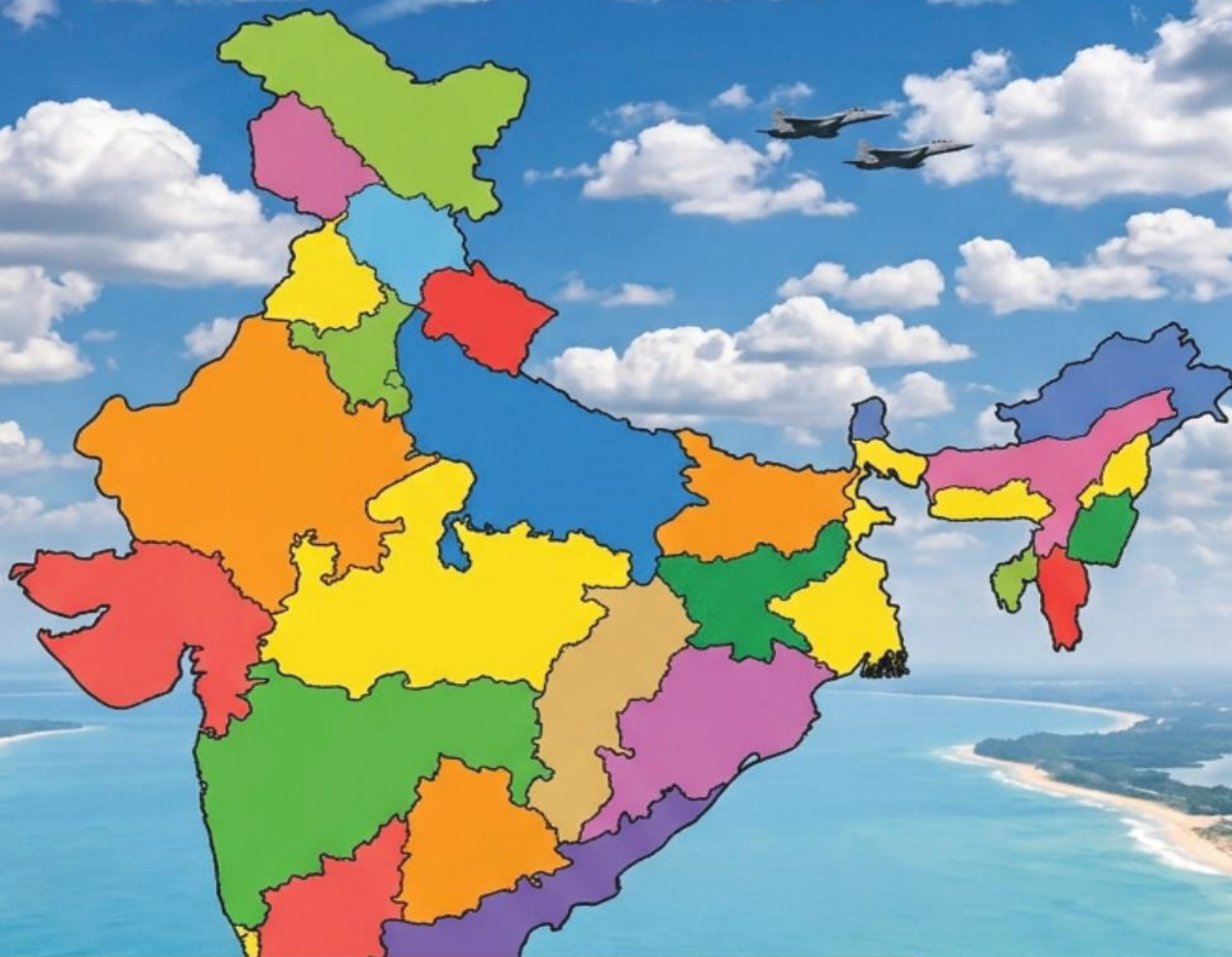


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TAMIL NADU

- ❖ A three-member Pension Committee, headed by Gagandeep Singh Bedi, and the other members were K.R. Shanmugam and Pratik Tayal submitted its final report to the Tamil Nadu government in Chennai.
- ❖ An idol of Nathamunigal, the first Acharya of Sri Vaishnavism, was found near Gangaikonda Cholapuram (Sembodai) around the year 2000.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu experienced a normal northeast monsoon (October–December) in 2025, as against the forecast of above normal rainfall.
- ❖ Vehicle registrations in Tamil Nadu increased by 8.4% in 2025 compared to the previous year.
- ❖ Private Equity and Venture Capital (PE–VC) firms invested \$3,513 million across 61 deals in Tamil Nadu–based companies during 2025.
- ❖ As of 2025–26, Tamil Nadu’s outstanding debt is estimated at 26.1% of gross state domestic product (GSDP), down from 26.4% in 2024–25 and 26.6% in 2023–24.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government introduced the Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS), which broadly follows the Old Pension Scheme (OPS).
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu revised the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Rules to improve the use of DMF funds for areas and communities affected by mining.
- ❖ The English translation of the writings of U. Ve. Swaminatha Iyer on musicians and music was released by The Music Academy.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS), which will guarantee a pension equal to 50% of their last–drawn monthly salary is announced for state government employees and teachers.
- ❖ The Union government announced the setting up of a regional office of the National Turmeric Board (NTB) and an accredited turmeric testing laboratory in Erode, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Hatcheries for Olive Ridley Sea turtle nesting have been set up in Chennai for the 2025–26 nesting season at Neelankarai, Kovalam, and Pulicat.
- ❖ To strengthen women’s welfare, gender equality, and inclusive development in Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UN Women in Chennai.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has notified a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for regulating large public gatherings in the State.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government is launching a State–wide household survey called Ungal Kanavai Sollungal (Share Your Aspirations).

- ❖ The Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) has won appreciation from World Bank for Chennai's Urban Mobility Transformation.
- ❖ UNICEF has signed a landmark partnership with the Government of Tamil Nadu as its first-ever sub-national government partner globally.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has unveiled India's first dedicated Deep Tech Startup Policy at UImagineTN 2026 in Chennai.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government launched the "Namma Arasu" WhatsApp chatbot to provide government services to citizens through WhatsApp.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has implemented the Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS) for State government employees from January 1, 2026.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has decided to appoint two more State Information Commissioners in the Tamil Nadu Information Commission.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has released the State Indicator Framework (SIF) 2.0 to track progress on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.
- ❖ The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has cleared nearly 50 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste out of a total of 90 lakh metric tonnes through the bio mining process.
- ❖ The Teynampet-Saidapet flyover in Chennai is the world's first road bridge constructed above a running metro tunnel.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has released the Tamil Nadu Circular Economy Investment Policy, 2026, in Chennai.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released the Tamil Nadu Warehousing Policy, 2026, in Chennai.
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu signed a MoU with Sarvam AI to set up India's first ₹10,000-crore Sovereign Artificial Intelligence (AI) Park.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has launched Chennai Sangamam – Namma Ooru Thiruvizha 2026 in Chennai, to promote and celebrate Tamil Nadu's art and cultural heritage.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated a 'mani mandapam' built in memory of Immanuel Sekaran in Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government extended the tenure of the Social Justice Monitoring Committee headed by Suba Veerapandian by two more years.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister announced annual literary awards in 7 languages– Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Odiya, Bengali and Marathi.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin laid the foundation stone for the Mamallan reservoir on East Coast Road.
- ❖ TNWeSAFE Project of the Government of Tamil Nadu is going to organise the Global Woman Summit 2026 in Chennai.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi declined to read out his customary speech prepared by the State government on the floor of the State Legislative Assembly on January 20, and walked out of the House.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has announced a three-day statewide Kuppai Thiruvizha (garbage collection drive) from 21 to 23 January 2026.
- ❖ The Northeast monsoon retreated from Tamil Nadu on 19 January 2026, as confirmed by the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai.
- ❖ A government school in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu has launched the Young Ambassadors of Change initiative.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has inaugurated a Special Veterinary Complex for community dogs in Ranipet district, focusing on villages and small towns.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is organising the Tamil Nadu Global Tourism Summit 2026 in Mahabalipuram to promote tourism investment and growth in the state.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched Sprint 1 to make the property registration fully digital.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government tabled a Bill in the State Assembly to create a Special Area Development Authority.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Forest Department has begun its first-ever study on the Madras Hedgehog in the Theri forests of Thoothukudi district.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin launched the Tamil Nadu Women Employment and Safety (TNWESafe) Project and the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme at a Tamil Nadu Global Women Summit 2026.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin unveiled the foundation for an integrated Multi-Modal Facility Complex (MMFC) with Kuralagam at Broadway, Chennai.
- ❖ At the India Global Education Summit 2026 in Chennai, the 872-acre Knowledge City is planned in the Tiruvallur district as an integrated academic-industrial ecosystem.
- ❖ The State government has notified the Tamil Nadu Anand Marriage Registration Rules, 2026, Anand Marriages are solemnised according to Sikh marriage ceremonies, commonly known as Anand Karaj.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced that the Thiruvottiyur highway in Chennai would henceforth be called 'Vallalar Nedunchalai'.
- ❖ The DMK government plans to install a 125-foot statue of Chola king Raja Raja Chola at the Grand Chola Museum in Thanjavur.
- ❖ In a first of its kind, the Madras High Court is set to use an artificial intelligence (AI)-assisted algorithm system called 'Super law Courts'.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST) won the first prize at the 38th Kerala State Science Congress.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister unveiled the statue of the late actor 'Kalaivanar' N.S. Krishnan in Chennai.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated the State's first glow garden in Mamallapuram.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced that a statue of former Premier (CM) of Madras presidency, Omandur Ramasamy Reddiyar would be installed on the campus of the Government Medical College, Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai.
- ❖ 50 years ago, on February 1, 1976, the Tamil Nadu government was dismissed for the first time in history.
- ❖ The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the development of 15 archaeological sites Lothal, Dholavira, Rakhigarhi, Adichanallur, Sarnath, Hastinapur, and Leh Palace across the country into vibrant and experiential cultural destinations.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the renovated Poompuhar tourism complex at Poompuhar, Mayiladuthurai district, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated an eco-park at Navalur Lake in SIPCOT (State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited), Siruseri, Chengalpattu district.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced that the Tamil Biennale will be held in January 2027 at the Tamil Nadu Global Tourism Summit 2026 in Chennai.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu will receive 4.097% of the net proceeds of shareable Central taxes, as per the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister will inaugurate Ranipet's first car manufacturing, at the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) complex in Panapakkam.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government informed the Madras High Court that it issued a Government Order (G.O.) on January 21, 2026, to abolish the police orderly system.
- ❖ Over 500 stone age tools have been discovered in Tiruchi, Pudukottai, and Namakkal districts, Tamil Nadu, suggesting Lower and Middle Palaeolithic habitation.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin unveiled Tamil Nadu's first statue of German philosopher and communist leader Karl Marx at the Egmore Museum complex in Chennai.
- ❖ V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port Authority has become the first port in India to deploy an Anti-Drone System.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu is projected to become a \$150 billion electronics hub by 2030.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded the highest per capita income growth in India, increasing from 0.07% in 2020–2021 to 11.19%.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded its highest-ever monthly deceased organ donations with 33 donors in January 2026.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) reached ₹31.19 lakh crore in 2024–25, with real growth of 11.2%, the highest among major States.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranks first in the country in terms of the number of safe deliveries conducted in Government hospitals.
- ❖ Tamilnadu's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has dropped to 35 per lakh live births, and the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) stands at 12 per thousand live births.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranks first in the country with a higher education enrollment rate of 47 per cent, nearly double the national average.
- ❖ The foundation stone for the Rs 261-crore Global Sports City was laid by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in Chennai.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) worth ₹5,980 crore to promote semiconductor and aerospace manufacturing.
- ❖ The 2,300-year-old rock paintings at Kumittipathi village in Coimbatore district remain without protection despite being declared a protected monument in 2025.
- ❖ The Greater Chennai Corporation presented its ₹9,319 crore Budget for 2026–2027.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has launched its first 'Dark Sky Park' in Kolli Hills to promote astro-tourism and protect night sky visibility.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin released the Tamil Nadu Shipbuilding Policy 2026 to develop shipbuilding clusters and promote the manufacturing, repair, and recycling of ships in the State.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government unveiled the Tamil Nadu Agroforestry Policy 2026 to promote sustainable agroforestry and encourage farmers to grow high-value tree species.
- ❖ StartupTN and TNWeSafe (Tamil Nadu Women Safety Project) launched the EmpowHer 1.0 programme to support women entrepreneurs in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu launched the Tamil Nadu Integrated Drinking Water Grievance Redressal Centre – PUNAL (1916) in Chennai.
- ❖ The foundation stone for an International Bird Centre (IBC) was laid at Agaram Reserve Forest near Kazhuveli Wetland Bird Sanctuary (Villupuram District) by Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari was sworn in as the 55th Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Women Entrepreneur Empowerment Scheme (TWEES) was launched by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Department to encourage 1 lakh women to become entrepreneurs in five years.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has released the Tiruchirappalli Master Plan 2045 and the Thoothukudi Master Plan 2045 for urban development.
- ❖ Foundation stones were laid for a Mangrove Conservation Centre at Pichavaram, an International Migratory Bird Centre at Marakkanam, and a Nilgiri Tahr Conservation Centre in Coimbatore.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government nationalised the works of Periyarist V. Anaimuthu and writer Erode Tamilanban, and the royalty was handed over to their family members.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin unveiled a 14-point sector-wise blueprint, “Tamil Nadu 2030”, in Chennai.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Police launched a new website integrated with CCTNS 2.0 (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems) to provide digital police services.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Women Entrepreneur Empowerment Scheme (TWEES) was launched by CM of Tamil Nadu to promote women-led businesses.
- ❖ V.O. Chidambaranar Port in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, set a national record by handling 147 windmill blades from a single vessel.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister also released the book 100-Year-Old Trees of Chennai, a comprehensive guide documenting centenarian trees in the city.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin unveiled the Katranai Thoorum Arivu statue at Marina Beach highlighting the significance of continuous learning.
- ❖ Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar has been appointed to additionally discharge the functions of the Governor of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government announced the AVGC-XR Policy 2026 to promote animation, visual effects, gaming, comics, and extended reality sectors.
- ❖ Union Minister of Civil Aviation announced that Tuticorin Airport will be renamed Thoothukudi Airport in English, replacing the earlier name “Tuticorin Airport.”
- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has permitted the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology to conduct the 11th phase of excavations at Keeladi and seven other sites.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has adopted a single-use haemodialysis policy to improve patient safety in government hospitals.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has introduced a dedicated mental health policy for students in educational institutions.
- ❖ Dindigul launched “Dindu”, a Slender Loris, as an election mascot to promote voter awareness and participation in Assembly elections.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has become India's top textile exporter in the FY 2024–25 by surpassing Gujarat and Maharashtra in total export value.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has increased the upper age limit for Home Guards from 58 to 60 years, and the rule was amended by the Tamil Nadu Home Department.
- ❖ The tenure of the 16th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly is set to end on May 10, 2026, completing its five-year term.
- ❖ The Tamil novel Gopalapurathu Makkal by Ki. Rajanarayanan is released in English as People of Gopallapuram.
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu launched an online portal for victims of usury to file complaints.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded its highest polling percentage (84.69%) in an Assembly election on April 23, 2026.
- ❖ A study has confirmed that the fossil assemblage found at Panaiyur in Thoothukudi district dates back to the Holocene period (about 8,000–12,000 years ago).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranks first in India for public healthcare usage, with the highest number of people receiving treatment in government hospitals.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded a high real economic growth rate of 10.83% in 2025–26
- ❖ A prehistoric rock painting site called “Oor Pare”, has been rediscovered in the Nilgiris district.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 Nirmalasamy 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.
- ❖ 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 Abathsayeswarar 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.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has formed an Expert Advisory Committee to monitor and assess the possible impact of the El Niño weather phenomenon during 2026–27 and 2027–28.
- ❖ As of 27 July 2026, Tamil Nadu Cauvery delta region's Kuruvai cultivation covered 3.87 lakh acres, compared with 5.05 lakh acres during the same period in 2025.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has decided to expand the Singapengal Entrepreneurship Credit Scheme by increasing cooperative lending and widening beneficiary coverage.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has changed the name of "Chief Minister's Thayumanavar Scheme" as the doorstep delivery of Public Distribution System (PDS) (ration) commodities for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu received the 'Best State' Award for organ donation at the 16th Indian Organ Donation Day event held in New Delhi.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Finance Minister N. Marie Wilson presented the TVK-led government's first Budget for 2026–27 in the Legislative Assembly on 5 August 2026.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's first Mangrove Conservation Centre is being established at Muzhukuthurai near Killai in Cuddalore district under the Tamil Nadu Shoreline Restoration Initiative (TN-SHORE).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu announced India's first dedicated Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Innovation City, named 'Arivagam', in the 2026–27 State Budget.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister R. Vinoth presented the Agriculture Budget for 2026–27 in the Legislative Assembly.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu introduced a Bill, proposing an Environmental and Social Welfare Cess on the sale of alcoholic liquor.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has created an Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) with ₹264 crore to strengthen action against drug-related crimes across the State.
- ❖ V.O. Chidambaranar Port in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, became India's first major port to achieve Scope-2 Emission-Free status.

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- ❖ The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has established a 24×7 Passenger Assistance Control Room (PACR) for aviation passengers.
- ❖ The National Investigation Agency (NIA) highlighting the need for a uniform Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) structure across India at the Anti-Terrorism Conference-2025, has prepared a common ATS framework and shared it with state police forces to improve coordination.
- ❖ Department of Telecommunications (DoT) under the Ministry of Communications has released the National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025 for the management and allocation of radio-frequency spectrum in India.
- ❖ India ranks 3rd globally in rare earth reserves with about 6.9 million tonnes of Rare Earth Oxide (REO).
- ❖ India registered over 5.5 lakh domestic trademarks in Financial Year (FY) 2024–25, the highest ever in a single year.
- ❖ The 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC) was notified in November 2025 by the Government of India.
- ❖ To strengthen quality control, transparency, and safety in national highway projects National Test House (NTH) signed an MoU with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- ❖ The union minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, released IS 19262:2025 – Electric Agricultural Tractors: Test Code in New Delhi.
- ❖ By overtaking China, India has reached number one in the world in terms of rice production.
- ❖ The Central Government has banned manufacture, sale and distribution of oral formulations of nimesulide, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) containing more than 100 mg.
- ❖ In November 2025, India's broadband subscriber base crossed 100 crore (1 billion) users, marking the first time the country reached this milestone and representing a more than six-fold increase since November 2015.
- ❖ The Government of India has notified new excise duty and cess on tobacco and pan masala (will be taxed at 40 per cent under the Goods and Services Tax), effective from February 1, 2026.
- ❖ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) launched a nationwide Voice over Wi-Fi (VoWiFi) service which allows users to make voice calls and send messages using a Wi-Fi network instead of mobile towers.
- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launched a new logo based on the theme "Data for Development" and mascot named "Sankhyiki" (meaning Statistics).

- ❖ The Supreme Court struck down the Bihar Registration Rules (2019) that made mutation proof compulsory for property registration in *Samiullah vs State of Bihar* on property registration and mutation rules.
- ❖ India and Pakistan exchanged lists of their nuclear installations on January 1, 2026.
- ❖ The Union government will conduct the National Drug Use Survey (NDUS) 2025–26 to study substance use patterns across India.
- ❖ Blue Cross of India celebrated its 60 Years of service in Animal Welfare.
- ❖ India ranked 8th globally in contributions to pharmacovigilance (drug safety monitoring) under the WHO.
- ❖ India will conduct its first nationwide Adult Skill Assessment Survey in 2026, which aims to fill the data gap on actual skill levels, which is not covered by the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).
- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released its first reader–friendly guide titled “Know Your Survey”.
- ❖ Union Home Minister inaugurated an Integrated Command and Control Centre in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to integrate surveillance, communication, and coordination among multiple security and administrative agencies.
- ❖ The IITM Global Research Foundation was launched at IIT Madras to expand its global presence in research, education, innovation, and startups.
- ❖ Prasara Bharati has started steps to resume live radio programmes in the Thadou language from All India Radio (Akashvani) Imphal.
- ❖ To improve digital integration and real–time data sharing in military operations, the Indian Army has declared the year 2026 as the Year of Networking & Data Centricity.
- ❖ To create India–specific standards and support pollution control programmes, India has inaugurated the world’s second National Environmental Standard Laboratory (NESL) at CSIR – National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi.
- ❖ India inaugurated the world’s fifth National Primary Standard Facility for Solar Cell Calibration at CSIR – National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi.
- ❖ India has launched a new e–Production Investment Business Visa (e–B–4) for Chinese nationals, allowing them to stay in India for up to six months.
- ❖ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has set up the Live Events Development Cell (LEDC) to promote India’s concert economy.
- ❖ The Ministry of Transport has proposed a unique Aadhaar–like identification system for electric vehicle (EV) batteries.
- ❖ India’s oil imports from Russia rose to a six–month high in November 2025, while imports from the US also increased.

