranked the world's fastest-growing major city till 2035 in Savills' Growth Hubs Index.
- ❖ Karnataka launched India's first State-led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology in Bengaluru.
- ❖ Puducherry Assembly Election Result 2026 was announced on 4 May 2026, with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) securing a majority of seats.
- ❖ Hazaribag in Jharkhand became India's first pearl farming cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- ❖ Mizoram launched the 'Khuarel' mobile application in 2026 to strengthen real-time disaster reporting and response.
- ❖ Telangana recorded the highest number of human trafficking cases in India in 2024, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- ❖ Odisha recorded the highest violent crime rate in India in 2024, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report.

- ❖ Suwendu Adhikari took oath as Chief Minister of West Bengal, leading the first BJP government in the State after the 2026 Assembly elections.
- ❖ Himanta Biswa Sarma took oath as the Chief Minister of Assam for a second consecutive term on 12 May 2026, becoming the first non-Congress leader to serve consecutive terms in the post.
- ❖ Odisha became the top-performing state in house completions under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 as of 8 May 2026.
- ❖ Jharkhand recorded a 0% primary school dropout rate in 2024–25
- ❖ Bengaluru recorded 17,561 cybercrime cases in 2024, the highest among metropolitan cities in India
- ❖ The foundation stone for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme facility was laid at Puttaparthi in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The West Bengal government launched the Annapurna Bhandar Scheme to give ₹3,000 per month on 14 May 2026 to strengthen women-centric welfare measures in the state.
- ❖ Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the Bhimmandali Eco Heritage Site in Sambalpur district, Odisha.
- ❖ Karnataka launched India’s first integrated digital portal to monitor Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) medicines and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) drug sales.
- ❖ The Ministry of Coal announced the start of coal production from the Urtan and Dhirauli coal mines in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Centre has launched the ₹175-crore “Coffees of Nagaland” Mission to develop Nagaland as a global speciality coffee destination.
- ❖ A 12th-century Hoysala Veeragallu (hero stone) was discovered in Maniyur village of Mandya district, Karnataka.
- ❖ Kerala became the first Indian state to create a dedicated cabinet-level Artificial Intelligence (AI) portfolio.
- ❖ Maharashtra has become the top state in India with the highest number of central government projects.
- ❖ Kumbhalgarh Fort of Rajasthan was recognised in a UNESCO survey for having the world’s second longest continuous wall after the Great Wall of China.
- ❖ Archaeologists discovered evidence of a 3,200-year-old settlement in Hazaribag district in the Mohane river basin of Chauparan block, Jharkhand.
- ❖ Odisha launched a revival plan titled “Revival of Languishing Products (Cotton Bomkai Saree)” to protect the original Bomkai weaving tradition in Ganjam district.

- ❖ Jharkhand will establish India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Human-Elephant Conflict Research Centre in the Palamu Tiger Reserve.
- ❖ The Assam Assembly passed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill, 2026, to create a common civil law framework in the State.
- ❖ Kerala launched "Project Zero" as a state-level anti-corruption initiative through the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB).

INITIATIVES, SCHEMES AND CAMPAIGNS

Name	Ministry/Organization	Aim
One Case One Data' initiative	Supreme Court	Integrate judicial information
Su Sahay' chatbot	Supreme Court	Legal and data aid
New Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP)	India and the International Fund for Agricultural Development	Strengthening rural livelihoods
Mission Arunachal Kiwi	Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region	Promote organic kiwi
SHATAYU Geriatric Caregiver Dashboard	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	Strengthen caregiving services for senior citizens
JEEVAN App	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Improve the safety, healthcare access, welfare, dignity, and social inclusion

PERSONALITIES AND AWARDS

Personalities	Associated fields	Remarks
R. Rithika Sri	Cricket	India's first transgender cricket umpire from Tamil Nadu
Joram Aniya and R. Balasubramaniam	–	New full-time members of NITI Aayog
Rohit Jain	–	Appointed as Deputy Governor of RBI
P. V. Sindhu	Badminton	Chair of the Athletes' Commission
NS Raja Subramani	Lieutenant General Retd	New CDS

Vijay Narayan	–	Advocate General of Tamil Nadu
Praveen Sood	CBI Director	one-year extension of Term
Nepal's Kami Rita Sherpa	Mount Climber	Climbed Mount Everest for the 32nd time
Cecily	–	Tamil Nadu's first woman police constable

Prize/Awards	Awardee	Remarks
Sukumar Azhikode Birth Centenary National Award 2026	Medha Patkar and Perumal Murugan	Society and literature
Whitley Awards	Parveen Shaikh & Barkha Subba	Environmentalist
Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2026	Raghav Das Gaiha	Social Scientist
Elizabeth Adiseshiah Award 2026	Kanika Mahajan	Social Scientist
UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize	Sudanese Journalists Syndicate	Journalism
Pulitzer Prize	R.K. Anand and Suparna Sharma	Journalists
Sweden's Royal Order of the Polar Star	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	–
Agricola Medal of FAO	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	–
International Booker Prize	Taiwan Travelogue- book	By Yáng Shuāng-zǐ, translated into English by Lin King
L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards	Liesl Zühlke (South Africa), Felice Jacka (Australia), Sarah A Teichmann (UK), Raquel Lia Chan (Argentina), Gordana Vunjak-Novakovic (US)	For contributions to life and environmental sciences
Goddard Astronautics Award	ISRO's Chandrayaan-3	–
UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award	Major Abhilasha Barak	–