- ❖ The Government of India has removed the import restrictions on low-ash metallurgical coke under Coke Trade Policy.
- ❖ The Indian Army created a new modern warfare force named Bhairav.
- ❖ India is set to begin trial operations of its first hydrogen-powered train on the Jind to Sonipat route in Haryana.
- ❖ India became the first country in the world to produce bio-bitumen commercially for road construction.
- ❖ The Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) marked its 125th Foundation Day in 7th January.
- ❖ The first phase of Census 2027, called House Listing Operations, will be held from 1 April to 30 September 2026 in all States and Union Territories.
- ❖ The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched the Aadhaar mascot Udai to help users understand Aadhaar update, authentication, offline verification, and secure data sharing.
- ❖ The union home minister has inaugurated the National IED Data Management System (NIDMS), a national digital platform for storing and analysing Improvised Explosive Device (IED) data.
- ❖ Union Minister for Women and Child Development launched the PANKHUDI portal to improve ease of living for women and children in India.
- ❖ India's data centre addition capacity more than doubled in 2025, reaching 387 megawatts (MW) of information technology (IT) capacity, compared to 191 MW of IT in 2024.
- ❖ The National Sports Governance Act partially came into effect. It will set the ball rolling for the institution of an all-powerful National Sports Board (NSB) and a Tribunal to handle sporting disputes.
- ❖ iTNT Hub signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Germany-based XeedQ GmbH at Umapine 2026 to start quantum computing programmes in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ India has reaffirmed that the Shaksgam Valley is part of its territory and rejected the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) route passing through the area.
- ❖ As a part of digitalizing India's Dairy Sector more than 35.68 crore animals have been issued Pashu Aadhaar under the National Digital Livestock Mission (NDLM).
- ❖ Akasa Air, India's youngest airline, founded in 2020, has become a member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- ❖ India has produced 524.62 lakh tonnes of fertilisers in 2025, meeting nearly 73 percent of domestic demand.
- ❖ India's Fish production has increased to 197.75 lakh tonnes in FY 2024-25.

- ❖ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) launched a data-driven Zero-Fatalities Program in 100 high-risk districts across 15 states, including Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.
- ❖ India's Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy has attended the 16th Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- ❖ India has introduced stricter Know Your Customer (KYC) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) rules for cryptocurrency users.
- ❖ The Indian Army launched a new digital logistics platform called Depot Integration Management Edition (DIME).
- ❖ India participated in the Second Global Summit on "Blue Food Security: Sea the Future 2026" held in Eilat, Israel.
- ❖ The Indian Army signed a ₹168 crore contract for the Medium Altitude Persistent Surveillance System (MAPSS), India's first solar-powered surveillance drone.
- ❖ India is set to become a full member of the Pax Silica initiative, led by the United States Department of State, as early as February 2026.
- ❖ India ended the Consumer Price Index (CPI) series with 2012 as the base year and will start a new CPI series with 2024 as the base year.
- ❖ Reliance Jio will launch a people-first artificial intelligence (AI) platform built in India, for India, and the world.
- ❖ India is hosting the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) in New Delhi.
- ❖ India marked the 151st Foundation Day of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on 15 January 2026.
- ❖ India's non-fossil fuel installed capacity rose to 266.78 Gigawatt (GW) in 2025.
- ❖ India's Solar power capacity increased to 135.81 GW, and wind power capacity reached 54.51 GW in 2025.
- ❖ India's Bioenergy stood at 11.61 GW, small hydro power at 5.16 GW, and large hydro power at 50.91 GW.
- ❖ GAIL India Limited has partnered with the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) for the National PNG Drive 2.0 initiative.
- ❖ India and Germany are celebrating 75 years of diplomatic relations in 2026.
- ❖ India has become the world's second-largest 5G subscriber base after China, with over 400 million 5G users.
- ❖ The Department of Financial Services launched the Paripoorna Mediclaim Ayush Bima for Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiaries.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India ruled that unreserved (general) category seats are open to all candidates based on merit.

- ❖ The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) has launched a National Campaign on Entrepreneurship to expand non-farm livelihood opportunities for rural women.
- ❖ India's bioeconomy reached USD 166 billion in 2024, as announced during the inauguration of a Biosafety Level-4 (BSL-4) biocontainment facility in Gujarat.
- ❖ The University Grants Commission (UGC) notified new regulations in January 2026 to prevent caste-based discrimination in higher education institutions.
- ❖ India's food prices slipped into deflation (-0.2%) in 2025 for the first time since 2014, contributing to a 12-year low retail inflation of 2.2%.
- ❖ The Indian government has registered two high-yielding synthetic cattle breeds, Karan Fries and Vrindavani.
- ❖ India's First Green Ammonia Project is being developed at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh
- ❖ India's coal-fired power generation declined year-on-year in 2025 for the first time in about 50 years.
- ❖ INS Sagardhwani, India's oceanographic research vessel, was flagged off from Kochi for the Sagar Maitri-5 initiative.
- ❖ Union Minister Jitendra Singh proposed using steel slag for road construction in hilly and Himalayan regions.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the extension of the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) until the financial year 2030-31.
- ❖ The National Legislative Index (NLI) was announced by Lok Sabha Speaker at the 86th All India Presiding Officers Conference.
- ❖ The 86th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) was held in Lucknow under the theme of "Strong Legislature-Prosperous Nation".
- ❖ The Ministry of Power released the Draft National Electricity Policy (NEP) 2026 for public consultation.
- ❖ Mumbai will host India's first city-led climate action initiative, Mumbai Climate Week 2026, from February 17 to 19.
- ❖ India has started its first open-sea marine fish farming project in the Andaman Sea.
- ❖ India emerged as a global cooperative powerhouse, with over 8.5 lakh registered cooperatives as of 2025.
- ❖ The International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM) 2026 concluded with the adoption of the Delhi Declaration 2026 in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Government of India launched the Atlas of Climate Adaptation in Indian Agriculture (ACASA-India) to help farmers plan for climate challenges.

- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated Granth Kutir, a book house, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- ❖ India is planning 100 gigawatts of hydro pumped storage by 2047.
- ❖ DRDO showcased the LR-AShM hypersonic glide missile system for the first time at the 77th Republic Day parade.
- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity targets for 208 additional high-emitting units.
- ❖ India reduced malaria cases by nearly 80% between 2015 and 2023 and is on track to meet its 2030 elimination target.
- ❖ India is reaching 50% of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources, five years ahead of the 2030 target.
- ❖ 77th Republic Day Parade was led by Parade Commander Lieutenant-General Bhavnish Kumar, General Officer Commanding of Delhi Area.
- ❖ The Government of India has notified Coking Coal as a Critical and Strategic Mineral under the MMDR Act, 1957 (Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act).
- ❖ The Census will be done in two phases, with the House listing and Housing Census (HLO) to be held from April to September 2026 and the PE in February 2027.
- ❖ India has launched its first AI-enabled university pilot at Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU), Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed to support the mineral-rich states of Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Supreme Court has ruled that the right to menstrual hygiene is an integral part of the right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution.
- ❖ Tap water coverage in urban areas has increased by 64% since 2011 under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and AMRUT 2.0.
- ❖ India became the world's second most optimistic consumer market in January 2026.
- ❖ Indian Railways commissioned 472.3 km of Kavach Version 4.0 safety system in a single day, the largest ever in the country.
- ❖ Union Budget 2026-27 announced a new scheme to develop a Buddhist Circuit in the Northeast, The scheme aims to preserve and develop Buddhist temples and monasteries in the northeastern States.
- ❖ The 2026 Delhi Declaration was adopted during the second India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in New Delhi.

- ❖ Union Government signed an agreement with various stakeholders to establish the Bharat Container Shipping Line (BCSL) to strengthen maritime logistics.
- ❖ India and China recorded a historic bilateral trade of USD 155.6 billion in 2025, growing by about 12% during the year, Indian exports to China increased by 9.7% in 2025.
- ❖ The Union Government released the first national data on waste-pickers under the NAMASTE (National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem) scheme.
- ❖ The Union Ministry for Railways announced the completion of second Mountain Tunnel MT-6 in Palghar, Maharashtra, for the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project.
- ❖ India's first dedicated Glass Museum is being developed in Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh, known as the "Glass City of India".
- ❖ Indian Railways has launched India's first LNG-Diesel dual-fuel DEMU (Diesel Electric Multiple Unit) train at Sabarmati in Ahmedabad.
- ❖ The book Red Lines Redrawn: Operation Sindoor and India's New Normal, authored by Major General Bipin Bakshi (Retd), Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar (Retd), Ambassador Anil Trigunayat, and Brigadier Akhelesh Bhargava (Retd), details India's Operation Sindoor.
- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) notified the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, replacing the SWM Rules, 2016, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launched the PAIMANA (Project Assessment, Infrastructure Monitoring and Analytics for Nation-building) portal.
- ❖ The Union Department of Fisheries has sanctioned a Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbour at Mayabunder, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- ❖ Rajasthan is the largest wool-producing state in India, contributing 16,013.50 thousand kg (47.53% of total production).
- ❖ Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) received the "Great Place to Work" certification for February 2026–February 2027.
- ❖ India participated as a Partner Country at Gulfood 2026 in Dubai for the first time, with participation led by APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority).
- ❖ India sent the Devnimori Buddha relics to Sri Lanka for a public exposition in Colombo from February 4–10, 2026.
- ❖ India is in talks with China to explore opening an additional route for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, including Shipki La Pass in Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ India marked 50 years of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act (BLSA), 1976, which abolished bonded labour.

- ❖ The Sawalkote Hydropower Project is being fast-tracked after the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty following the 2025 Pahalgam terror attack.
- ❖ Indian Railways has deployed an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based system to prevent elephant deaths on railway tracks.
- ❖ The SATYA Portal was launched under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ❖ India has been designated Country of the Year at BIOFACH 2026, the world's largest organic trade fair held in Nuremberg, Germany, from 10–13 February 2026.
- ❖ India has proposed reforms in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme to improve the regulation of the global diamond trade.
- ❖ A new report by Zscaler has ranked India second globally in enterprise Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning usage.
- ❖ The Indian Army will host the first-ever International Military Adventure Challenge Cup (IMACC – International Military Adventure Challenge Cup) 2026 in the Eastern Himalayas.
- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved India's first underwater twin-tube road-cum-rail tunnel project in Assam.
- ❖ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched Kaushal Rath, a mobile Artificial Intelligence (AI) awareness initiative under the "Yuva AI for All" National AI Literacy Programme in February 2026.
- ❖ India became the second-largest active smartphone installed base globally in 2025, with over 740 million smartphones in use, after China.
- ❖ Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh, has been selected as the pilot district under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector.
- ❖ The Adani Group entered the nuclear power sector after the passage of the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Act, 2025.
- ❖ The Indian Prime Minister inaugurated the first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) in Northeast India at Moran Bypass in Dibrugarh, Assam.
- ❖ India's first National Cow Culture Museum will be established in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The Assam Rifles plans to induct indigenous Tangkhul Hui and Kombai dog breeds into its dog squad and phase out foreign breeds by 2050.
- ❖ The Indian Navy has assumed the command of Combined Task Force-154 (CTF-154) for the first time.
- ❖ The Government of India has launched White Revolution 2.0 to increase milk procurement by 50 % over the next five years.

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the launch of the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) with ₹1 lakh crore central assistance.
- ❖ Union Home Minister has launched India's first Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)-based Public Distribution System (PDS) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu reports the highest incidence of consanguineous marriages among peer States at 28%, according to estimates based on the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5).
- ❖ Larsen & Toubro (L&T) partnered with NVIDIA to build India's first sovereign gigawatt-scale Artificial Intelligence (AI) factory infrastructure.
- ❖ The Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament P. Wilson introduced a private member's Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to provide reservation in judicial appointments.
- ❖ The Prime Minister presented the M.A.N.A.V. framework at the India AI Impact Summit in New Delhi, M.A.N.A.V. stands for Moral and Ethical Systems, Accountable Governance, National Sovereignty, Accessible and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Valid and Legitimate Systems.
- ❖ 'Bharat GI' is launched by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to promote India's GI tagged products globally under the tagline "A World Exclusive."
- ❖ India has operationalised its first private-sector helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) for the H125 at Vemagal, Karnataka.
- ❖ The Delhi Declaration was formally adopted at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture has launched Phase-1 of Bharat VISTAAR in Jaipur, Rajasthan, during the AI Summit 2026.
- ❖ The President of India inaugurated the Centenary Celebration of the Ol Chiki script in New Delhi to mark 100 years of its invention.
- ❖ Prime Minister inaugurated the world's first commercial-scale Second-Generation (2G) bioethanol plant that uses bamboo as feedstock at Golaghat in Assam.
- ❖ The 80th anniversary of the 1946 Royal Indian Navy (RIN) Revolt is observed on 18 February 2026.
- ❖ India assumed the chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) at the 9th Conclave of Chiefs held in Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched India's first Bee Corridors initiative along National Highways.
- ❖ The Indian Navy launched its first indigenously designed and built Cadet Training Ship (CTS) 'Krishna' at the L&T Shipyard in Kattupalli, Chennai.

- ❖ The Prime Minister of India inaugurated India's first Namo Bharat Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS – Regional Rapid Transit System) on the Delhi–Meerut corridor connecting Delhi and Meerut in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The union Health minister launched the Secure AI for Health Initiative (SAHI) and Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI (BODH) at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 to strengthen India's health AI ecosystem.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs has released India's first anti-terror policy, named PRAHAAR.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to address the Knesset Plenum (Parliament of Israel) during his two-day visit to Israel.
- ❖ Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh will host India's first Quantum Valley under the National Quantum Mission.
- ❖ Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan has released the updated Tamil and Gujarati editions of the Constitution of India at Uprashtrapati Bhavan.
- ❖ India remained the second-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels in January 2026, according to data released by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).
- ❖ The Indian Navy will commission INS Anjadip at Chennai Port, and it is the third ship under the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) project.
- ❖ India established its first government-supported National Biobank dedicated to Lysosomal Storage Disorders.
- ❖ The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has launched "SUJVIKA", an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Biotech Product Data Portal, on 25 February 2026, marking its 40th Foundation Day.
- ❖ The Union Minister for Education launched Teacher App 2.0 in New Delhi, an AI-driven digital tool that provides teaching tools, digital content, and performance dashboards to support schoolteachers and improve classroom learning.
- ❖ India launched the Zero Prize, its first results-based environmental award for the verified pollution reduction, The prize carries a total corpus of ₹5 crore, with ₹1 crore each for reduction in air, water and land pollution.
- ❖ MoEFCC (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) organised Him-CONNECT during TERI's (The Energy and Resources Institute) 25th World Sustainable Development Summit in New Delhi, Him-CONNECT is a platform to connect researchers from the Indian Himalayan Region with start-ups, investors and policymakers.
- ❖ South Central Railway launched the Rail Parcel App at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.
- ❖ Maruti Suzuki India Ltd's Gujarat in-plant railway siding has been registered as the World's First Modal Shift Transportation Project under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) of Verra, the global carbon credit registry.

- ❖ The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under NITI Aayog launched India's first State Innovation Mission (SIM) in Tripura.
- ❖ The Government of India has made it compulsory to sell 20% ethanol-blended petrol with a minimum Research Octane Number (RON) 95 across India from April 1, 2026.
- ❖ Union Minister of Railways launched the Rail Tech Policy 2026, the Rail Tech Portal, and the e-Railway Claims Tribunal (e-RCT) in New Delhi.
- ❖ India's total installed power capacity has crossed 520 gigawatts, with more than half coming from non-fossil fuel sources.
- ❖ India has removed the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) clause from its Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC) with France.
- ❖ The Government of India launched a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) based Digital Food Currency pilot in Puducherry.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II) for the years 2024–25 to 2028–29, The scheme will help develop villages near India's International Land Borders (ILBs), except the northern border, which is already covered under VVP-I.
- ❖ The Prime Minister launched a nationwide Human Papillomavirus vaccination drive for 14-year-old girls using Gardasil-4.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs has introduced the concept of Legacy Thrust Territories to prevent the return of Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) after major success against Naxalism.
- ❖ The Government of India has notified the country's first standards for cloud computing, data centre performance, and Ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ❖ Indian Navy warships deployed under Operation Sankalp have been placed on standby for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations due to rising tensions in West Asia.
- ❖ India and Canada signed a \$1.9 billion uranium supply agreement for 10,000 tonnes of uranium (2027–2035) to support India's nuclear power plants.
- ❖ Om Birla, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, nominated 15 members to the Committee of Privileges in 2026.
- ❖ The book "Mahatma: A Great Communicator", written by Dhiraj Kakadia, Additional Director General of Akashvani, was released in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Government of India launched the mascots Pragati and Vikas for Census 2027 to increase public awareness and participation.
- ❖ NITI Aayog and UNICEF India signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to improve nutrition and health outcomes in Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks.
- ❖ India will build its first riverine lighthouses on the Brahmaputra River along National Waterway-2.

- ❖ The Government of India invoked the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in March 2026 to ensure adequate supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) during a global energy crisis.
- ❖ Prime Minister of India inaugurated India's first Ring Metro in Delhi.
- ❖ The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) launched LaBL 2.0 (Lighting a Billion Lives 2.0) in New Delhi to expand decentralized renewable energy in India.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India in the Pavini Shukla vs Union of India (UoI) case suggested implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) to address gender bias in personal laws.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet of India has approved a partial relaxation of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) rules under Press Note 3 (2020) for countries sharing land borders with India.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India allowed withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment for Harish Rana, a 32-year-old man in a vegetative state since 2013, marking the first court-approved implementation of passive euthanasia in India.
- ❖ The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for a City Gas Distribution (CGD) network project by Bharat Petroleum in the Nilgiris district and the Erode district.
- ❖ The Government of India issued the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026, to prioritise natural gas allocation amid global Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) supply concerns.
- ❖ The no-confidence motion brought by Opposition parties against Om Birla was dismissed by a voice vote.
- ❖ The Ministry of Jal Shakti launched Sujal Gaon ID, a unique digital identifier for rural drinking water supply schemes.
- ❖ The Union Government introduced a Bill to amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act in Parliament.
- ❖ Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) withdrew the 2025 seismic code (IS 1893) after concerns raised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- ❖ The National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) became the first mining company in India to produce 50 million tonnes of iron ore in a single FY 2025–26.
- ❖ India's data centre capacity increased from about 375 MW in 2020 to around 1500 MW in 2025.
- ❖ India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare approved lifetime validity for licences issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- ❖ India is establishing the world's first Autonomous Maritime Shipbuilding and Systems Centre in Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district
- ❖ The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) dismantled a pan-India darknet drug network called "Team Kalki"

- ❖ Indian Metro Network has become the world's third largest with over 1,143 km of operational metro lines.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme with an outlay of ₹2,584.60 crore for FY 2026–27 to 2030–31.
- ❖ Indian Navy has deployed P-8I aircraft for Exercise Sea Dragon, a US-led Anti-Submarine Warfare exercise near Guam in the Western Pacific Ocean.
- ❖ India Post launched “24 Speed Post”, a next-day delivery service for faster and more reliable dispatch of urgent consignments under the Department of Posts.
- ❖ The Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited (AIC) launched the Krishi Sakhi Initiative to empower women farmers.
- ❖ The Government of India established the National Dental Commission, replacing the Dental Council of India, to reform dental education and regulation.
- ❖ The Government of India launched the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions 2.0 (CGSMFI-2.0) with a corpus of ₹20,000 crore.
- ❖ Narendra Modi became India's longest-serving head of the government in March 2026.
- ❖ The Ministry of Education launched the SATHEE App in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.
- ❖ India achieved 1 billion tonnes of coal production for the second consecutive year.
- ❖ Indian Railways launched the SHINE app (Sexual Harassment Incident Notification for Empowerment) to enhance workplace safety.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India ruled that only Hindus, Sikhs, and Buddhists can claim Scheduled Caste status.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the Modified UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme to improve regional air connectivity.
- ❖ Union Cabinet approved extension of Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) Scheme for 5 years.
- ❖ Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd operationalised India's first Port of Refuge (PoR) at Digchi and Gopalpur ports.
- ❖ Indian Navy received the indigenous stealth frigate INS Dunagiri under Project 17A, which is the fifth ship of the Nilgiri-class frigates.
- ❖ The National Statistics Office released the publication “Energy Statistics India 2026”.
- ❖ The Supreme Court ruled that a person who converts to Christianity cannot claim Scheduled Caste status in the case of Chinthada Anand vs State of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The Government notified the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, which will come into force from April 1, 2026.

- ❖ Three frontline naval platforms, namely Dunagiri, a missile warship, Sanshodhak, a survey vessel used for coastal and ocean research, and Agray, an anti submarine vessel, delivered to the Indian Navy.
- ❖ Indian Navy received Malwan, the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), an indigenously built warship designed for anti-submarine operations in shallow and coastal waters.
- ❖ India launched INS Shachi, the first Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) in, Goa, as part of a series of eleven such vessels.
- ❖ Indian Navy received Sanshodhak, the fourth and last Survey Vessel Large, which is used for hydrographic surveys and mapping sea and coastal areas.
- ❖ The Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot was unveiled by the Vice-President and the Minister of Law and Justice during the DISHA programme.
- ❖ India emerged as the global leader in issuing Internationally Recognized Certificates of Compliance (IRCCs) under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS).
- ❖ The Income Tax Act, 2025, came into effect from 1 April 2026, replacing the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- ❖ Lok Sabha passed the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026, to reform legal provisions.
- ❖ Election Commission of India (ECI) relaxed rules for Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) to retain common symbols under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) (Amendment) Order, 2026.
- ❖ The government extended the National PNG (Piped Natural Gas) Drive 2.0 till 30 June 2026 to expand gas connections across the country.
- ❖ India record defence exports of ₹38,424 crore in FY (Financial Year) 2025–26.
- ❖ Union Defence Minister commissioned the advanced stealth frigate INS Taragiri in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, which is the fourth stealth frigate under Project 17A of the Indian Navy.
- ❖ INS Aridaman, India's 3rd nuclear-powered submarine, has been inducted into the Indian Navy.
- ❖ the Union Home Ministry simplified its classification of districts affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE). It replaced the old "most affected districts" category with three specific designations: LWE affected, districts of concern, and legacy and thrust districts.
- ❖ Border Roads Organisation celebrated the 47th Raising Day of Project Chetak in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- ❖ India achieved the highest-ever wind energy capacity addition of 6.05 gigawatt (GW) in FY2025–26, taking total installed wind power capacity to over 56 gigawatts (GW).

- ❖ National Statistical Office (NSO) launched the first-ever Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises for 2024–25.
- ❖ Ministry of Women and Child Development organised the 8th Poshan Pakhwada from 9th to 23rd April 2026 across India to improve nutrition outcomes.
- ❖ The National Highways Authority of India launched 'Arogya Van' for medicinal tree plantations along highways.
- ❖ India successfully demonstrated a 1,000 km quantum communication network under the National Quantum Mission.
- ❖ Vantara launched the world's first global university for wildlife and veterinary sciences in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation celebrates its 25th Foundation Day on 10 April in New Delhi.
- ❖ India recorded its highest-ever solar capacity addition of 45 gigawatts (GW) in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the Constitution of India in the Sindhi language in 2026.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India ruled that the right to vote and contest elections is a statutory right, not a fundamental right.
- ❖ India recorded a 30.2% rise in patent applications, reaching 1,43,729 in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ The Government of India notified Startup India Fund of Funds (FoF) 2.0 with a corpus of ₹10,000 crore.
- ❖ The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, proposed to expand the Lok Sabha and enable early women's reservation.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha rejected the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirty-First Amendment) Bill, 2026 with 298 votes in favour and 230 against, out of 528 members present and voting.
- ❖ The Centre extended the tenure of the Commission of Inquiry led by K. G. Balakrishnan for the third time till June 10, 2026.
- ❖ India has launched a roadmap to achieve cocoa self-sufficiency by 2040 under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- ❖ Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam 2023 was brought into force by the Central Government from April 16, 2026.
- ❖ Samudra Sahas Sailing Expedition is organised from Marve, Mumbai by the Regiment of Artillery to mark its 200th anniversary.
- ❖ The Government of India has approved the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool with ₹12,980 crore guarantee.

- ❖ Union Cabinet extended Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) till March 2028.
- ❖ The Government of India has proposed to continue the River Basin Management (RBM) Scheme with an outlay of ₹2,183 crore for 2026–31.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) introduced a new deportation policy to speed up the identification and removal of illegal migrants.
- ❖ India has a total food stock of about 602 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), including 222 LMT wheat and 380 LMT rice.
- ❖ The Central Bureau of Investigation launched an AI chatbot, 'Abhay', an AI tool that helps citizens check if agency notices are real or fake and avoid online scams.
- ❖ India's seafood exports reached a record ₹72,325.82 crore in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare aims to establish at least one blood centre in every district by December 2026.
- ❖ India's textile exports increased by 2.1% to ₹3.16 lakh crore in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ IIT Ropar launched India's first fully integrated agricultural intelligence system.
- ❖ INS Sudarshini made its maiden visit to Las Palmas, becoming the first Indian naval ship to reach the archipelago.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India has ruled that safe travel on National Highways is part of the Right to Life under Article 21.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India has set minimum standards for Intensive Care Units in hospitals across India.
- ❖ Symbiosis Skills and Professional University (SSPU), Pune, launched Asia's first UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion & Skill Development.
- ❖ The Government of India has formed a panel headed by C. S. Setty to assess risks from the AI platform Mythos.
- ❖ The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India has made helpline 1855 operational nationwide for Census 2027.
- ❖ The Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India launched its first heritage designer collection, "Soul Threads".
- ❖ The Indian Army has raised the 16th Bhairav Battalion at the Maratha Light Infantry Regimental Centre in Belagavi
- ❖ India ranked 5th globally with military spending of \$92.1 billion in 2025, showing an 8.9% increase from 2024.
- ❖ NITI Aayog launched the DPI@2047 roadmap to transform India into a developed economy.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 "Shabdlok (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.
- ❖ The Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) completed 150 years of its establishment on July 29, 2026.
- ❖ India and Nepal jointly inaugurated the restored Shree Gusthal Mahavihar and Agam of Prathamshree Mahavihar in Lalitpur, Nepal.
- ❖ The Supreme Court quashes the Centre's 2021 Office Memorandum on ex post facto environmental clearance.
- ❖ The Ministry of Finance has introduced a strict "One Officer, One Official Car" policy.
- ❖ India–China border trade through Nathu La Pass, Sikkim, resumed on 1 August 2026 after a six-year suspension due to the COVID-19 pandemic and border tensions.
- ❖ The Indian Navy launched the fifth Diving Support Craft (DSC A24) at Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha passed the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 to increase the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges from 34 to 38.
- ❖ India's distributed solar capacity increased to 31.5 Gigawatt (GW) in Financial Year (FY) 2026, rising over 17 times from 1.8 GW in FY 2018.
- ❖ India's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone will be established in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ India has achieved near-universal banking coverage, with 99.92% of inhabited villages having a banking outlet within a 5-kilometre radius.
- ❖ The 'One Nation, One Fertilizer' initiative has improved fertilizer availability and distribution across India during the Kharif 2026 season.
- ❖ India's 1st Dedicated Department of Military Medicine was inaugurated at Command Hospital, Central Command, Lucknow
- ❖ Indian Navy launched Machilipatnam Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Watercraft (ASW SWC)
- ❖ The Indian Army introduced Xtreme Weather Grade (XWG) Diesel; an indigenous fuel designed to operate in extreme cold conditions up to –42°C.

- ❖ Prakriti Gyan Dham, the first eco-educational centre of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research–National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI), was inaugurated in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Yard 3037 Shruti, an indigenously designed and built Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) of the Shachi class, was launched for the Indian Navy at Kolkata.
- ❖ India's first private, branded train, the Lucknow–Delhi Tejas Express, will run as the 'Sprite' Tejas Express from August 19 to November 11, 2026.
- ❖ Prime Minister of India released former President Ram Nath Kovind's autobiography, "Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles," at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, covering his life journey, struggles and public service.
- ❖ The Ministry of Ayush and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) have renewed the 'One Herb, One Standard' initiative for another three years.
- ❖ India has officially crossed 300 GW of installed non-fossil fuel-based electricity generation capacity, reaching 300.50 GW as of 2026.

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- ❖ A Legionnaires' disease, a severe form of pneumonia outbreak has prompted a health alert in Australia.
- ❖ Archaeologists in China have unearthed a 2,200-year-old Qin Straight Road, a 900 km highway built by Emperor Qin Shi Huang.
- ❖ Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Khalifa Medical City became the first hospital in the world to administer ITVISM gene therapy.
- ❖ Syria's interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa unveiled the country's new banknotes.
- ❖ In the country's first election since a military takeover in 2021, Guinea coup leader Mamady Doumbouya has been elected as the president.
- ❖ Turkmenistan formally legalised cryptocurrency mining and exchange operations.
- ❖ The United Nations (UN) has declared 2026 the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.
- ❖ Bulgaria officially adopted the euro, becoming the 21st member of the Eurozone.
- ❖ The European Union (EU) has started the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) which imposes a carbon tax on imports of steel, aluminium, cement, chemicals, paper, glass, fertilisers, and power-sector goods.
- ❖ Russia deployed the nuclear-capable Oreshnik missile system in Belarus.

- ❖ India and Bangladesh started talks to renew the Ganga Water Sharing Treaty, which will expire in December 2026.
- ❖ Bahrain, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Latvia and Liberia have begun two-year terms as non-permanent members.
- ❖ US President Donald Trump invoked the Monroe Doctrine to justify a US military operation in Venezuela.
- ❖ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and G20 countries agreed on a global minimum tax package.
- ❖ Pakistani archaeologists have discovered rare coins and decorative stones at a UNESCO-listed site near Takshashila.
- ❖ The United Nations (UN) has declared 2026 as the International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists.
- ❖ The United States announced its withdrawal from 66 international organisations under the Trump administration.
- ❖ The USA has focused on Venezuela's mineral-rich Orinoco Belt and Guiana Shield.
- ❖ Brazil has handed over the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) presidency to India for 2026.
- ❖ Chile has formally backed India's aspiration for permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- ❖ The United States (US) invited India and Australia to join the G7 finance ministers' talks on critical minerals in Washington in January 2026.
- ❖ India's External Affairs Minister participated in India's first-ever engagement with the Weimar Triangle, along with France, Germany, and Poland.
- ❖ The United Nations (UN) High Seas Treaty will officially come into force on 18 January 2026.
- ❖ Israel announced its withdrawal from seven United Nations (UN) agencies and affiliated bodies in January 2026.
- ❖ The Finke River has been recognised as the world's oldest flowing river based on geological evidence.
- ❖ The World Intellectual Foundation (WIF) will launch the Responsible Nations Index (RNI).
- ❖ China unveiled its most advanced ballistic missile submarine, the Type 096 Tang-Class.
- ❖ Spain has joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) by handing over the Declaration of Accession to India's External Affairs Minister.
- ❖ India skipped the U.S. President Donald Trump-led "Board of Peace" charter announcement held in Davos.

- ❖ The United States formally exited the World Health Organization (WHO) on 23 January 2026, leaving unpaid dues of about 260 million US dollars.
- ❖ India skipped the BRICS Plus naval exercise “Will for Peace 2026”, stating it is not an institutionalised BRICS activity.
- ❖ The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) commemorated its 80th anniversary on 23 January 2026.
- ❖ The European Union (EU) is considering the use of its trade ‘Bazooka’ (Anti-Coercion Instrument – ACI) for the first time to counter United States (US) tariff threats linked to Greenland tensions.
- ❖ India’s digital payment system, called UPI (Unified Payments Interface), will start in Japan in 2026.
- ❖ The 6th ASEAN–India Digital Ministers’ Meeting was held virtually with the theme of the event is “Adaptive ASEAN: From Connectivity to Connected Intelligence.”
- ❖ India and the European Union (EU) signed their first comprehensive Security and Defence Partnership.
- ❖ Researchers reported the world’s oldest known cave artwork discovered in Indonesia.
- ❖ The India-European Union free trade agreement (FTA) is widely termed as the "mother of all deals", India allowed European Union (EU) banks to open 15 branches in the country over a four-year period.
- ❖ France’s National Assembly backed legislation to ban children under 15 years old from social media.
- ❖ India has agreed to import goods worth about 100 billion US dollars annually from the United States for the next five years.
- ❖ Spain announced a nationwide ban on social media access for children under 16 years.
- ❖ India has joined the BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies (BCIC) to strengthen manufacturing skills and industrial cooperation among BRICS countries.
- ❖ India backed the FORGE (Forum on Resource, Geostrategic Engagement) initiative at the Critical Minerals Ministerial in Washington DC.
- ❖ A two-year-old, Jude Owens from Manchester (UK), set two Guinness World Records by becoming the youngest player to make a bank shot in pool and a double-pot shot in snooker.
- ❖ China commissioned the world’s largest compressed-air energy storage (CAES) power plant in Jiangsu province, with a storage capacity of 2,400 megawatt hours (MWh) and a power generation capacity of 600 megawatts.

- ❖ India has paid \$35.18 million to the United Nations (UN) Regular Budget for 2026, This makes India part of the 'honour roll' of 51 UN Member States who paid their dues in full and on time.
- ❖ US President Donald Trump announced Project Vault, a \$12-billion initiative to build a strategic stockpile of critical minerals.
- ❖ India and the World Bank Group announced the New Country Partnership Framework (NCPF) for 2026–2031 to support India's development aligned with the Viksit Bharat vision.
- ❖ India and the United Kingdom signed a Social Security Agreement in New Delhi.
- ❖ The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) launched the "Arctic Sentry" mission to strengthen security in the Arctic region after tensions related to Greenland.
- ❖ The World Economic Forum launched the Davos Compact on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in 2025 to support global action against drug-resistant infections.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 (FoF 2.0) with a corpus of ₹10,000 crore.
- ❖ The Union Government informed Lok Sabha that 8,630 complaints were received against sitting judges in the last 10 years.
- ❖ Cyclone Gezani made landfall in Toamasina, a major port city in Madagascar.
- ❖ A copper tool excavated in Egypt has been re-identified as a possible bow drill after fresh microscopic analysis.
- ❖ India and France launched the India-France Year of Innovation to promote cooperation in technology and research.
- ❖ Archaeologists discovered a 2,000-year-old Iron Age temple complex at Hedegaard in Denmark.
- ❖ The United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) has launched the UNEP FI Impact Centre, The centre is a specialised platform to support impact management in financial institutions.
- ❖ India and France upgraded their ties to a "Special Global Strategic Partnership" during French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to India.
- ❖ The siege and capture of El-Fasher city in North Darfur, Sudan, has been reported to bear "hallmarks of genocide" following a United Nations-mandated independent fact-finding mission's investigation.
- ❖ Charax Spasinou was an ancient city in southern Mesopotamia, near the Tigris River in present-day Iraq, recently rediscovered using advanced archaeological technology.
- ❖ Poland withdrew from the Ottawa Convention (Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty).

- ❖ After the India AI Impact Summit 2026, plans were announced for the next global AI summits in Geneva (2027) and the UAE in 2028.
- ❖ South Korea lodged a diplomatic protest against Japan's Takeshima Day event held on 22 February 2026 in Shimane Prefecture.
- ❖ China is the largest producer of bell pepper (capsicum) in the world.
- ❖ The discovery of the Lascaux Cave in 1940 revealed 17,000-year-old prehistoric paintings in southwestern France.
- ❖ The United Nations has approved the first carbon credits under the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM) of Article 6.4.
- ❖ Pakistan launched Operation Ghazab Lil Haq against the Afghan Taliban along the disputed Durand Line.
- ❖ The United Nations Road Safety Fund launched a Sustainable Road Safety Financing Project in Rajasthan, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Assam in partnership with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, WHO, and UNICEF.
- ❖ The Central Bank of the UAE has launched the world's first Sovereign Financial Cloud Services Infrastructure (SFCSI).
- ❖ A hand stencil discovered in Liang Metanduno cave in Sulawesi, Indonesia, has been dated to at least 67,800 years ago, making it the oldest known rock art.
- ❖ India has signed a five-year agreement with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to provide sustained rice supplies for global hunger relief.
- ❖ India has formally joined the Pax Silica Alliance, a US-led strategic coalition, by signing the Pax Silica Declaration.
- ❖ Chile has become the first country in the Americas and the second globally to be verified by the World Health Organization (WHO) for eliminating leprosy, also known as Hansen disease.
- ❖ Scotland became the first nation in the United Kingdom to legalise water cremation, also called alkaline hydrolysis.
- ❖ The United States conducted a test launch of the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, a land-based nuclear missile with an operational range of over 6,000 miles (about 13,000 km).
- ❖ Nepal's Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) won a majority in the 2026 general elections, and its leader, Balendra Shah, is set to become the next Prime Minister.
- ❖ An armed attack held on the headquarters of Upemba National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- ❖ The United States carried out air strikes on military targets on Kharg Island, the main oil export hub of Iran.
- ❖ Asia Africa Agri Alliance has been established to boost trade, agricultural cooperation, investment, and technology exchange between Asia and Africa.

- ❖ India and Indonesia partnered to restore the Prambanan Temple Complex to strengthen cultural ties.
- ❖ Argentina has formally withdrawn from the World Health Organization after notifying the United Nations on March 17, 2025.
- ❖ The Fujairah Port in the UAE was attacked amid the Iran–US–Israel conflict.
- ❖ Israeli airstrikes destroyed a key bridge over the Litani River of Lebanon
- ❖ The Philippines declared a national energy emergency due to tensions in West Asia affecting fuel supply.
- ❖ Romania has ratified the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and officially joined the alliance.
- ❖ A Russian drone strike damaged a residential building within the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lviv's Historic Centre in Ukraine, near the Bernardine Monastery.
- ❖ The Financial Action Task Force added Kuwait and Papua New Guinea to its increased monitoring list after its recent plenary meeting.
- ❖ The Global Action Plan for Steppe Eagle was adopted at CMS COP15 held in Brazil.
- ❖ Bangladesh has launched an emergency vaccination drive against a rapidly spreading measles outbreak.
- ❖ The Philippines joined the US-led Pax Silica to strengthen global semiconductor and technology supply chains.
- ❖ India and Russia have operationalised the RELOS (Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement) to boost defence cooperation.
- ❖ The United Kingdom passed a tobacco and vapes law banning people born on or after 1 January 2009 from legally buying tobacco.
- ❖ Finland is preparing to operationalise the world's first permanent nuclear waste repository.
- ❖ Jordan has signed the Artemis Accords, becoming the 63rd country to join the global framework for responsible space exploration.
- ❖ The World Health Organization has prequalified the first malaria treatment for newborns and infants, artemether-lumefantrine, designed for babies weighing 2–5 kg for safe dosing.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The United States (US) deployed the Dark Eagle Hypersonic Missile system in Guam for the first time.
- ❖ The IEA's Electricity Mid-Year Update 2026 says global electricity consumption is projected to rise from 28,600 terawatt hours in 2025 to 30,700 terawatt hours by 2027.
- ❖ Pacific island nation Nauru officially changed its name to the Republic of Naoero after a constitutional amendment approved by its Parliament in May 2026.
- ❖ Venezuela has formally notified the United Nations of its "irrevocable" decision to withdraw from the International Criminal Court.
- ❖ India and the Maldives have launched the Favara–Unified Payments Interface (UPI) cross-border payment corridor for real-time money transfers.

- ❖ Italy temporarily suspended Schengen free-movement rules with Spain from 1 August 2026 for one month after a large influx of irregular migrants into Ceuta.
- ❖ Saudi Arabia and 13 other countries have established a maritime defence coalition to enhance maritime security, protecting freedom of navigation, securing international trade routes and energy supply lines.
- ❖ A 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck near San José del Palmar, Chocó, Colombia, killing at least 164 people and causing major damage in Cali and Pereira.
- ❖ Lebanon's Parliament abolished the death penalty, making Lebanon the first Middle Eastern country to formally abolish capital punishment.
- ❖ Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan have signed a joint defence agreement to offer mutual defence guarantees.

ECONOMY

- ❖ India became the world's fourth-largest economy in 2025, overtaking Japan, with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of \$4.18 trillion.
- ❖ The RBI has started a review of the Scale-Based Regulation (introduced in 2022) framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- ❖ Growth in the Index of Industrial Production surged to a 25-month high of 6.7% in November 2025.
- ❖ The first meeting of the Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) was held in Mumbai.
- ❖ India imported \$6.4 billion of refined silver in 2024, making it the world's largest consumer of finished silver.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified the Foreign Exchange Management (Guarantees) Regulations, 2026.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will implement the Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS) 2026 from July 1, 2026.
- ❖ The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has formed a high-level Committee chaired by MS Sahoo to design a framework for assured payouts under the National Pension System (NPS).
- ❖ India is the world leader in the number of Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and ranks third globally by IPO value.
- ❖ India is projected to become an upper-middle income country by 2030 and the third largest economy by 2028.
- ❖ India's electronics exports crossed \$47 billion (₹4.15 trillion) in 2025, driven by the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for smartphone exports.
- ❖ Indian banks' credit-to-deposit (CD) ratio reached a record 81.75% in 2025, showing strong lending demand.