EVENTS AND SUMMITS

- ❖ Colombia and the Netherlands will host the first conference on transitioning away from fossil fuels in Santa Marta, Colombia.
- ❖ The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, where India highlighted its stand on terrorism.
- ❖ Union Health Minister inaugurated the 10th National Summit on Innovation and Inclusivity in Public Health.
- ❖ India created a Guinness World Record by unfurling the largest underwater national flag at Radhanagar Beach in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- ❖ Kalam & Kavach 3.0 was held in New Delhi at the Manekshaw Centre under the theme of "Taking JAI Forward With I²".
- ❖ The BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting 2026 was held in New Delhi to discuss multilateral cooperation and global issues.
- ❖ India hosted the 10th edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue (IOD) in New Delhi under the theme "Indian Ocean Region in a Transforming World".
- ❖ India hosted the Kimberley Process (KP) Intersessional Meeting 2026 in Mumbai as the Chair of the Kimberley Process for 2026.
- ❖ The 3rd India-Nordic Summit was held in Oslo, Norway.
- ❖ The 26th Central Zonal Council meeting was held in Jagdalpur (Bastar region, Chhattisgarh) under Union Home Minister.
- ❖ The 68th Session of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Governing Body Meeting was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ India participated in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Council 2026 meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ The Panzath Nag Spring Conservation Festival was recently observed in the Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The Global Water Summit 2026 held in Madrid, Spain.
- ❖ India's first National AI and Digital Water Summit held in Bengaluru.
- ❖ India chaired the first BRICS Tourism Working Group (TWG) Meeting under its BRICS 2026 Chairship in virtual mode.
- ❖ The Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) celebrated the 150th anniversary of its establishment in 2026.
- ❖ Education World Forum 2026 concluded in London with major discussions on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and future learning skills.

DEFENCE EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

Name	Countries/ Organization Involved	Venue
Exercise “Pragati”	Indian Army + 11 Countries	Meghalaya
IN-SLN DIVEX 2026	India and Sri Lanka	Colombo
Balikatan 2026	Philippines and US	Philippines
CINBAX-II	Cambodia-India	Cambodia
Operation RAGEPILL	Narcotics Control Bureau	–

SPORTS

- ❖ London Marathon 2026 saw Sebastian Sawe from Kenya become the first athlete to run a sub-two-hour marathon in an official race, finishing in 1 hour 59 minutes 30 seconds.
- ❖ The National Rifle Association of India launched the MyNRAI athlete app during its 75th anniversary celebrations.
- ❖ Indian sprinter Gurindervir Singh became the fastest Indian runner after clocking 10.09 seconds in the men’s 100 metre race at the Federation Cup in Ranchi, becoming the first Indian to enter the 10.0-second range.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Important Day	Theme
May 01	International Labour Day	Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment
May 03	World Press Freedom Day	Shaping a Future of Peace: Promoting Press Freedom for Human Rights, Development, and Security
May 03	International Leopard Day	–
May 04	International Firefighters’ Day	–
May 05 first Tuesday of May	World Asthma Day	Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need

May 05	International Day of the Midwife	One Million More Midwives
May 05	World Hand Hygiene Day	Action saves lives
May 04 – 10	Fire Safety Week	Safe Schools, Safe Hospitals, and a Fire-Safety Aware Society: Together for Fire Prevention
May 07	World Athletics Day	Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
May 08	World Thalassemia Day	Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed, Supporting the Unseen
May 08	World Ovarian Cancer Day	No Woman Left Behind
09 May and 10 October	World Migratory Bird Day	Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter
May 10	World Lupus Day	Make Lupus Visible
May 11	National Technology Day	–
May 12	International Nurses Day	Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives
11 May to 17	Mental Health Awareness Week	Action
May 16	International Day of Light	Light for a Sustainable Future
May 16	National Dengue Day	Community Participation for Dengue Control: Check, Clean and Cover
May 17	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world
May 18	International Museum Day	Museums Uniting a Divided World
May 18	International Day for Women in Maritime	From Policy to Practice: Advancing Gender Equality for Maritime Excellence
May 20	World Bee Day	Bee together for people and the planet – A partnership that sustains us all
May 20	World Metrology Day	Metrology: Building Trust in Policy Making
May 22	International Day for Biological Diversity	Acting locally for global impact

May 23	World Turtle Day	–
May 24	Commonwealth Day in India	Unlocking Opportunities Together For A Prosperous Commonwealth
May 25	World Thyroid Day	Closing the Gap between Symptom Onset and Timely Diagnosis
May 28	World Hunger Day	The End of Hunger is in Our Hands
May 29	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	Invest in Peace
May 29	International Everest Day	–
May 29	World Digestive Health Day	Chronic Diarrhea: Don't Flush the Signs Away
May 31	World No Tobacco Day	Unmask the Appeal: Countering Tobacco and Nicotine Addiction

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