- ❖ The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has formed Narayan Ramachandran Committee to modernise National Pension System investment rules.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released details of a new Consumer Price Index (CPI) series, The base year of CPI has been revised from 2011–12 to 2023–24.
- ❖ The National Statistics Office (NSO) will conduct a nationwide Migration Survey from July 2026 to June 2027.
- ❖ Kotak Mahindra Bank became the first bank in India to issue a fully digital Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) licence.
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) became the largest overseas destination for Indian blue-collar workers in 2025, surpassing Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ India's gross NPAs (Non-Performing Assets) of scheduled commercial banks fell to a historic low of 2.15% in September 2025.
- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) announced a revision of the base year for key economic indicators, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Index of Industrial Production (IIP) will have a new base year of 2022–23, while the Consumer Price Index (CPI) base year is revised to 2024.
- ❖ India's retail inflation was recorded at 2.75% in January 2026 under the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) series (Base: 2024 = 100).
- ❖ The Government of India revised the base year of India's merchandise trade indices from 2012–13 to 2022–23.
- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released a new series of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates with a base year of 2022–23.
- ❖ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) 2.0 in New Delhi.
- ❖ SEBI used the Sudarshan Artificial Intelligence (AI) system to remove over 1.2 lakh misleading posts by financial influencers on social media.
- ❖ India's trade deficit with China crossed \$100 billion for the first time, reaching about \$102 billion in FY 2025–26 (April–February).
- ❖ India's sports industry crossed \$2 billion in 2025, reaching a value of ₹18,864 crore as per a report by WPP Media.
- ❖ India has overtaken China to become the largest supplier of cotton products to the United States in 2025.
- ❖ RBI made Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) mandatory for all digital payments from 1 April 2026 to improve transaction security.
- ❖ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) retained LIC, GIC Re and New India Assurance as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SII) for FY 2025–26.

- ❖ India has emerged as the world's 2nd-largest fish-producing nation after China, contributing about 8% of global fish production.
- ❖ Retail inflation increased from 3.21% in February 2026 to 3.4% in March 2026.
- ❖ The International Monetary Fund stated that India became the 6th largest economy in 2025 based on global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rankings.
- ❖ China became India's largest trading partner in FY 2025–26, surpassing the United States, with total trade at USD 151.1 billion and a record trade deficit of USD 112.6 billion.
- ❖ India expanded the RELIEF (Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) scheme to include Egypt and Jordan.
- ❖ 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.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ State Bank of India (SBI) is set to become the first Indian bank in 2026 to issue Basel III-compliant Additional Tier-I (AT-1) Perpetual Bonds.
- ❖ India climbed from 82nd in 2010 to 57th in 2023 in the Market Distortions Performance Index, according to the Competere Foundation report.
- ❖ Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) revised the base year of the Consumer Price Index from 2012=100 to 2024=100.
- ❖ India became the world's leading ship recycling nation, increasing its global share from 30.1% in 2024 to 35.4% in 2025.
- ❖ The government has proposed a ₹10,000 crore Container Manufacturing Assistance Scheme (CMAS) to increase domestic container production and reduce import dependence.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ Since the researchers at the National University of Defence Technology (NUDT), China, accelerated a maglev (magnetic levitation) test vehicle to 700 km/h in just two seconds, it is described as the fastest superconducting electric maglev system in the world so far.
- ❖ China unveiled the YJ-20 hypersonic anti-ship missile, which was launched from a Type 055 large destroyer.
- ❖ The DRDO successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR-120) at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur.
- ❖ DRDO carried out a salvo launch test of two indigenous Pralay missiles from the same launcher.
- ❖ The Ministry of Science and Technology has developed new open-source software, Path Gennie, for fast tracking of drug discovery.

- ❖ The Indian Army has successfully carried out India's first 3D Flex Aqueous Angiography with iStent.
- ❖ The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the first oral pill called Mitapivat for treating anaemia in adult thalassemia patients.
- ❖ India's first government hospital-based Artificial Intelligence (AI) clinic was launched at the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Greater Noida.
- ❖ India has developed indigenously made Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) using 3D-printing technology under Mission Mausam.
- ❖ Scientists have detected cetacean morbillivirus, a highly infectious virus that affects whales, dolphins, porpoises, and pilot whales in Arctic waters for the first time.
- ❖ The Wolf Supermoon appeared in the sky on January 3, 2026, marking the first full Moon of the year.
- ❖ The DRDO has developed a portable desalination system to provide drinking water to soldiers in remote and water-scarce areas.
- ❖ Pakistan Air Force has successfully conducted a flight test of the Taimoor air-launched cruise missile with a range of 600 kilometres.
- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Samudra Pratap, the first indigenously designed Pollution Control Vessel built by Goa Shipyard Limited, is also the largest ship in the ICG fleet and was commissioned in Goa.
- ❖ Scientists have created the first three-dimensional (3D) images of Mexico's Popocatepetl volcano to better understand its internal magma movement.
- ❖ NASA has, for the first time, studied the internal structure of a white dwarf system in detail.
- ❖ Researchers from the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) used supercomputers to simulate ice formation and confirm the Mpemba Effect.
- ❖ ISRO reported that cosmic dust hits Earth's atmosphere every 16 minutes.
- ❖ Financial Software and Systems has become the first payments company in India, the Middle East, Asia Pacific, and South Africa to get ISO IEC 42001 Certification Lead status.
- ❖ NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has discovered a starless gas cloud called Cloud 9 near the galaxy Messier 94.
- ❖ Raman Research Institute (RRI) has developed a new technique to measure cold atoms without disturbing them.
- ❖ NASA has brought four astronauts back early from the International Space Station (ISS) due to a medical concern affecting one crew member.
- ❖ The asteroid 2025 MN45 is the fastest-spinning asteroid of its size ever observed.

- ❖ The National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT), Japan, achieved the world's first 2 terabits per second (Tbit/s) free-space optical (FSO) communication.
- ❖ The DRDO successfully flight-tested the indigenous Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM).
- ❖ SCORP, A legged mobile manipulator was developed by xTerra Robotics, which is incubated at the IIT Kanpur.
- ❖ Chennai-based OrbitAid Aerospace launched AyulSAT onboard ISRO's PSLV-C62 to demonstrate in-orbit satellite refuelling.
- ❖ Earth's ocean heat content (OHC) has set a new record in 2025 by absorbing an additional ~23 zettajoules (ZJ) of heat.
- ❖ DRDO successfully conducted a long-duration ground test of an actively cooled full-scale scramjet combustor, which demonstrated sustained performance for over 12 minutes.
- ❖ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) organised the BHASHINI Samudaye workshop to strengthen India's Language Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem in New Delhi.
- ❖ Scientists discovered two new frog species – Soman's Slender Arm Frog (*Leptobrachium soman*) and Mechuka Slender Arm Frog (*Leptobrachium mechuka*).in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR) marked its 5th Foundation Day in January 2026.
- ❖ Scientists have developed an efficient large-scale method to produce tagatose, a healthier alternative to regular sugar and artificial sweeteners.
- ❖ Scientists inaugurated the world's first global repository of mountain ice cores at Concordia Research Station on the Antarctic Plateau.
- ❖ Google has launched Translate Gemma, an artificial intelligence (AI) based open translation model built on Gemma 3 architecture, supporting 55 global languages, including high- and low-resource languages.
- ❖ NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft, launched in 1977 is expected to reach a distance of one light-day from Earth.
- ❖ Scientists have discovered a 5,200-year-old wooden boat beneath Lake Mendota in the United States, revealing details of early human life and advanced woodworking skills.
- ❖ The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Zycubo for the treatment of children with Menkes disease.
- ❖ The Sun released its most powerful solar radiation storm in over two decades, reaching Earth in January 2026.

- ❖ Scientists have discovered a new ginger species named *Parakaempferia alba* of Zingiberaceae family in the Siang Valley of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CSIR–CIMFR) conducted India’s first full-system safety assessment of a hydrogen compressor–dispenser.
- ❖ ASC ARJUN is a humanoid robot designed for advanced research and industrial applications.
- ❖ Microsoft launched the Maia 200 AI chip, offering 30% higher performance per dollar, and deployed it in U.S. data centres for Microsoft 365 Copilot and cloud AI services.
- ❖ Indian startup Akashlabdhi is preparing to launch the country’s first inflatable space habitat, named AntarikshHAB.
- ❖ The Atomic Scientists set the Doomsday Clock at 85 seconds to midnight on January 27, 2026, the closest it has ever been.
- ❖ The DRDO successfully demonstrated Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) missile technology.
- ❖ DRDO successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable Agni-3 ballistic missile (surface-to-surface missile) off the Odisha coast.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force’s Pechora surface-to-air missile system has been fully digitised to improve air defence capability.
- ❖ The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) released ExoMiner++, an open-source artificial intelligence model to detect exoplanets.
- ❖ Google DeepMind launched AlphaGenome, an artificial intelligence tool that predicts how genetic mutations affect gene regulation and human diseases.
- ❖ A rare red aurora was observed over Hanle, Ladakh, after a powerful solar flare triggered a geomagnetic storm.
- ❖ The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) discovered the most distant galaxy named MoM-z14.
- ❖ Azista Space achieved India’s first in-orbit imaging (“in-orbit snooping”) capability by capturing images of the International Space Station (ISS) using an indigenous satellite.
- ❖ ISRO’s Space Applications Centre identified a safe landing site near Mons Mouton on the Moon for Chandrayaan-4.
- ❖ Moltbook is an AI-only social networking platform created by Matt Schlicht, CEO of OctaneAI, designed for artificial intelligence (AI) agents to post, comment, and interact without human prompts or moderation.
- ❖ Researchers from India – Australia have developed a flexible and economical biosensor capable of rapidly detecting myoglobin, a critical cardiac biomarker linked to the early stages of a heart attack.

- ❖ iLive Connect was introduced as the world's first doctor-led Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered home healthcare ecosystem.
- ❖ Haven-1 is expected to become the world's first private space station, planned for launch in 2027.
- ❖ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Russia's United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) signed an agreement to produce Superjet-100 (SJ-100) aircraft in India.
- ❖ Recently, the European Space Agency (ESA) has released a high-resolution image of the 2026 Winter Olympic venues in northern Italy using the Copernicus Sentinel-2 mission.
- ❖ Scientists from Stanford University created the first global map of rare continental mantle earthquakes.
- ❖ The AIIMS, New Delhi, conducted the first remote real-time ultrasound on a patient at India's Maitri research station in Antarctica.
- ❖ Bengaluru-based Sarvam AI has unveiled two Artificial Intelligence (AI) language models at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi.
- ❖ VoicERA, an open-source Voice Artificial Intelligence (AI) stack, was launched at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 on the BHASHINI National Language Infrastructure.
- ❖ Gnani.ai has launched Vachana Text-to-Speech (TTS) and Speech-to-Text (STT) models, which are trained on more than one million hours of Indian voice data.
- ❖ BharatGen unveiled PARAM 2 17B, a 17-billion-parameter multilingual Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) foundational model.
- ❖ IIT Madras Global Research Foundation launched its first Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) Innovation Centre at Dubai CommerCity, UAE.
- ❖ The International Solar Alliance (ISA) launched the Global AI-for-Energy Mission at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Sun produced an X8.3 solar flare on 1 February 2026, the strongest solar flare recorded this year.
- ❖ Thirteen Class XI students of Ariyakudi Government Higher Secondary School in Sivagangai district, Tamil Nadu, successfully launched a 600-gram mini satellite named Vikko Sat-1, Vikko Sat-1 was designed to detect fungal spores in the stratosphere using five specialised sensors.
- ❖ Iran has launched ballistic missiles, including its Khorramshahr-4 (also called "Kheibar"), in retaliation after coordinated strikes by the United States and Israel.
- ❖ China's Zhurong rover, part of the Tianwen-1 mission, discovered evidence of ancient beaches on Mars.
- ❖ Moonshot Project was launched by the IISc to develop brain co-processors combining neuromorphic hardware and Artificial Intelligence (AI) algorithms.

- ❖ Skyroot Aerospace is preparing to launch Vikram-1, India's first privately developed orbital rocket.
- ❖ Japan has approved the world's first stem-cell therapy for treating Parkinson's Disease, which uses Induced Pluripotent Stem (iPS) Cells to replace damaged dopamine-producing neurons in the brain.
- ❖ Scientists at the University of Waterloo in Canada have found a way to turn plastic waste into acetic acid (vinegar) using only sunlight.
- ❖ The PrSM (Precision Strike Missile) was reportedly used by the United States Army during strikes in the West Asia conflict involving Iran.
- ❖ The European Space Agency (ESA) lost contact with the Coronagraph satellite of the Proba-3 mission due to a power failure.
- ❖ DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully tested the ADC-150 (Air Droppable Container-150) from a Boeing P-8I Poseidon aircraft near Goa.
- ❖ India is testing Sheshnaag-150, a long-range swarming attack drone by Newspace Research Technologies, Bengaluru.
- ❖ The Scientists are studying Devon Island in Nunavut, Canada, as a natural site to test technologies and survival methods for future Mars missions.
- ❖ Avataar amphibious drone, India's first amphibious drone, was launched by Aqua AirX Autonomous Systems.
- ❖ Iran has reportedly deployed the Sejil Ballistic Missile for the first time in active combat during a military operation against positions linked to the United States and Israel.
- ❖ Minor Planet Centre (under the auspices of the International Astronomical Union) announced the discovery of 15 new moons in the Solar System, including 4 around Jupiter and 11 around Saturn.
- ❖ CERN announced the discovery of a new particle called Xi-cc-plus.
- ❖ The atomic clock in the IRNSS-1F satellite failed, affecting India's navigation system NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation).
- ❖ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has started the Vayu Baan project to develop India's first helicopter-launched drone system.
- ❖ Scientists identified desert moss *Syntrichia caninervis* that may support future life on Mars.
- ❖ Japan discovered a massive deep-sea rare earth deposit under the Pacific Ocean near Minamitorishima Island.
- ❖ Scientists have discovered a huge water reservoir nearly 700 km below Earth's surface inside the mantle.
- ❖ The European Space Agency launched two Celeste satellites named Celeste IOD-1 and IOD-2 to improve navigation systems.

- ❖ Astronomers have discovered a new planetary system with two Earth-like planets about 120 light-years away from Earth.
- ❖ India's PFBR (Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, achieved criticality.
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates launched the world's first 10G (10 Gigabit) U6GHz internet network.
- ❖ "Bhavasagara" Referral Centre at CMLRE (Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology) in Kerala and Agharkar Research Institute in Maharashtra was designated as a National Repositories under the Biological Diversity Act 2002.
- ❖ NASA's Artemis II mission set a new record for the farthest distance travelled by humans in space.
- ❖ Artemis II, the first crewed lunar mission since the Apollo astronauts safely returned to Earth after a historic Moon flyby.
- ❖ US plans to deploy nuclear reactors in space by 2028 and on the Moon by 2030 under the "National Initiative for American Space Nuclear Power"
- ❖ The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, Built by NASA has completed assembly and entered final testing before its 2026 launch.
- ❖ Chinese scientists discovered a new Moon mineral named Cerium–Magnesium Chengesite, marking the 11th lunar mineral identified so far.
- ❖ Astronomers have mapped the massive Vela Supercluster (Vela-Banji) for the first time which is located about 800 million light-years away.
- ❖ China developed the world's first coal-based fuel cell that can generate electricity with near-zero carbon emissions.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Scientists discovered that the Sun's upper atmosphere rotates faster than its visible surface.
- ❖ Researchers discovered a previously unknown metal alloy inside glass-like hiros himaites recovered from Hiroshima Bay, Japan, formed after the 1945 atomic bomb blast.
- ❖ ICAR - National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal developed India's first indigenous MA-104 cell line-based Live Attenuated African Swine Fever (ASF) Vaccine for pigs.
- ❖ IIT Guwahati developed "E-Eye", a low-cost portable optical sensing device for rapid detection of toxicants and cancer-causing heavy metals.
- ❖ Bengaluru-based Astrobase Space Technologies unveiled EVEREST, India's first privately built 800-kilonewton (kN) Full-Flow Staged Combustion (FFSC) rocket engine.
- ❖ Param Pragya, an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered high-performance computing facility inaugurated at IIT Delhi Sonipat Campus.

ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ A rare Eastern Imperial Eagle (*Aquila heliaca*) was spotted in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) during the winter migratory season.
- ❖ The Government of India has declared the Parvati–Arga Bird Sanctuary in Gonda district, Uttar Pradesh, as an Eco–Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- ❖ Amazonian stingless bees became the first insects in the world to receive legal rights.
- ❖ India recorded the deaths of 166 tigers in 2025 (highest annual tiger mortality since Project Tiger), according to the latest data released by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).

- ❖ Karnataka has recorded its first sighting of the Sandalwood Leopard, a rare pale reddish-pink morph of the Indian leopard, in Vijayanagara district.
- ❖ Seven of the world's rarest galaxy frogs (*Melanobatrachus indicus*) in Kerala's Western Ghats have vanished and are presumed dead.
- ❖ A new non-venomous reed snake named *Calamaria mizoramensis* was discovered in Mizoram.
- ❖ For over sixty years, a small olive-green bird in Bolivia's Beni savannas was misclassified, but new research confirmed it as a distinct species.
- ❖ Satellite tagging of sea turtles began on Chennai beaches as a first-of-its-kind initiative in the city.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government notified 100 forest blocks as Reserved Forests during 2021–2025.
- ❖ Three new meadow katydid species, named *Conocephalus usmanii*, *Conocephalus nagariensis*, and *Conocephalus ganderbali* were discovered in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The MSTRIPES (Monitoring System for Tigers: Intensive Protection and Ecological Status) app is being used for the All-India Tiger Estimation Survey 2026 in Anamalai Tiger Reserve.
- ❖ A rare sighting of Smooth-coated otter was recently recorded in the Adyar River.
- ❖ The Kashmir markhor (*Capra falconeri cashmeriensis*), India's rarest wild goat, is facing local extinction with only 200–300 individuals left.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's first Vulture Safe Zones will be created around the Moyar River Valley in the Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve.
- ❖ The latest crocodile census showed an increase in crocodile numbers (84) in Similipal National Park, Odisha.
- ❖ The Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) has launched a Indian Skimmer conservation project under the National Mission for Clean Ganga at Dehradun.
- ❖ Berkeley Earth's annual temperature report found that 2025 was the warmest La Niña year on record.
- ❖ Scientists have discovered a 300–400-year-old giant black coral measures about 13 feet in height and 15 feet in width in the deep waters of Fiordland, New Zealand.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu scheduled its first State-wide raptor assessment on January 31 and February 1, 2026.
- ❖ Scientists discovered *Indiaphonte bijoyi*, a new tiny crustacean species in the Kavaratti lagoon of Lakshadweep.
- ❖ Brandt's hedgehog (*Paraechinus hypomelas*) has been discovered in Jammu and Kashmir.

- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change declared Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajasthan as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- ❖ Scientists have discovered two new extremely rare species of ant flies named Metadon ghorpadei and Metadon reemeri in Delhi and the Western Ghats.
- ❖ The Indian scientists have discovered a new blind caecilian species named Gegeneophis valmiki in the northern Western Ghats of Maharashtra.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched India's second pan-India dolphin population survey from Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The Gandak River in Bihar has become India's second-largest habitat for gharials, after the Chambal River.
- ❖ Wild animal attacks caused 685 human deaths in Tamil Nadu during the last 10 years (2015–2025).
- ❖ Patna Bird Sanctuary in Etah district, Uttar Pradesh and Chhari-Dhand in Kutch district of Gujarat have been added to India's Ramsar network.
- ❖ Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Odisha's Nuapada district, it was recently declared Maoist-free status.
- ❖ The United States is officially out of the Paris Agreement under the administration of President Donald Trump.
- ❖ The Al-Jawf region of Saudi Arabia recorded snowfall in its interior desert areas for the first time in recorded history in late 2025.
- ❖ A pair of peacocks was spotted at about 6,000 ft near Manali in Himachal Pradesh, which is unusual for this species.
- ❖ A faunal survey conducted in Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala, recorded several new species in the sanctuary.
- ❖ Volcán de Fuego (Volcano of Fire), one of the most active volcanoes in Central America, erupted recently in Guatemala.
- ❖ The dugong population in Tamil Nadu has been estimated at 270 individuals.
- ❖ The foundation stone for Tamil Nadu's first Sea Turtle Conservation Centre was laid at Guindy in Chennai.
- ❖ Goa became the second Indian state, after Kerala, to publish a state-level Bird Atlas.
- ❖ Researchers discovered a new mushroom species named Hemileccinum indicum in the Indian Himalayas.
- ❖ Researchers discovered two new marine worm species along the West Bengal coast in the northern Bay of Bengal, The species are Namalycastis solenotognatha and Nereis dhrithiae.

- ❖ A reticulated python (*Malayopython reticulatus*) was discovered in Sulawesi, Indonesia, It has been recognised by the Guinness World Records as the longest measured snake in the world.
- ❖ *Colyttus bilineatus*, a rare jumping spider belonging to the family Salticidae, was recorded for the first time in India in Assam.
- ❖ Researchers discovered a new orchid species named *Diplozentrum papillosum* in the Idukki district of Kerala, belonging to the *Diplozentrum* genus endemic to the southern Western Ghats.
- ❖ A Rusty-spotted Cat was recorded alive in Shergarh Sanctuary in Baran district of Rajasthan.
- ❖ The 16th Tamiraparani water bird survey recorded over 21,000 water birds in southern Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ A new flowering plant species, “*Dicliptera pakhalica*,” has been discovered in Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary, Telangana.
- ❖ Recently, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) achieved captive breeding of the mangrove clam *Geloina erosa*.
- ❖ Researchers have discovered a new dragonfly species named *Lyriothemis keralensis* in Kerala.
- ❖ A recent study reported a rise in lion-tailed macaque populations in human-dominated landscapes of the Anamalai Hills in the Western Ghats.
- ❖ The Sangtam tribal body in Nagaland passed a resolution to protect pangolins and stop illegal hunting and trade.
- ❖ A mud volcano recently erupted in Diglipur in the Andaman Islands.
- ❖ The Indian Grey Hornbill was voted as the ‘Bird of Tirupattur’ district in a public poll conducted by the Forest Department.
- ❖ The Chhattisgarh Forest Department has started six “hornbill restaurants” in Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve for the Malabar Pied Hornbill.
- ❖ The wetlands in Murshidabad district, called the “kidneys of South Bengal,” are shrinking quickly at about 2.1 % per year.
- ❖ Three new cubs were born at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, increasing India’s total cheetah population to 38.
- ❖ The Philippine eagle is one of the largest and rarest eagles in the world and is popularly known as the “monkey-eating bird.”
- ❖ Palamu Tiger Reserve has launched the ‘Vanjeevi Didi’ initiative to promote community-based wildlife conservation.
- ❖ Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India have discovered a new species of *Diplura* named *Lepidocampa sikkimensis* in the eastern Himalayas.

- ❖ Gentoo penguins have become the first bird species confirmed to be infected with H5N1 avian influenza in an Australian territory.
- ❖ A new dinosaur species named Spinosaurus mirabilis has been discovered in the Sahara Desert of Niger.
- ❖ Lake Mai-Ndombe and Lake Tumba in the Democratic Republic of Congo are releasing ancient carbon stored in nearby peatlands.
- ❖ The Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) released a report titled “Healing Soils in India: For Better Crop Health and Human Nutrition.”
- ❖ Slender Loris Conservation Centre was inaugurated in Dindigul district, the first such facility in India.
- ❖ Tajikistan and Uzbekistan proposed to include the Striped Hyena in Appendix I and II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).
- ❖ The Government of India has announced the standards for Green Ammonia and Green Methanol under the National Green Hydrogen Mission to promote trade in green hydrogen derivatives.
- ❖ The cheetah population in India reached 53 after Jwala gave birth to five cubs at Kuno National Park, increasing the number of Indian-born cheetah cubs to 33.
- ❖ The sambar deer (*Rusa unicolor*) was recorded for the first time at high-altitude protected areas in Chamba district, Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Scientists discovered two new fruit fly species — *Acidoxantha paratotoflava* and *Hemilea suneriae* — in the Himalayan foothills of the Solan region, Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ A rare marine amphipod, *Stenothoe lowryi*, was discovered for the first time in India at Arjyapalli Beach, Ganjam district, Odisha.
- ❖ Scientists released India’s first comprehensive checklist of fireflies, identifying 92 species across 27 genera from records between 1881–2025.
- ❖ *Myiophanes kemp*, a rare cave-dwelling assassin bug of the Reduviidae family, has been rediscovered in the Andaman Islands after nearly 100 years.
- ❖ *Osbeckia zubeengargiana*, a new plant species of the Melastomataceae family, was discovered in the grasslands of Manas National Park in Assam and named after Zubeen Garg.
- ❖ A rare Blue-and-White Flycatcher (Muscicapidae family) was spotted at Pavagadh Hill in Gujarat.
- ❖ The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered two new lichen moth species (*Caulocera hollowayi* and *Asura buxa*) in the eastern Himalayas.

- ❖ A new parasitic wasp species, *Chelonus* (*Carinichelonus*) *mahadeb*, was discovered in Assam tea estates and belongs to the Braconidae family known for parasitoid behaviour.
- ❖ The rare plant *Henckelia monophylla* has been rediscovered in Arunachal Pradesh after about 189 years and is an endemic species of the Gesneriaceae family, first collected in 1836.
- ❖ A new earthworm species, *Drawida vazhania*, was discovered in Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary in Thrissur district and belongs to the genus *Drawida* and family Moniligastridae, playing an important role in soil fertility and nutrient cycling.
- ❖ Researchers discovered a rare case of gynandromorphy in a freshwater crab species in Silent Valley National Park, Kerala.
- ❖ Kalinjar Hill was declared a National Geo-Heritage Site by Geological Survey of India.
- ❖ Scientists from the Botanical Survey of India discovered a new wild kiwi species named *Actinidia indica* near Ziro Valley in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The Zoological Survey of India discovered a new cockroach species, *Neoloboptera peninsularis*, using DNA-based taxonomy in Pune, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Bank of Baroda became the first bank in India to issue domestic Green Infrastructure Bonds worth ₹10,000 crore.
- ❖ Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (VDTR) in Madhya Pradesh has been developed as India's third designated site for cheetah reintroduction under Project Cheetah.
- ❖ Forest Survey of India (FSI) has stopped issuing alerts from the AI-based Anavaran deforestation system since early 2026.
- ❖ Bhavasagara Referral Centre has been designated as a National Repository for Deep-Sea Fauna by the Government.
- ❖ Snowy owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) has been given international protection under the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).
- ❖ Freshwater fish fossils, including gourami, were discovered for the first time in the Shivalik foothills near Dehradun.
- ❖ The European Union (EU) has added PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) to its water pollution monitoring list.
- ❖ Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered two new marine species off the coast of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ A Sanderling was spotted in Narcondam Island after a long-distance migration.
- ❖ The Salween River, also known as the Nu River in China, shows high arsenic contamination above safe limits.

- ❖ Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary, a freshwater wetland from Uttar Pradesh, was designated as India's 99th Ramsar Site.
- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued a draft notification to declare an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) around the Barasingha Wildlife Sanctuary, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Scientists have discovered a new underground-dwelling blind fish species named Gitchak nakana in Assam.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has conducted the third synchronized survey of Nilgiri Tahr, a state animal, under Project Nilgiri Tahr.
- ❖ The 40th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster was marked on 26 April 2026.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 27th member country of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Uzbekistan released 672 Houbara bustards (*Chlamydotis macqueenii*) in Karakalpakstan to restore biodiversity in the Aral Sea region.
- ❖ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) identified the Kawal Tiger Reserve in Telangana as a priority recipient site for tiger recovery.
- ❖ Varayattumudy in Idukki district, Kerala, has emerged as a major habitat for the endangered Nilgiri tahr, with its population increasing significantly.
- ❖ Scientists discovered two new fruit fly species, *Zeugodacus umiam* and *Zeugodacus nasivittatus* in Ri-Bhoi district, Meghalaya.
- ❖ A new freshwater catfish species, *Pseudolaguvia khairii*, was discovered in the Budhabalanga River, Mayurbhanj district, Odisha.
- ❖ India is home to the world's largest wild tiger population, accounting for nearly 70% of all wild tigers globally.
- ❖ Scientists discovered a new species of blind, blood-red eel named *Rakthamichthys anchi* in underground aquifers connected to dug-out wells in Goalpara district, Assam.

- ❖ Glaw Lake in Arunachal Pradesh has been designated as India's 101st Ramsar Site, becoming the state's first Ramsar Site.
- ❖ Scientists confirmed Charles Darwin's 150-year-old prediction that the plant *Saxifraga candelabrum* is an insect-eating (carnivorous) plant.
- ❖ A new species of stream-loving catfish, *Pseudecheneis likimroensis*, has been discovered in the fast-flowing Likimro River in Nagaland.
- ❖ The Supreme Court ruled that a 10-km mining buffer applies to all notified wetland reserves, even when a separate buffer has not been notified.
- ❖ Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) announced the completion of the National Catalogue of Lepidoptera (Butterflies and Moths), the final volume was published in Zoo Taxa.
- ❖ Global sea surface temperatures (SST) outside the polar regions reached a record high (20.96°C) in July 2026.
- ❖ Lake Mead, the largest reservoir in the United States, reached its lowest-ever water level at about 1,040.3 feet (317.1 m) above sea level.
- ❖ A 72,600 sq. yard man-made lake, called Blue Heart, is being developed at By the Waters, a 100-acre residential estate about 35 km from Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❖ *Pteris madhusoodanani*, a new fern species belonging to the genus *Pteris* and family *Pteridaceae*, was discovered in Kolli Hills, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Scientists have discovered three new cascade frog species in Northeast India - Ammachi's Cascade Frog (*Amolops ammachi*) from Tripura, Sendenyu Cascade Frog (*Amolops sendenyu*) from Nagaland and Beautiful Cascade Frog (*Amolops bella*) from West Bengal.
- ❖ The rare solitary Himalayan bee *Colletes bhutanicus* was recorded in India for the first time in Tawang district, Arunachal Pradesh.

REPORTS AND INDICES

- ❖ The Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA) India – National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB) released the “Carbon Uptake by Concrete” report during the 63rd Foundation Day of NCB on 26 December 2025.
- ❖ The RBI released the Trends and Progress of Banking in India 2023–24 report, highlighting emerging risks in the banking sector.
- ❖ The Ministry of Jal Shakti has released the Dynamic Groundwater Resource Assessment Report 2025 to evaluate India's groundwater status.
- ❖ According to World Weather Attribution Annual Report 2025, Although 2025 did not surpass the global temperature record set in 2024, it will rank among the hottest years ever recorded.

- ❖ The RBI released its Financial Stability Report (FSR), a biannual publication on January 2, 2026.
- ❖ The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) has released a report on climate funding for the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region.
- ❖ The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India released the second edition of the 'State Finances 2023–24' report.
- ❖ The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released the Arctic Report Card 2025.
- ❖ NITI Aayog has prepared the report "A Comprehensive Framework to Promote Affordable Housing" with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- ❖ UN's World Economic Situation and Prospects Report 2026 was produced by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).
- ❖ National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), under the Ministry of Home Affairs, released the second edition of the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) 2.0 rankings
- ❖ NITI Aayog released the 5th edition of "Trade Watch Quarterly" for Quarter I of FY 2025–26 (April–June 2025) on January 6, 2026.
- ❖ The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) has released the report "India's PV Manufacturing & Its Strategic Inflection Points" at the Bharat Climate Forum 2026.
- ❖ The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has released the Annual Groundwater Quality Report 2025.
- ❖ According to the 2025 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction (GAR 2025), global wildfires caused about USD 106 billion in total economic losses.
- ❖ The World Bank released the Global Economic Prospects (GEP) report, published twice yearly to assess global growth.
- ❖ The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Risks Report 2026.
- ❖ The International Labour Organization (ILO) released the Employment and Social Trends Report 2026.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) report "State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2025–26" highlights demographic transition in India.
- ❖ NITI Aayog and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) released a report on e-waste and lithium-ion battery recycling.
- ❖ The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released the report Global Investment Trends Monitor for 2024.
- ❖ The World Nuclear Association released the World Nuclear Outlook Report 2026.

- ❖ The United Nations published a landmark report on global water bankruptcy in January 2026, titled “Global Water Bankruptcy: Living Beyond Our Hydrological Means in the Post-Crisis Era.
- ❖ The International Organization for Migration (IOM) released the Global Appeal 2026 Report.
- ❖ The World Bank released the 2025 report “A Breath of Change” on air pollution in the Indo-Gangetic Plains and Himalayan Foothills.
- ❖ The International Energy Agency (IEA) released the Electricity 2026 report on global electricity markets.
- ❖ NITI Aayog released 11 reports on “Scenarios Towards Viksit Bharat and Net Zero.”
- ❖ NITI Aayog released the sixth edition of “Trade Watch Quarterly” for Quarter 2 of FY 2025–26 (July–September 2025) in New Delhi.
- ❖ NITI Aayog released a report titled “Revitalising Apprenticeship Ecosystem: Insights, Challenges, Recommendations and Best Practices”.
- ❖ The Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2026 was released by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).
- ❖ A new report by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and Ember highlighted that Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan are leading in electric vehicle (EV) adoption and green hydrogen promotion.
- ❖ The IOC (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission) of UNESCO released the Integrated Ocean Carbon Research (IOC-R) Report.
- ❖ The World Bank released the Women, Business and the Law (WBL) 2026 report, highlighting gaps in the implementation of women’s economic rights.
- ❖ The International Energy Agency (IEA) has released its State of Energy Innovation 2026 report.
- ❖ UN Women has released the report titled “Ensuring and Strengthening Access to Justice for All Women and Girls.”
- ❖ NITI Aayog released the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2026 to assess the financial health of Indian states.
- ❖ The report “Reducing Methane Emissions from Landfills: The potential of biocover systems” was released by the Climate and Clean Air Coalition.
- ❖ The United Nations Environment Programme has released the “Safe Disposal of Unused Medicines” report.
- ❖ The Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) released the India BioEconomy Report (IBER) 2026 in New Delhi.

- ❖ Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the report titled “Delivering Prosperity at Scale: India’s Economic Transformation through the SDGs”.
- ❖ The Consumer Justice Report 2026 was released by India Justice Report, assessing India’s consumer dispute redressal system.
- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the “Planet in Focus” report on environmental sustainability under SDGs recently.
- ❖ The United Nations Water released the World Water Development Report 2026 titled “Water for All People: Equal Rights and Opportunities.”
- ❖ The World Meteorological Organization released the State of the Global Climate 2026 Report, warning that Earth’s climate is “flashing red”.
- ❖ The International Institute for Environment and Development released the IIED Food Security Index.
- ❖ NITI Aayog released a report titled “Empowering Farmers: Natural Farming Training Toolkit & Best Practices Guide.”
- ❖ NHAI released the first National Highways Green Cover Index (NH-GCI) 2025–26 in collaboration with ISRO’s NRSC(National Remote Sensing Centre).
- ❖ PLFS (Periodic Labour Force Survey) is released by NSO (National Statistics Office) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- ❖ A global analysis published in The Lancet Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Women's Health reported maternal mortality data for 2023.
- ❖ The Global Education Monitoring Report 2026, titled “Access and Equity: Countdown to 2030”, was released by UNESCO.
- ❖ A new report titled “Under the Weather: India’s Climate-Health Intersections and Pathways to Resilience,” released by Dasra
- ❖ NITI Aayog released a report titled “From Borrowers to Builders: Women and India’s Evolving Credit Market.”
- ❖ The International Labour Organization (ILO) released a report titled “Universal social protection in changing labour markets: Protecting workers in all types of employment”.
- ❖ The first national report, “State of India’s Bats (2024–25)”, highlights threats to bat species in India.
- ❖ Indian Space Situational Awareness Report (ISSAR) 2025 was released by the ISRO.
- ❖ The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific released its 2026 Economic Survey

- ❖ The FAO and WMO jointly released the report “Extreme Heat and Agriculture” on April 22, 2026 (Earth Day).
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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”.
- ❖ The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released the report "No Transition Without Justice".
- ❖ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) released the "Roadmap for Active Management of Tigers in India" report based on the 2022 All India Tiger Estimation.
- ❖ Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026 was developed by Institutes of Yale and Columbia University, along with support from the McCall MacBain Foundation.
- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) released the Peat-Emit Report 2026 to improve the accuracy of greenhouse gas emission estimates from peatlands.
- ❖ The World Bank released the World Development Report 2026: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ❖ The Department of Science and Technology (DST) released the Research and Development (R&D) Statistics 2025–26 report.

Report	Organization	Top	Bottom	India's position
India's Investments in FY26	–	Andhra Pradesh – India's top investment destination (25.3%)	Uttar Pradesh (2.7%) and Karnataka (2.1%) –lower shares	–
Organ Donations in 2025	Jeevasarthakathe – State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) of Karnataka	Karnataka– highest-ever number of organ donors (198)	–	–
UN DESA Report 2025	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs	–	–	India- fourth largest economy
Henley Passport Index 2026	–	Singapore	–	80 th
Responsible Nations Index 2026	–	Singapore	–	16 th
Numbeo Safety Index 2026	–	Qingdao in China – ranked as the safest city in the world. Mangaluru in Karnataka – emerged as the safest city in India. Papua New Guinea, Venezuela, and Haiti – among the least safe countries.	–	–
Numbeo Global Safety Index 2026	–	Abu Dhabi	–	–
Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026	–	China	–	6
Artificial Intelligence (AI) investment	World Economic Forum (WEF)	United States (US) and Singapore	–	8

Global Soft Power Index 2026	Brand Finance	United States, China, and Japan	–	32
Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	Tripura	–	–
QS Europe Rankings 2026	–	The University of Oxford	–	–
Global Biomass Energy Production Rankings 2026	–	United States	–	5
QS 2026 – Most Affordable City for International Students	–	Delhi	–	–
Global LEED Certifications	US Green Building Council (USGBC)	United States	–	2
Global Innovation Index	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	China	–	7
Network Readiness Index 2025	–	–	–	45
Women, Peace and Security Index 2025–26	–	Denmark	–	131
Corruption Perceptions Index 2025	–	Denmark	–	91
The Global AI Brain Race Report 2026	–	United States	–	6
Global Residence Program Index 2026	–	Greece	–	–
Innovators Business Environment Index	StartupBlink	United States	–	54 th
Global arms imports	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute	Ukraine	–	2 nd

Global Capital Flows Report 2025	Colliers	–	–	4 th
World Happiness Report 2026	Wellbeing Research Centre	–	–	116
Global Trade Outlook 2026	World Trade Organization	–	–	
Global Terrorism Index 2026	Institute for Economics and Peace	Pakistan	–	13
World Air Quality Report 2025	IQAir	Pakistan – most polluted country	–	6
World Press Freedom Index	Reporters Without Borders	Norway	–	157
Henley Passport Index 2026	Henley & Partners	Singapore	–	78
SDG Index 2026	UN SDSN	–	–	94 th
Global Passport Index (GPI) 2026	Global Citizen Solutions	Sweden	–	125 th
Henley Passport Index 2026	Henley	Singapore	–	81 st

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- ❖ The West Bengal Police registered a Zero FIR at Suti police station, regardless of the place of crime.
- ❖ The Batadrava Than Redevelopment Project (birthplace of Shankaradeva) was inaugurated in Assam.
- ❖ Rohtasgarh Fort, also called Rohtas Fort, one of the largest forts in India and the world is located on the banks of the Sone River in Bihar.
- ❖ The Delhi government has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur to develop an AI-based grievance redressal system called Intelligent Grievance Monitoring System (IGMS).
- ❖ The Karnataka Strategic & Intelligence Unit, will integrate APIs from universities, colleges, training institutions, and government databases.
- ❖ The Institute of Kidney Diseases and Research Centre (IKDRC), Ahmedabad, in Gujarat completed 500 kidney transplants in 2025, becoming the only public sector hospital in India to achieve this milestone in a single year.

- ❖ Assam has become the first state in India to constitute the 8th State Pay Commission on 1 January 2026.
- ❖ Surat is set to become India's first fully slum-free city through planned urban development and housing programmes.
- ❖ Tripura State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) has received ISO/IEC 27001:2022 certification.
- ❖ Assam will procure a proton therapy machine for cancer treatment; thus, it will become the first state in India to offer proton therapy in the public health system.
- ❖ Maharashtra and Karnataka have the highest farmer suicide rates in India, about 2.5 times the national average.
- ❖ Haryana recorded a Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) of 923 in 2025, which is the highest in the last five years.
- ❖ Kerala has introduced the Right to Disconnect Bill, 2025 to protect private sector employees from work communication after office hours.
- ❖ The Bhoramdev Corridor Development Project was launched at Bhoramdev Dham in Kabirdham district, Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) has recommended the environmental clearance for the 1,200-megawatt (MW) Kalai-II hydropower project in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The Telangana Legislative Assembly has passed a Bill abolishing the two-child norm for contesting local body elections.
- ❖ India has launched its first commercial tropical Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS) based rainbow trout farm in Telangana.
- ❖ Lucknow is set to get India's first urban night safari at the Kukrail Forest Area on the northern outskirts of the city.
- ❖ The Jharkhand Cabinet approved rules under the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA), 1996, to empower Gram Sabhas in the State.
- ❖ Gujarat is the leading okra producer in India, with cultivation spread across 93,955 hectares in 2023-24, producing 11.68 lakh tonnes.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has opened its first Braille library dedicated to visually impaired persons.
- ❖ The Delhi Government signed a historic MoU with the RBI, which brings Delhi under the RBI's full banking, cash, and debt management framework for the first time.
- ❖ The Tripura government identified 10 river sites to generate about 185 megawatts of power using hydrokinetic turbine technology.
- ❖ Keyi Panyor district in Arunachal Pradesh is set to become India's first Bio-Happy District.

- ❖ Bengaluru was ranked the best city for women in India in 2025 with the highest City Inclusion Score of 53.29, based on social and industrial inclusion.
- ❖ The Union Home Ministry has approved Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ West Bengal has started a 5 km long bridge over the Muriganga River to connect Sagar Island with the mainland.
- ❖ Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), commissioned the world's first Liquid Conversion–Maximum (LC–Max) unit at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- ❖ The Kalpetta judicial district in Kerala's Wayanad district has become India's First Fully Paperless District Court in the country.
- ❖ The Kerala government has officially renamed the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary the Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary.
- ❖ The Indian Navy is set to establish a new base in West Bengal's Haldia, about 100 kilometres from Kolkata.
- ❖ Puri in Odisha officially became India's first city where tap water is safe to drink directly, without boiling or filtering.
- ❖ Bamanwas Kankar panchayat in Rajasthan has become the first village body in the State to be certified as fully organic.
- ❖ The Public Investment Board has approved the Kamala Hydroelectric Project in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, ranked fifth in India for attracting international students.
- ❖ The Regional Office of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was inaugurated at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ The month-long festival "Boda Tyohar", was commenced in Nahan, Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The 2,000-year-old Zehanpora Buddhist stupa complex in Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir, has been scientifically excavated.
- ❖ Chhattisgarh has topped in implementing the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) system by generating 50,60,941 IDs for students as of January 7.
- ❖ The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) with a budget of Rs 74,427 crore, is one of the largest spending authorities in the country.
- ❖ Kathputli, meaning wooden doll (kath = wood, putli = doll), is one of Rajasthan's oldest folk-art forms.
- ❖ The Kerala Legislative Assembly has passed the Malayalam Language Bill, 2025, making Malayalam the sole official language of the State.

- ❖ The 3rd Indian Lighthouse Festival was inaugurated at Visakhapatnam to develop historic lighthouses as tourism hubs to boost local economies.
- ❖ Bamanwas Kankar gram panchayat in Rajasthan became the State's first fully organic panchayat.
- ❖ Odisha will become the first Indian state to launch a comprehensive chronic kidney disease (CKD) registry by March 31, 2026.
- ❖ Tripura Gramin Bank became the first Regional Rural Bank (Gramin Bank) in India to introduce a solar-powered ATM van.
- ❖ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), has launched a National Capacity Building Programme for Tribal Healers in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ❖ Kerala recorded the highest personal four-wheeler electric vehicle (EV) adoption in 2025 among Indian states.
- ❖ Maharashtra's State Election Commission has decided to revert to traditional indelible ink for zilla parishad and panchayat samiti elections after complaints that marker-pen ink could be wiped off.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister announced a new spaceport at Hope Island.
- ❖ The issue of the Scheduled Tribe (ST) status of the Lambada community also called Banjaras in Telangana has reached the Supreme Court again.
- ❖ A Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS), a rare neurological disorder outbreak has been reported in Manasa town, Neemuch district, Madhya Pradesh recently.
- ❖ The Odisha government announced a complete ban on gutkha, pan masala, and all tobacco and nicotine products on 23 January 2026.
- ❖ Delhi will introduce a single emergency number, 112, for police, fire, ambulance, and disaster services.
- ❖ The Prime Minister attended the Bagurumba Dwhou 2026 cultural programme in Guwahati, Assam.
- ❖ Gujarat laid the foundation stone for India's first integrated private satellite manufacturing unit at Sanand (Khoraj), Gujarat.
- ❖ Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the ₹6,957-crore, 34.5 km Kaziranga Elevated Corridor on NH-715 in Assam.
- ❖ Kerala has officially declared *Bacillus subtilis* as its State Microbe and dedicated the Centre of Excellence in Microbiome (CoEM) to the public.
- ❖ Recent excavations at Kote Veerabhadreshwar Temple in Lakkundi village, Gadag district, Karnataka, have uncovered Neolithic-era artefacts.
- ❖ NLC India Limited (NLCIL) has commissioned its full 300-Megawatt (MW) Barsingar Solar Power Project in Rajasthan.
- ❖ Maharashtra has started India's first menopause clinics in government hospitals and urban health facilities.

- ❖ The Economic Survey 2025–26 reported that Karnataka leads India’s generative artificial intelligence startup ecosystem.
- ❖ India nominated Meghalaya’s living root bridges for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List 2026–27.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh made Aadhaar-based authentication mandatory for property registration from 1 February 2026.
- ❖ The Kerala Government has announced free education up to the graduate level for Arts and Science students in the State Budget 2026–27.
- ❖ Odisha’s Buddhist Diamond Triangle has been added to India’s UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.
- ❖ The Kerala State becomes India’s First to Provide Free Graduation Education and School Student Insurance.
- ❖ Chittoor district enters the Guinness World Records as CM Chandrababu Naidu of Andhra Pradesh distributes 5,555 e-cycles.
- ❖ Ahmedabad City Crime Branch has become the first police force in India to integrate Aadhaar verification with PATHIK software.
- ❖ Karnataka has set up the Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers Welfare Development Board in January 2026.
- ❖ Dhamtari in Chhattisgarh became the first district in India to collect property tax through the SAMARTH Panchayat portal.
- ❖ Gujarat has emerged as India’s top renewable energy state with 42.58 GW capacity, contributing 16.5% of the national total.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh will observe 2026 as the ‘Year of Agriculture’, theme for the year is “Prosperous Farmers – Prosperous State.”
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh launched the Pilloo AI which is a voice-based accounting app designed for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- ❖ A review meeting on the development of the Matabari Tourism Circuit in Tripura was chaired by the Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region.
- ❖ A rare early 8th-century CE Telugu inscription has been discovered at Pitikayagulla in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh signed a MoU with FICCI-FLO to establish an exclusive women’s industrial park.
- ❖ Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB) launched India’s first Regional Rural Bank (RRB) co-branded RuPay credit card to expand digital banking services and financial inclusion in rural and semi-urban areas.

- ❖ NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) is going to develop India's first large-scale green urea production ecosystem at the Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub near Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Alwar district (Rajasthan) became the first district in India to achieve 100% insurance coverage under the "Insurance for All by 2047" roadmap.
- ❖ NITI Aayog released a draft plan to make Andhra Pradesh a clean energy hub by 2035.
- ❖ Kerala became the first Indian state to announce a dedicated Elderly Budget for FY27.
- ❖ The Centre signed a tripartite MoU to create the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA).
- ❖ The First Women-Led Industrial Park was inaugurated at Gowribidanur, Karnataka, by FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) Bangalore.
- ❖ Airbus inaugurated a Centre of Excellence (CoE) at Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) in Vadodara, Gujarat, to promote sustainable aviation research, innovation, and skill development in the aerospace sector.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of Odisha inaugurated India's first Flat Rolled Products (FRP) aluminium manufacturing unit at the Aditya Aluminium complex in Sambalpur district.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh will formally launch the Amaravati Quantum Valley (AQV) project.
- ❖ Odisha announced the development of the National UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) Test and Innovation Corridor at Rangeilunda during Wings India 2026.
- ❖ Adampur Airport in Punjab was renamed Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj Ji Airport, during Guru Ravidas' birth anniversary event in Jalandhar.
- ❖ Cochin International Airport (CIAL) in Kerala will become the first airport in India to operate hydrogen-powered buses for passenger transport to reduce emissions in airport transportation.
- ❖ Uttarakhand Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of the Sharda River Corridor Project at Tanakpur in Champawat district to promote tourism, infrastructure development, and employment generation.
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister launched 'Padhai with AI' in Bilaspur district, The initiative uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to provide digital learning, exam-oriented study material, and personalized support.
- ❖ Kerala launched NeophyteID, an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered mobile application to detect invasive plant species.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh presented its first Economic Survey 2025-26 in the State Legislative Assembly.

- ❖ Mumbai Coastal Road introduced India's first musical road on the northbound lane from Nariman Point to Worli on the Mumbai Coastal Road.
- ❖ The Delhi Metro Rail's Magenta Line will become the longest corridor in the Delhi Metro network, stretching about 89 kilometres.
- ❖ Odisha recorded its highest marine dolphin population in five years, with 765 dolphins counted in the 2026 census.
- ❖ The government of Uttar Pradesh presented a Budget of ₹9.12 lakh crore for the financial year 2026–27 in the State Assembly.
- ❖ Goa is set to release its first biodiversity and cultural features map, developed by WWF India (World Wide Fund for Nature India), to promote environmental awareness among students.
- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly introduced an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based digital attendance system for Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) in 2026.
- ❖ The Indian Prime Minister inaugurated the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu and the Northeast's first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) in Assam.
- ❖ Kerala became the first State in India to approve a comprehensive Urban Policy.
- ❖ Bihar presented an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered remote e-voting system at the India AI Impact Summit held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Kerala government has declared tidal flooding as a State-specific disaster.
- ❖ Kerala has approved India's first comprehensive Graphene Policy to promote research, development and manufacturing of graphene.
- ❖ The Bihar state cabinet approved the construction of a new international airport at Sonapur in Saran district.
- ❖ Losar Festival 2026 is celebrated from 18–20 February in McLeod Ganj, Himachal Pradesh, marking the Tibetan New Year and the start of the Fire Horse Year.
- ❖ Delhi Chief Minister inaugurated the CM Shri School at Sarojini Nagar, marking India's first AI-driven comprehensive education model.
- ❖ The Maharashtra government, led by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, has revoked a decade-old 5% reservation for socially and educationally backward sections of the Muslim community.
- ❖ The 1,750-megawatt (MW) Demwe Lower Hydel Project in Arunachal Pradesh has received an 11-year extension of environmental clearance till 2037.
- ❖ Bela Gram Panchayat from Bhandara district, Maharashtra, was showcased at Mumbai Climate Week 2026 as India's first net-zero Panchayat.
- ❖ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed the Uttar Pradesh government to change the Suav's status from "drain" to "river" in official records, Suav (also called Suwawan) is a tributary of the Rapti River in Balrampur district, Uttar Pradesh.

- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir government is considering diversion of Ravi river water to the Jammu region and revival of the Tulbul Navigation Barrage Project after the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty (1960).
- ❖ Saundala village in Maharashtra declared itself a caste-free village on 5 February 2026 through a Gram Sabha resolution.
- ❖ A 12th-century multi-lingual Hoysala inscription was discovered at K. Bettahalli village in Mandya district, Karnataka.
- ❖ The Haryana government announced the launch of CM Shri Schools during the Budget Session of the State Assembly.
- ❖ The North East Spring Festival 2026 began in Dimapur and is being held along with the Madhya Dakshini Festival 2026 to promote cultural exchange between regions.
- ❖ The Sikkim Chief Minister announced that Pakyong Airport will be renamed as Trilochan Pokhrel Airport to honour the freedom fighter Trilochan Pokhrel.
- ❖ The Rajasthan Cabinet has removed the rule that barred candidates with more than two children from contesting Panchayati Raj and urban local body elections.
- ❖ Goa is hosting the fourth edition of the World Ocean Science Congress 2026 at the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) in Panaji, which focuses on ocean health, climate resilience and sustainable blue economy.
- ❖ The Rajasthan government has renamed Mount Abu as Aburaj, while Kaman has been renamed Kamvan, and Jahazpur has been renamed Yagyapur.
- ❖ The Government of Assam launched Mission Basundhara 3.0 in Dhemaji district to distribute land pattas to indigenous landless families, benefiting 1,06,905 people across the state.
- ❖ Bihar has been declared Naxal-free after the surrender of the last armed Maoist.
- ❖ The Kerala Nativity Card Bill has been referred to the Subject Committee on Land Revenue and Devaswom by the Kerala Assembly.
- ❖ Varanasi entered the Guinness World Records by planting over 2.5 lakh saplings in one hour.
- ❖ The second edition of the Indian Bison Fest will be held on 8 March 2026 at Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha.
- ❖ Assam's GI-tagged Karbi Anglong Ginger was exported to London for the first time, with a trial consignment of 1.2 metric tonnes.
- ❖ The Karnataka government announced a ban on social media access for children under 16 years in the 2026–27 state budget.
- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh government announced a ₹25,000 financial incentive for couples having a second or third child.

- ❖ Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation deployed the AI robot G-SPIDER at Amayizhanchan canal under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0 to clean debris and avoid manual scavenging.
- ❖ The Karnataka High Court ordered a halt to all ground-level activities in the Sharavathi Valley Lion-Tailed Macaque Sanctuary and its Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- ❖ The Chhattisgarh government approved the Freedom of Religion Bill 2026 to prevent illegal religious conversions.
- ❖ The Maharashtra Freedom of Religion Bill 2026 was passed by the Maharashtra Assembly to curb forced religious conversions.
- ❖ Chapchar Kut, the spring festival of Mizoram, was celebrated in March 2026.
- ❖ Sarhul is a major tribal festival celebrated recently mainly in Jharkhand and parts of Odisha, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ The Government of Assam signed peace agreements with Kuki militant groups and the Hmar People's Convention–Democratic.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh launched Project GANGA to provide high-speed internet connectivity to rural households and boost digital infrastructure.
- ❖ Telangana State Government announced a Cabinet sub-committee for the Musi River Rejuvenation Project in 2026.
- ❖ Gujarat became the second state after Uttarakhand to pass the Uniform Civil Code Bill 2026, creating a common law for all communities.
- ❖ Kerala launched 'MLATrack.com', India's first digital platform to track the legislative performance of Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs).
- ❖ Meghalaya became the 12th state to sign reform-based MoU under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0.
- ❖ Gujarat launched the Lake and Air Watch initiative to monitor and improve lake health and air quality across cities.
- ❖ India's first microalgae-based air tower was installed in New Delhi to reduce air pollution from vehicles.
- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has started new excavation work in 2026 at the historic Balirajgarh site, Bihar.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 was passed by the Lok Sabha to declare Amaravati as the sole capital from June 2, 2024.
- ❖ Meghalaya signed an MoU with Starlink to boost satellite internet services.
- ❖ For the 1st time in India Regional Passport Office Bhopal launched Braille and sign language services for passport applicants.
- ❖ The Telangana government declared cancer as a notifiable disease through a new government order.

- ❖ Unique polling stations and a humanoid robot 'Nila' were used during the Puducherry Assembly Elections 2026 to attract voters.
- ❖ The Indian Army launched Sikkim's first border village community radio station named "Sikkim Sundari."
- ❖ Gujarat launched the Sports Genomics Programme to create an athlete genome database before the 2030 Commonwealth Games.
- ❖ Meghalaya approved the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026 to give official language status to Khasi and Garo, along with English.
- ❖ Women's quota law came into effect in the Union Territories (UTs) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Puducherry from 17 April 2026.
- ❖ Kankaria Coaching Depot in Ahmedabad became India's first 'water neutral' railway depot.
- ❖ Bhubaneswar, Odisha will host the ground-breaking of India's first Advanced 3D semiconductor chip packaging unit.
- ❖ India's first large-scale private gold mining project is set to start operations in Andhra Pradesh in May 2026.
- ❖ Odisha became the first state to launch a Marine Spatial Plan (MSP).
- ❖ The foundation stone of India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park was laid in Ladakh, on the banks of the Indus River
- ❖ The Forest Department in Prayagraj launched the Dolphin Friends volunteer network to conserve the endangered Ganges River dolphin.
- ❖ Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) won the 4th Gender Equality Mobilisation (GEM) Award in 2026.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh received India's first integrated recycling facility for lithium-ion batteries and rare earth magnets at Sikandrabad
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh has launched its first Mushroom Mission with an investment of ₹13,000 crore.
- ❖ A new excavation at Virli Khandar, Maharashtra revealed unique burial structures and artefacts.
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 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.
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ The Hemis Festival 2026 began at Hemis Monastery in Leh, Ladakh.
- ❖ Dree Festival 2026 is the major agricultural festival of the Apatani tribe in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Assam exported its first international consignment of Purabi Ice Cream to Bhutan, marking a milestone for the state's dairy sector.
- ❖ Ladakh will begin the second phase of Census 2027 on August 17, 2026, and will be among the first areas to record caste details.

GI TAGS

GI Tag	Place
Ponduru Khadi	Andhra Pradesh
Nagauri Ashwagandha	Rajasthan
Pithora Painting	Gujarat
Chandannagar's Jalbhara Sandesh, Janai's Manohara, and Balagarh's Traditional Wooden (Dingi) Boats	West Bengal
Bhagaiya Silk, Kuchai Silk, Munda Jewellery, and Bamboo Craft	Jharkhand
Stringed musical instrument – Tripura Sarinda	Tripura
Assam Bihu Pepa, Assam Bamboo Crafts, and Deuri Handloom Products	Assam
Mojari craft	Jodhpur
Khurasani Imli	Madhya Pradesh
Indori Malwi Potato (Indore), Garadu (a tuber) and Balam Kakdi (cucumber) from Ratlam, and Mandu's iconic Baobab tree fruit (Dhar)	Madhya Pradesh
Spiti Seabuckthorn (Chharma), Salooni Safed Makka (White Maize), Chamba Metal Art, Sirmauri Loiya, Kinnauri Topi, Sepuvadi of Mandi, Kinnauri Apple, and Kinnauri Jewellery	Himachal Pradesh
Sirsa Kinnow	Haryana

INITIATIVES, SCHEMES AND CAMPAIGNS

Name	Ministry/Organization	Aim
Twin Cities Partnership	Madurai and Camberley	Promoting cooperation in education and research, culture and heritage, tourism, economic development, and urban governance and sustainability
VijAlpatha labs initiative	Karnataka government	Equipping government school students with future-ready skills in AI, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), robotics, coding and digital innovation

Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) - Phase III	Union Government	To strengthen domestic electronics component manufacturing in India
Market Access Support (MAS) Intervention	Government of India	To promote export diversification and improve the global competitiveness of Indian exports
Export Promotion Mission (EPM)	Government of India	Two pilot schemes– Interest Subvention Scheme– 2.75% interest support on rupee export credit for selected exporters Collateral Support Scheme – credit guarantees up to ₹10 crore through the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)
National Digital Land Initiative – Land Stack	Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)	To improve transparency and accessibility in land record management
‘Ulagam Ungal Kaiyil’ initiative	Tamil Nadu government	Free laptop distribution to the students from Government and Government-aided colleges, and eligible private college students
Musi Riverfront Development project	Telangana government	To rejuvenate the Musi River in Hyderabad, Telangana
Sanskaar Shaala	Assam government	To teach Indian cultural traditions, discipline, and social responsibility at an early age (4 to 14 years)
Chief Minister’s Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme	Tamil Nadu Government	Promotes green manuring, where specific crops are grown and mixed into the soil to improve soil health
Global Governance Initiative	China	To make global governance more inclusive, representative, and people-centred
BHARATI initiative	Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)	Supports agri-food and agri-tech startups and helps them reach global markets

International Spice Routes Heritage Network	Kerala Government	To revive historic spice trade routes connecting Kerala with global markets
Raisina Science Diplomacy Initiative (RSDI) 2026	Indian government	To integrate science diplomacy into India's Raisina Dialogue, the country's premier conference on geopolitics and geo-economics
Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat campaign	Indian government	To reduce child marriage by 10% by 2026 and eliminate it nationwide by 2030
Textiles Transformation (DLTT) initiative	Ministry of Textiles	To transform 100 high-potential districts into Global Export Champions and develop 100 Aspirational Districts into self-reliant hubs
SHINE Scheme	Bureau of Indian Standards	To place women at the centre of India's quality journey
The Akka Pade Scheme	Karnataka	To enhance the safety of women and children.
'Aame Padhiba Aama Bhasare' Scheme	Odisha government	To provide early childhood education in the mother tongue for children aged 3–6 years.
Kalaignar Kanavu Illam Scheme	Government of Tamil Nadu.	It aims to provide permanent concrete houses to poor and homeless families in rural areas.
Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Initiative	–	The initiative aims to improve global market linkages and branding support for khadi and related products.
Divyangjan Kaushal Yojana	–	Will provide customised, industry-relevant training to Divyangjans in Information Technology (IT), AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics), Hospitality, and Food & Beverages sectors.
Divyang Sahara Yojana	–	Aims to ensure timely access to high-quality assistive devices for eligible Divyangjans.
SBI CHAKRA Initiative	–	It aims to build institutional capability to assess and finance sunrise and high-technology sectors.

Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0	–	The campaign aims to achieve saturation of 5 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in 112 Aspirational Districts and 6 KPIs in 513 Aspirational Blocks across India.
Fuel-conservation campaign	–	The SAKSHAM (Sanrakshan Kshamata Mahotsav) 2026 was launched in Chandigarh and is observed from February 1 to February 15, 2026.
Yuva Sahakar Scheme	The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	Newly formed cooperative societies with innovative ideas
SabhaSaar Initiative	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	It aims to make Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings easier to document by automatically converting audio and video recordings into text summaries.
Tamil Nadu Urban Greening Policy 2026	–	The aim is to develop climate-resilient, sustainable, and liveable cities by increasing urban green cover.
JALAJ Livelihood Centres	Union Minister of Jal Shakti	The initiative aims to link river conservation with sustainable livelihoods in the Ganga River basin.
NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme	Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)	It aims to integrate health-related financial benefits with the National Pension System (NPS).
Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana	–	The aim is to strengthen rural governance and infrastructure in villages.
Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Dutti Paat Scheme	Government of Assam	The initiative aims to support the tea tribe and the indigenous communities of Assam.
Pudhumai Penn scheme	–	Under the scheme, ₹1,000 per month is provided to girl students studying in colleges.
Lakhpatti Bitiya Yojana	Delhi government	The scheme will begin on 1 April 2026 and provides financial assistance totalling ₹56,000 during a girl's schooling and higher education, which is expected to grow to around ₹1 lakh with interest.

Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination Campaign	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	India aims to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027 under Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG-3).
PM RAHAT Scheme PM RAHAT (Road Accident Victim Hospitalization and Assured Treatment)	–	The scheme provides cashless treatment up to ₹1.5 lakh per road accident victim for 7 days from the date of the accident.
Baby Care Kit Scheme	Government of Tamil Nadu	to reduce the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) among low birth weight (LBW) babies.
Lakshpati Didi Scheme	The Government of India	The initiative aims to increase income opportunities and promote rural women's entrepreneurship.
Sthree Suraksha Scheme	Kerala government	To provide financial support to unemployed women and transwomen from economically weaker sections.
'Anbu Karangal' Scheme	–	Provides monthly financial assistance of Rs.2,000 to protect children who have lost their parents, and to ensure that they continue their schooling up to the age of 18 without dropping out.
Anbu Cholai	–	To alleviate the difficulties faced by the elderly, day-care centers.
'Perunthalaivar Kamarajar College Development Scheme'	–	To improve the infrastructure in arts and science, engineering and polytechnic colleges.
'Kalloori Kanavu' Scheme	–	Implemented to guide students who have completed their school education in selecting higher education courses aligned with their interests.
'Vetri Nichayam' Scheme	–	Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, to equip youth with skill training and prepare them for employment.
'Ungal Thoguthiyil Muthalamaichar' Scheme	–	To fulfill ten priority demands arising from the long-standing grievances of people.

The ‘Kalaigarnar Kaivinai Thittam’	–	The objective of providing financial assistance, skill training, and comprehensive infrastructure support for the development of artisans engaged in 25 categories of handicrafts.
Neithal Restoration Movement’	–	The Government is undertaking mangrove restoration across 3,733 hectares.
‘Iyothee Thass Pandithar Habitation Development Scheme’	–	The infrastructure facilities in the Adi Dravidar and Tribal habitations is being improved.
‘Tholkudi’ Scheme	–	To enhance infrastructure facilities in tribal habitations.
‘Annal Ambedkar Overseas Scholarship for Higher Education Scheme’	–	To reduce the financial burden on students pursuing postgraduate or research studies.
‘Chief Minister’s Adi Dravidar and Tribal Socio-Economic Development Scheme’ (CM ARISE)	–	With the objective of empowering persons belonging to the Adi Dravidars and Tribal communities as entrepreneurs.
Mobile Bidi Pustaka Hidi’ campaign	The Karnataka Government	The campaign aims to develop a reading habit and improve concentration and academic performance among students.
Rah-Veer Scheme	The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways	The scheme aims to reduce road accident deaths and promote a culture of helping others without fear.
Project HANUMAN	Andhra Pradesh	To address the rising human-wildlife conflict
herSTART 5.0 Program	Gujarat	To support women entrepreneurs.
Nirbhaya Nisha Initiative	Kerala Police	Night-time safety of women across Kerala
“Say No to Proxy Sarpanch” campaign	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	To curb the ‘Sarpanch Pati’ practice
Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Programme	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	To achieve the target of “Lakshya Zero Dumpsites” by September 2026.
Gaudham Yojana	Chhattisgarh	To establish about 1,460 shelters for stray and abandoned cattle

Dirghavadhi Krishak Punji Sahakar Yojana	National Cooperative Development Corporation	To strengthen long-term credit for cooperatives
IOS SAGAR initiative	Indian Navy	To strengthen regional maritime ties
RISA Timeless Tribal Scheme	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	To promote tribal crafts and textiles
Reform Express Initiative	Ministry of Railways	To modernize Indian Railways and improve efficiency in cargo and passenger services
Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA)	Union Govt	To boost industrial infrastructure in India.
National AI Skilling Initiative	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	To train 15,000 professionals in the AVGC
MyWAVES platform	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	To supports Indian creators in multiple languages
Advanced Electronic Programme Guide	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	Digital access in remote areas
Atoms4NetZero	International Atomic Energy Agency	To support countries in using nuclear energy for achieving net zero emissions
Mission MITRA	ISRO	To test astronauts for the Gaganyaan mission
e-SafeHER Initiative	MeitY	Cyber Security Awareness
Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and Nurturing of Indian Languages (VAANI 3.0)	AICTE	To promote technical education, research, and learning in Indian languages
Global Maritime Security Initiative	UK & France	Safe navigation in the Strait of Hormuz
Vishwa Sutra Initiative	Ministry of Textiles	To promote Indian handlooms globally
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
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
Samudra Manthan	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	Explore offshore hydrocarbon resources
Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana	Solar Energy Corporation of India	Develop Floating Solar Photovoltaic
DAANVEER Initiative	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	Close the immediate computer gap in the Gram Panchayats
'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan campaign	–	Anti-drug awareness
GOBARDhan scheme	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	for Compressed Biogas

PERSONALITIES AND AWARDS

Personalities	Associated fields	Remarks
Smriti Mandhana	–	Second India player and fourth player to go Past 10,000 runs in women's internationals
Rakesh Agarwal	IPS officer	Interim Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)
Khaleda Zia	Former Bangladesh PM (first female Prime Minister of Bangladesh)	–
Divya Arul	Puducherry	Summited Mount Elbrus (5,642 metres), Russia - highest peak in Europe
Kaamya Karthikeyan (Mumbai)	18 year-old Indian mountaineer	The youngest Indian and the second-youngest woman in the world to ski to the South Pole
Rahul Sankrityayan (1893–1963)	Indian writer	From Volga to Ganga Translated into Tamil for the seventh time
Warren Buffett	–	Retired as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Berkshire Hathaway
Zohran Mamdani	New York Mayor	First time a Mayor of New York City has used Islam's holy text, Quran to take oath
Rajendra Singh	Water conservationist	Commissioner to study pollution in the Thamirabarani River
Delcy Rodriguez	–	Interim President of Venezuela
Suresh Kalmadi	Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister	–
Fatima Abdulrahman Al Awadhi	–	Youngest Arab to summit Mount Vinson in Antarctica
Siddaramaiah	–	Longest-serving CM of Karnataka
D.B. Venkatesh Varma	A former Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer	Nominated to chair the UN Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for the 2026–27 term.
Aaryan Varshney (Delhi)	–	India's 92 nd Chess Grandmaster

Revati Mohite Dere	–	The first woman Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.
Praveen Vashista	–	Appointed as Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)
Sunita Williams	–	After worked for 27 years retired from NASA on 27th December 2025
Saina Nehwal	–	Olympic medallist has announced her retirement from competitive badminton in January 2026.
Yash Anil Rashiya	Roll Ball athlete	won the gold medal at the 7th Roll Ball World Cup 2025 held in Dubai.
Novak Djokovic	Serbian tennis player	the first player to achieve 400 singles match wins at Grand Slam tournaments.
Lieutenant K M Sudha	–	the first person from India's Northeast to win a gold medal at a National Cadet Corps (NCC) officers' training event.
Simran Bala	–	the first woman from the Rajouri district in Jammu and Kashmir to become a CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) officer.
D. Gnanasundaram	Tamil Scholar	Deputy Director of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil.
Ajit Pawar's	Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister	He was sworn in as Maharashtra's deputy chief minister for a sixth time.
Roshini	Class 9 student from Ranipet	Won a gold medal at the 29 th All India National Championship 2026 for Traditional Martial Arts, held in Goa.
Captain Hansja Sharma	–	First woman officer of the Indian Army qualified to fly the Rudra Armed Helicopter
Sunetra Pawar	–	The first Woman Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra
Sir Mark Tully	A former BBC journalist	He was knighted in 2002 and awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2005.
S.S. Rajagopalan	Eminent educationist	He was a member of the committee that formulated Samacheer Kalvi and served on the technical committee of the All-India Forum for Right Education.

Elon Musk	–	The first person in history to cross a net worth of \$800 billion
Yumnam Khemchand Singh	New CM of Manipur	–
Soraya Hajiagha, Aghaei	An Iranian badminton player	The first female member from Iran to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
Gyalum Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck	Queen Mother of Bhutan	22 nd Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award 2025.
Samrat Rana and Suruchi Singh	–	Won a silver medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the Asian Shooting Championship 2026 held in New Delhi.
Kabak Yano from Arunachal Pradesh	Indian mountaineer	Successfully summited Mount Aconcagua in Argentina.
Devika Sihag	A badminton player from Haryana	Won her first Badminton World Federation (BWF) Super 300 title at the Thailand Masters 2026.
Meghana Sajjanar	–	Won individual bronze medal in the Asian Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championships 2026, held in New Delhi.
Aditya Pandya	–	17 years, became India's youngest male analogue astronaut after completing a lunar-habitat simulation mission at Dholavira in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.
Smaran Sarvesh	Indian archer	Won the gold medal in the Recurve Under-18 Men's category at the NIMES Archery Tournament 2026 held in France.
Thanya Nathan C	–	Became the first visually challenged woman in Kerala to top the Judicial Service disability merit list for Civil Judge Junior Division recruitment.
Anahat Singh	Indian squash player	Entered the world top 20 rankings after winning her first Professional Squash Association PSA Bronze title at the Squash on Fire Open 2026 in Washington, USA
Ritu Tawde	Mumbai Mayor	The first Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mayor of Mumbai in 44 years.

Aalin Sherin Abraham, a 10-month-old baby	–	Became Kerala's youngest organ donor after she died in accident.
Lucas Pinheiro Braathen	–	won Brazil's first-ever Winter Olympics gold medal in alpine skiing at the giant slalom event during the 2026 Winter Olympics.
David J. Farber	Grandfather of the Internet	He was an American computer scientist who contributed to the development of early computer networking and the expansion of ARPANET, the precursor to the Internet.
Sanae Takaichi	–	Japan's first woman PM
Ranvir Sachdeva	–	Youngest speaker at the India AI Impact Summit 2026
cue sports player	Pankaj Advani	Won the Liber Win Champions Cup 2026 and was named Indian Brand Ambassador for Liber Win.
Rob Jetten	–	Became the youngest Prime Minister of the Netherlands.
Retired IAS officer Atulya Misra and retired IPS officer Abhay Kumar Singh	State Information Commissioners in the Tamil Nadu Information Commission.	–
R. Nallakannu	–	R. Nallakannu was a leader of the CPI and served as the Tamil Nadu State Secretary for three terms from 1992.
Jatinder Mehra	–	He had served as Vice Chairman of the Metals and Mining Division at the Essar Group.
Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari	–	The next Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.
Droupadi Murmu	–	Became the first Indian President to undertake a sortie in the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand near the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan.
Sachin Tendulkar	–	Global Champion for Road Safety by the United Nations (UN).
Greece's Stefanos Sakellaridis	–	Won the Delhi Open 2026 men's singles title.

T.K. Oommen	–	He received the Padma Bhushan in 2008 and authored around 20 books and many research articles.
R.M. Nachammai	–	The first woman to head a working nuclear power
A. Vijayaram	–	New Tamil Nadu State Information Commissioner
Mayank Chakraborty	–	India's 94 th Chess Grandmaster
Imayam (V.Annamalai)	Vice-Chairperson of TN State Commission for SC/ST	Take over the responsibilities of Tamil Nadu State Commission for SC/ST
Niranjan Jyoti	–	Assumed charge as Chairperson of NCBC
Kiran Umesh Mahalle	–	Assumed charge as Member of NCBC
R.K. Raghavan's	Former CBI Director	Autobiography - A Road Well Travelled
Menaka Guruswamy	–	India's first openly queer MP
Harivansh Narayan Singh	–	Nominated Rajya Sabha member
Samrat Choudhary	–	New Chief Minister of Bihar
Roman Gofman	–	New head of Mossad in Israel
Harivansh	–	Elected unopposed for a third consecutive term as Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
Aronyak Ghosh	–	India's 95 th Grandmaster
Upendra Dwivedi	The third Indian Army Chief to receive this honour	Inducted into the International Hall of Fame of the US Army War College
M.M. Naravane	Former Army Chief	Authored "The Curious and the Classified".
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
K. Arumugam	Hockey Historian	Authored a book India's First Olympic Gold
Ajay Kochhar	Vice Admiral	48 th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
V. Mohana	Senior Advocate	Second woman to be directly elevated from the Bar to the Supreme Court
N.S. Raja Subramani	–	New CDS
P. Sumathi	Secretary to the TN Law Department	First woman to hold the post
Krishna Swaminathan	Admiral	27 th Chief of the Naval Staff
R. Praggnanandhaa	Chess	First Indian to win the prestigious Norway Chess 2026 title
Vinod Rai	Former CAG	Authored the book 'When Audit Matters: CAG Interventions That Made a Difference'
Elon Musk	–	World's first trillionaire
Vivek Aggarwal	–	First Indian as VP of FATF
Prof. Bimal N. Patel	Indian jurist	Elected as a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
Tushar Mehta	–	Reappointed as the Solicitor General of India
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
Varsha Ashok Aglawe	Palaeontologist	First woman Director General (DG) of the Geological Survey of India
Felix Gerald	–	Chairman of the TN State Minorities Commission
D. Krishnakumar	Former Manipur High Court Chief Justice	Chairman of the reconstituted TN State Law Commission.
A. S. Rajeev	–	Acting Central Vigilance Commissioner

Prize/ Awards	Awardee	Remarks
The Israel Prize for Peace	Donald Trump	US President
Nritya Kalanidhi award	Urmila Satyanarayanan	Bharatanatyam dancer
IFFCO Sahitya Samman 2025	Maitreyi Pushpa (Hindi writer)	Contribution to Hindi literature, especially writings related to rural life
IFFCO Young Literary Award 2025	Ankita Jain	–
Dairy Titan Award	Aavin	For its leadership in promoting sustainability in the dairy sector and farmers' welfare
70th Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar 2025	100 railway officials	One among the Highest honours in Indian Railways
SKOCH Gold Award	NLC India Limited (NLCIL)	Financial performance for its financial management, operational efficiency, and value creation
2025 Nobel Peace Prize	Machado	For her work promoting democratic rights and peaceful transition in Venezuela
IREDA Excellence Award	IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited)	–
Tamil Nadu State Awards 2026	Thiruvalluvar Award 2026 – Dr. Sathiyavel Muruganar. Kamarajar Award 2025 – Idhayathulla	–

	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award 2025 – Nellai Jayantha Pavendhar Bharathidasan Award 2025 – Yugabharathi Thamizh Thenral Thiru. Vi. Ka. The Award 2025 – Iraiyanbu Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Award – M.P. Sathiyavel Muruganar Thanthai Periyar Award – A. Arulmozhi Annal Ambedkar Award – M. Sinthanai Selvan Perarignar Anna Award – Duraimurugan	
The UN Secretary General's Award 2025	Major Swathi Shantha Kumar	–
Tamil Nadu's diaspora awards 2026	Tamil Mamani award – Dr. Annamalai Kaniyan Poongundranar awards: Mohamed Haniffa bin Abdullah (Education) Saravanan Padmanabhan and Senthilkumar Ramalingam (Community Development) Gokilavani Prakashdevan (Women) Ansari Wahid (Trade) Thirumalaisamy Velavan (science and Technology)	–

	Kabilan Dharmarajan (Medicine)	
	Best Cultural Ambassador Award-Depa Rani	
Ati Vishisht Rail Sewa Puruskar	Chandana Sinha (RPF inspector)	For her exceptional work in preventing child trafficking and rescuing children.
Tyler Prize	Toby Kiers (American biologist)	For Environmental Achievement for her research on mycorrhizal fungal networks.
United Nations (UN) Secretary-General's Award 2025	Swathi Shantha Kumar	Indian Army Major
Padmapani Award	Ilaiyaraaja,	Veteran music composer
The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2025	Graca Machel	Mozambican Rights Activist
Padma Vibhushan	N. Rajam and Dharmendra Singh Deol (Posthumous)	–
Padma Bhushan	Alka Yagnik, Mammooty, and Uday Kotak	–
Padma Shri	Krishnan Vijay Kumar A.E. Muthunayagam	Veteran space scientist
Anna Medal for Gallantry 2026	Peter Johnson V. Sankar, S. Rameshkumar, and P. Suresh	–
Ashoka Chakra Award 2026	Shubhanshu Shukla (Astronaut)	–
Kottai Ameer Award	M. Kalimula	–
Narayanasamy Naidu Paddy Productivity Award	Farmer G. Veeramani	–

Gandhi Adigal Police Medals	Inspector P. Natarajan, sub-inspectors M.Sathianandan, S. Manikandan, K. Natarajan, and constable V.P. Kannan	—
Republic Day Parade 2026	Best Marching Contingent-Indian Navy Best Marching Contingent - The Delhi Police The top three Tableaux from States and Union Territories-Maharashtra (Ganeshotsav: A Symbol of Aatmanirbharta), Jammu & Kashmir (Handicrafts and Folk Dances), and Kerala (Water Metro and 100% Digital Literacy: Aatmanirbhar Kerala for Aatmanirbhar Bharat). The Best Tableau from Central Ministries and Departments -(Vande Mataram – The Soul Cry of a Nation). Ministry of Culture	—
State Film Awards - 2016/2022	Best actor awards - Vijay Sethupathi, Keerthy Suresh, Karthi, Nayanthara, Dhanush, Jyothika, Suriya, Aparna Balamurali, Arya, Lijomol Jose, Vikram Prabhu, and Sai Pallavi Best film awards - Maanagaram, Aram, Pariyerum Perumal, Asuran, Koozhangal, Jai Bhim, and Gargi	—

	The best director awards - Lokesh Kanagaraj, Pushkar-Gayathri, Mari Selvaraj, R. Parthiban, Sudha Kongara, T.J. Gnanavel, and Gautham Ramachandran	
Best State for Promotion of Aviation and Ecosystem	Uttarakhand	–
President's Police Colour Award	Sikkim Police	–
Padma Bhushan	S.K.M. Maeilanandhan K.R. Palaniswamy	–
Padma Shri	H.V. Hande, Ranjani, Gayathri, Punnia murthy, Natesan, Rajastapathi Kaliappa Goundar, V. Kamakoti, K. Ramasamy for science and technology Othuvaar Thiruthani Swaminathan for art Thiruvaarur Bakthavathsalam for art and writer Sivasankari	–
Grammy Awards 2026	Dalai Lama - Best Audio Book, Narration and Storytelling Recording. Best Music Film - Steven Spielberg	–
First Prize at the Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025	Paradip Port Authority of Odisha was named Cleanest Port of the Year	–
Global Teacher Prize 2026	Indian teacher Rouble Nagi	–
Poompuhar State Awards 2025-26	K. Venkatesh, C. Sangeetha, A. Babu, K. Reeta, M.Shabana, S. Murugan, A. Raj, A. Gavvabeevi,	–

	T. Celine Mary and M. Kumar	
Kalaighnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award	Veteran actor M.N. Rajam (2024) and veteran filmmaker S.P. Muthuraman (2025)	–
“Most Proactive State” award under RCS-UDAN (Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) in the Non- Priority Area category.	Uttar Pradesh	–
Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025	Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya (an Indian public health expert)	He became the first Indian to receive this global research recognition.
Crafoord Prize 2026	Veerabhadran Ramanathan (Indian-origin climate scientist)	Veerabhadran Ramanathan is known for research on greenhouse gases (GHGs) and global warming.
Chang-Crandall Humanitarian Award 2026	Dr. Haripriya Aravind and Dr. R. Venkatesh	Senior ophthalmologists
Outstanding Service for Prevention of Blindness Award 2026	Mohan Rajan (Ophthalmologist)	–
Freestyle Chess World Championship	Magnus Carlsen	–
BBC Awards 2025	Smriti Mandhana - BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2025 Divya Deshmukh - Emerging Player of the Year award for winning the FIDE Women’s World Cup. Preethi Pal – Para- Sportswoman of the Year Anjali Bhagwat - Lifetime Achievement Award for her career in shooting	–

The Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation	475-year-old Our Lady of Grace Cathedral in Vasai, Maharashtra	–
The 2025 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Award for Best Airport at Arrivals	Mangaluru International Airport	–
Asia-Pacific's Best Airport for Departures	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport	–
BAFTA 2026	Manipuri-language Indian film Boong - Best Children's and Family Film	–
Chicago Alumni Award	K.V. Subramanian	First Indian economist
PSU National Award	Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation	For Dhvani Spandana initiative
Jnanpith Award 2026	Vairamuthu	–
Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025	Sa. Tamilselvan	Wrote Thamiz Sirukathaiyin Thadangal (literary criticism)
Stockholm Water Prize 2026	Kaveh Madani	Water Research and Policy
Mark Lynton History Prize 2026	William Dalrymple	For The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World book
Honorary Knighthood of UK	N. Chandrasekaran	Chairman of the Tata Group
Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award	Kalpna Soren	Jharkhand MLA
National Award for Outstanding Performance	Karnataka Grameen Bank	Outstanding Performance in Self-Help Group Bank Linkage for 2024-25
M.S. Swaminathan Award	Dr. Cherukumalli Srinivasa Rao	Director of IARI
Sukumar Azhikode Birth Centenary National Award 2026	Medha Patkar and Perumal Murugan	Society and literature
Whitley Awards	Parveen Shaikh & Barkha Subba	Environmentalists

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
Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	From Sweden
Agricola Medal of FAO		-
Order of the White Double Cross, First Class		Highest State honour of Slovakia
Guardian of the Blue Horizon		From Seychelles
Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia'		From Indonesia
Speaker of the Knesset Medal Award		The highest parliamentary honour of Israel, in Jerusalem.
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	-
FAO Soil Farmer Hero	Valluvan	Farmer
The Earth Prize	Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal, and Avyana Mehta	For developing Plas-Stick, a biodegradable water filtration innovation

2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports	Lionel Messi	Football Player
Wolf Prize in Physics 2026	Physicist Jainendra K. Jain	First Indian-origin scientist
IMO Prize 2026	Meteorologist Dr Florence Rabier	Contributions to Numerical Weather Prediction
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
Fields Medal 2026	Yu Deng (China), John Pardon (USA), Hong Wang (China), and Jacob Tsimerman (Canada)	Highest honour in mathematics
COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026	Annapurni Subramaniam	Astrophysicist
Environment Protection Award 2026	Pechiyammal and Govindhammal	Contributions to environment protection
Dirac Medal 2026	Deepak Dhar	Indian physicist

EVENTS AND SUMMITS

- ❖ The Centenary celebrations of the Ol Chiki script of the Santhali Language were held at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.
- ❖ The exposition of the sacred Piprahwa Relics, believed to be associated with the mortal remains of Lord Buddha was hosted in Delhi.
- ❖ The 150th international convention, celebrated under the theme of 'One World, One life – The spirit of new humanity', at the Adyar.
- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh hosted its first-ever New Year Sunrise Festival at Dong village in Anjaw district in 2026.
- ❖ A three-day international Spice Routes Conference will be held in Kochi, Kerala, to strengthen cultural and heritage tourism and position Kerala as a global heritage destination.
- ❖ The 50th meeting of PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation), a technology-enabled platform was held in New Delhi.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's first jallikattu event of 2026 will be held at Thatchankurichi village in Pudukottai district.
- ❖ The Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) celebrated the 9th Siddha Day at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai.
- ❖ The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) began a two-day national seminar titled 'Aeronautics 2047' in Bengaluru, marking 25 years of successful flight of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas.
- ❖ As the year 2026 marks 1,000 years since the first recorded attack on the Somnath Temple in 1026 AD by Mahmud of Ghazni, Prime Minister published an article titled "Somnath: 1,000 years of unbroken faith".
- ❖ UmagineTN 2026, the 4th edition of Tamil Nadu's flagship global technology and innovation summit was held in Chennai.
- ❖ Rajasthan will host the Regional Artificial Intelligence Impact Conference in Jaipur.
- ❖ The Election Commission of India will host the India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM) 2026 in New Delhi.
- ❖ National Textiles Ministers Conference 2026 was held in Guwahati, organised by the Ministry of Textiles in collaboration with the Government of Assam.
- ❖ Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Foundation Day is celebrated on 6th January, 2026.
- ❖ The Third International Conference on Indian Languages was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 9th Apex-Level Meeting of the Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD) was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 16th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) Experts Working Group on Counter Terrorism was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 83rd Annual Golden Globe Awards were held in California, USA, recognizing excellence in films and television released in 2025.
- ❖ Union Home Minister inaugurated the 3rd International Kite Festival 2026 in Baansera Park, New Delhi.
- ❖ The India Global Education Summit (IGES) 2026 is being held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting was held in Davos, Switzerland.
- ❖ The Global Democracy Conference (GDC) is going to be held in USA with a theme of Confronting Public Support for Anti-Democratic Leaders.
- ❖ Ministry of Civil Aviation, Airports Authority of India (AAI), and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) was organized a major civil aviation conference and exhibition named Wings India 2026 in Hyderabad.
- ❖ India will host the World Seafood Congress (WSC) 2026 for the first time in Chennai.

- ❖ The World Governments Summit 2026 was held in Dubai, UAE.
- ❖ The 25th edition of Bharat Rang Mahotsav, the world's largest international theatre festival, will be held in Rohtak, Haryana.
- ❖ PLASTINDIA 2026, one of the world's largest plastics exhibitions, is held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Black Swan Summit India 2026 was held in Bhubaneswar Odisha under the Bharat Netra initiative.
- ❖ The 5th Rüsoma Orange Festival began at Rüsoma village near Kohima, Nagaland, promoting horticulture-led rural development and orange cultivation. The festival is held under the theme "Abundance of Rüsoma."
- ❖ A World Radio Day Conclave 2026 was hosted by Akashvani Raipur in collaboration with UNESCO in Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ India hosted the first BRICS Sherpa and Sous-Sherpa Meeting in New Delhi as part of its 2026 chairmanship of BRICS, The theme of India's chairmanship is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- ❖ The Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026, organised by the Ministry of Education in New Delhi, focused on using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve school education, including literacy, teaching, governance, and multilingual learning.
- ❖ The Rajasthan desert city of Jaisalmer will host the country's first Jain Chadar Mahotsav from 6 to 8 March 2026.
- ❖ A national conference on "Emerging Trends, Technologies, and Artificial Intelligence in Veterinary Medicine: Challenges and Opportunities" began in Chennai.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu celebrated five years of sporting achievements at the 'Champions of Tamil Nadu' event in Chennai.
- ❖ The International Conference on Dam Safety (ICDS) 2026 concluded in Bengaluru.
- ❖ The 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union was held in Addis Ababa, Capital of Ethiopia.
- ❖ Mumbai will host the Earthshot Prize 2026, founded by Prince William, for the first time during Mumbai Climate Week.
- ❖ The 23rd edition of BioAsia 2026, an international life sciences summit, has started in Hyderabad with a focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI), automation, drug discovery, and biologics development, The theme of the summit is "TechBio Unleashed – Artificial Intelligence (AI), Automation, and Revolutionary Changes in Life Sciences."
- ❖ Mobile World Congress 2026, the world's largest event for the mobile and technology industry, is being held in Barcelona, Spain.

- ❖ The Indian Orchid Festival 2026 concluded in Pakyong district of Sikkim under the theme of “Orchids for Beauty & Prosperity.
- ❖ The 12th Asian and Pacific Regional Prosecutors Conference was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ Bharat Tex 2026, the world’s largest integrated textile fair, was launched by the Union Minister of Textiles and will be held in July 2026 in New Delhi.
- ❖ Rashtrapati Bhavan hosted the Purple Fest, organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, to celebrate the achievements of Divyangjan (persons with disabilities) and promote inclusivity by recognising their talent, achievements, and aspirations.
- ❖ The International Rail Coach Expo (IRCE) 2026 was inaugurated at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- ❖ The International Malaria Conference (IMC) 2026 was held in New Delhi 2026.
- ❖ The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) concluded its 70th session in 2026
- ❖ The Ministry of Mines organised the National DMF (District Mineral Foundation) Summit 2026 held in New Delhi
- ❖ The International Conference on Carbon Markets, “Prakriti 2026,” was held in New Delhi under the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).
- ❖ Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems 2026 started in New Delhi with the theme “Driving Progress, Attaining New Heights”.
- ❖ One Health Summit 2026 is held in Lyon, France, under the G7 Presidency.
- ❖ India hosted the first BRICS Health Working Group meeting in New Delhi to discuss global health cooperation.
- ❖ The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Global Anti-Doping Intelligence and Investigations Network (GAIIN) conference was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ India participated in the World Border Security Congress 2026 held in Vienna.
- ❖ The 9th India International Water Week (IIWW-2026) was launched in New Delhi with the theme “Climate Resilient Water Management”.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 13th 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.
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ The 28th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA28) under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) concluded in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ❖ India hosted the Second BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting and Second BRICS Expert Network on Asset Recovery Meeting in Hyderabad.
- ❖ The GI & Beyond 2.0 Summit was held in New Delhi to promote India's Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged handloom and handicraft products.
- ❖ The 16th BRICS Trade Ministers' Meeting concluded in Jaipur, Rajasthan under India's BRICS Chairship 2026.
- ❖ The 10th BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting concluded in Jaipur, Rajasthan, under India's BRICS Chairship 2026.
- ❖ The 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, under India's BRICS Chairship 2026.
- ❖ The 11th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting concluded in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, with the adoption of the Bhopal Declaration.

DEFENCE EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

Name	Countries/ Organization Involved	Venue
Justice Mission 2025	Chinese Army (PLA)	Taiwan
Sanjha Shakti	The Indian Army	Maharashtra
DOSTI-17	India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives	Maldives
Joint Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) response drill	Indian Coast Guard and Japan Coast	Mumbai
Operation Megaburu	–	A large-scale anti-Maoist counter-insurgency operation conducted against the Communist Party of India Maoist in the Saranda forest area of West Singhbhum district, Jharkhand.
Agni Pariksha	Indian Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	Arunachal Pradesh
KHANJAR-XIII	India-Kyrgyzstan	Assam
Vayu Shakti-2026	Indian Air Force (IAF)	Rajasthan
Exercise MILAN	Indian Navy	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Exercise Vajra Ghaat	The Indian Army	Rajasthan
Exercise Vajra Prahar	The Indian Army and the United States Army	Himachal Pradesh.
Agni Varsha 2026	The Indian Army	Rajasthan
Kalari Leap	Indian Air Force	Lakshadweep and Minicoy archipelago
‘Vayu Shakti’	The Indian Air Force	Rajasthan
Dharma Guardian	The Indian Army and the Japan	Uttarakhand
Operation Epic Fury	Israel and USA	Iran
Operation Lion’s Roar	Israel	Iran
Operation True Promise 4	Iran	Israel and nearby regional military sites
Exercise LAMITIYE-2026	India and Seychelles	Seychelles

Freedom Shield exercise	US and South Korea	US
Cold Response 2026 Arctic military exercise	NATO	Norway
Operation Urja Suraksha	Indian Navy	Strait of Hormuz
Exercise Kakadu	Multinational Naval Exercise	Australia
IONS Maritime Exercise TTX 2026	Indian Navy	Kochi
Exercise Dweep Shakti	Tri-Service of India	–
Exercise Cyclone-IV	India and Egypt	Egypt
Exercise Brahmastra	Indian Army	Rajasthan
Operation Him Setu	Indian Army	North Sikkim
Exercise DUSTLIK VII	India and Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan
DIVEX 2026	India–Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka
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	–
Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2026	Multilateral peacekeeping drill	Mongolia
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
Operation Trishul	Indian Govt	Bring back 274 fugitives from 36 countries
Exercise ROTOR CLAP III	Indian Air Force	Rajasthan
Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Exercise 2026	India-US Navy	Kochi

SPORTS

- ❖ Indian chess players Koneru Humpy and Arjun Erigaisi won bronze medals at the FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) World Rapid Chess Championships 2025 was held in Doha, Qatar.
- ❖ Amieyra Khoslla clinched the gold medal in the Youth Girls (Under-17) category at the 29th National Sport Climbing Championship 2025.
- ❖ The Indian women's hockey team signed off 2025 with a silver medal at the Women's Asia Cup.
- ❖ The 44th Junior National Kho Kho Championship began in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ The 72nd National Volleyball Tournament is being held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Virat Kohli regained the number one spot in the International Cricket Council (ICC) One Day International (ODI) batter rankings.
- ❖ Karnataka emerged as the overall champion of the Khelo India Beach Games (KIBG) 2026.
- ❖ The National Paralympic Powerlifting Championship was inaugurated in Roorkee, Uttarakhand.
- ❖ Vidarbha cricket team won their first "Vijay Hazare Trophy" title by victory over two-time champions "Saurashtra".
- ❖ Scotland replaced Bangladesh in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 after Bangladesh withdrew from the tournament.
- ❖ Carlos Alcaraz of Spain defeated Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the 2026 Australian Open men's singles final, Novak Djokovic became the oldest man in the Open Era to reach an Australian Open final.
- ❖ Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan clinched her second Grand Slam title by defeating world No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in the 2026 Australian Open women's singles final.
- ❖ India won the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2026, defeating England in the final at Harare, Zimbabwe.
- ❖ The Winter Olympics 2026/ Milano Cortina 2026 will be held in February 2026 in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.
- ❖ India finished first in the medal table at the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2026, held at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi.
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir won the Ranji Trophy cricket 2025-26 title in their maiden final appearance after 67 years.
- ❖ The first edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 will be held in Chhattisgarh from 26 March to 6 April 2026.

- ❖ India won the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup 2026 by defeating New Zealand in the final Match, held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❖ Chandrika Pujari of India won a gold medal at the World Boxing Futures Cup 2026 held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ❖ National Para Athletics Championship 2026 will be held from March 19–21, 2026, at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir won its first Ranji Trophy, India's premier domestic cricket tournament, after nearly 70 years.
- ❖ Sheetal Devi was named Para Archer of the Year 2025 by World Archery for her outstanding performance.
- ❖ Khelo India Tribal Games concluded in Chhattisgarh, where Karnataka emerged as the overall champion in the medal tally.
- ❖ Payal Nag became the world's first quadruple amputee to win an international archery gold medal at the World Para Archery Series Final held in Bangkok.
- ❖ Sarun Payasingh won the men's long jump at the Indian Athletics Series in Ranchi with a jump of 7.46 metres.
- ❖ Sawan Barwal broke India's oldest marathon record at the Rotterdam Marathon by finishing in 2:11:58, surpassing Shivrath Singh's 1978 record of 2:12:00.
- ❖ Sujeet Kalkal (65 kg freestyle category) and Abhimanyu Mandwal (70 kg freestyle category) won gold medals at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2026 held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- ❖ Ayush Shetty won a silver medal at the Badminton Asia Championships 2026 held in Ningbo, China.
- ❖ Mitchell Starc (Australia) and Deepti Sharma (India) were named Leading Cricketers in the World for 2025 by Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.
- ❖ At the 2026 Asian Wrestling Championships in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Sujeet Kalkal and Abhimanyu Mandwal won gold in the men's freestyle 65 kg and 70 kg categories.
- ❖ Vishvanath Suresh won gold in the men's 50 kg category at the 2026 Asian Boxing Championships held in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia),
- ❖ Indian Grandmaster R Vaishali won the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 and became the challenger for the Women's World Chess Championship.
- ❖ Indian Institute of Technology Madras introduced OmegaBall, a new three-team football format, in 2026.
- ❖ For the first time in Central Asia, The 13th edition of World Para Athletics Championships 2027 will be held in Tashkent.
- ❖ The SAFF Women's Championship 2026 will be hosted by India in Goa, marking its first time hosting since 2016 in Siliguri, West Bengal.

- ❖ India topped the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2026 held in Cairo, Egypt.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Asmita Dey (women's 48 kg category) and Harsh Singh (men's 60 kg category) won India's first-ever judo gold medals at the 2026 Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow, Scotland.
- ❖ India finished 4th at the Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2026 in Glasgow with 39 medals (13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze).

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
January 04	World Braille Day	–
January 05	National Bird Day	–
January 06	World Day of War Orphans	–
January 08	Earth's Rotation Day	–
January 09	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)	–
January 10	World Hindi Day	–
January 11–12	World Tamil Diaspora Day	Thamizhaal Inaivom, Tharanil Uyarvom
January 12	National Youth Day/Yuva Diwas	–
January 11/17	National Road Safety Week	Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha” (Road Safety, Life Safety)
January 16	National Startup Day 2026	–
January 16	Global Interventional Radiology Day 2026	–
January 16	Lokpal Day 2026	–
January 19	Kokborok Day 2026/Tripuri Language Day 2026	–
January 19	National Disaster Response Force Raising Day 2026	–
January 21	Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya Foundation Day	–
January 23	Parakram Diwas 2026	–
January 24	National Girl Child Day 2026	–
January 24	International Day of Education 2026	The power of youth in co-creating education
January 25	National Tourism Day 2026	–
January 25	National Voters Day 2026	My India, My Vote
January 25	World Leprosy Day 2026	Leprosy is curable, the real challenge is stigma

January 26	International Customs Day 2026	Customs protecting society through vigilance and commitment
January 26	Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh 2026	–
January 26	International Day of Clean Energy 2026	–
January 27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust 2026	Holocaust Remembrance for Dignity and Human Rights
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	–
January 28	Data Privacy Day	–
January 30	Martyrs' Day / Shaheed Diwas / Sarvodaya Day 2026	–
January 30	World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day 2026	“Unite. Act. Eliminate”
February 01	Indian Coast Guard Day 2026	–
February 02	World Wetlands Day 2026	“Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage”
February 02	Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day 2026	–
February 04	World Cancer Day 2026	“United by Unique”
February 04	International Day of Human Fraternity 2026	“Dialogue Over Division”
February 06	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2026	Towards 2030: No End To FGM Without Sustained Commitment and Investment
February 10	International Epilepsy Day 2026	EpilepsyPledge
February 10	National Deworming Day 2026	–
February 10	World Pulses Day 2026	–
February 10	International Day of the Arabian Leopard 2026	–
Every year on the second Tuesday of February (February 10, 2026)	Safer Internet Day	“Smart Tech, Safe Choices: Exploring the Safe and Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)”.

February 11	World Unani Day 2026	“Innovation and Evidence in Unani Practice”
February 11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2026	“From Vision to Impact: Redefining STEM by Closing the Gender Gap”
February 12	International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism 2026	“Preventing Violent Extremism in the Age of New and Emerging Technologies”
February 12	National Productivity Day 2026	“Clusters as Growth Engine: Maximizing Productivity in MSMEs”
February 13	World Radio Day	“Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice”
February 13	National Women’s Day 2026	–
February 15	International Childhood Cancer Day 2026	Demonstrating Impact — From Challenge to Chang.”
February 17	Global Tourism Resilience Day	“Tourism Resilience in Action: From Crisis Response to Impactful Transformation”
February 18	International Asperger Syndrome Day	–
February 20	Mizoram Foundation Day 2026	–
February 20	Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day 2026	–
February 20	World Day of Social Justice 2026	“Renewed Commitment to Social Development and Social Justice”
February 20	Zomi National Day	
February 21	International Mother Language Day 2026	“Youth Voices on Multilingual Education”
February 21	World Pangolin Day 2026	–
February 22	100 th World Thinking Day 2026	“Our Friendship”
February 23	World Peace and Understanding Day	–
February 24	Central Excise Day 2026	–
February 27	World NGO Day 2026	“Restoring Dignity Through Inclusion”

February 28	National Science Day 2026	"Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat"
February 27	As International Polar Bear Day	–
February 27	National Protein Day	–
March 01	World Seagrass Day	"Seagrasses Enrich Ocean Biodiversity and Fisheries."
March 01	Zero Discrimination Day	People First
March 03	World Wildlife Day 2026	Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Conserving Health, Heritage and Livelihoods."
March 03	World Hearing Day	"From communities to classrooms: hearing care for all children".
28 February (or 29 February in leap years)	Rare Disease Day	"More Than You Can Imagine".
March 04	National Safety Day	Engage, Educate & Empower People to Enhance Safety
March 04	World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development	Smart engineering for a sustainable future through innovation and digitalization
March 10	International Day of Women Judges	–
March 11	No Smoking Day	–
March 12 (second Thursday of March)	World Kidney Day	Kidney Health for All – Caring for People, Protecting the Planet
March 14	International Day of Action for Rivers 2026	Protect Rivers, Protect People
March 14	Pi Day/ International Day of Mathematics	Mathematics and hope
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day	Safe Products, Confident Consumers
March 16	National Vaccination Day	Immunization for All is Humanly Possible

March 17	World Social Work Day	Co-Building Hope and Harmony: A Harambee Call to Unite a Divided Society
March 13/2026 Friday before the March equinox	World Sleep Day	Sleep Well, Live Better
March 18	Global Recycling Day	Don't Think Waste. Think Opportunity!
March 20	International Day of Happiness	Caring and Sharing
March 20	World Oral Health Day	A Happy Mouth is a Happy Life
March 21	World Sparrow Day	I Love Sparrows
March 21	World Day for Glaciers	–
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Mobilizing Political Will: 60 Years of Commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 21	International Day of Forests	Forests and Economies
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day	Together Against Loneliness
March 21	World Puppetry Day	–
March 22	World Water Day	Water and Gender
March 23	World Meteorological Day	Observing Today, Protecting Tomorrow
March 23	Shaheed Diwas 2026	–
March 24	World Tuberculosis Day	Yes! We Can End TB: Led by countries, powered by people
March 27	World Theatre Day	Theatre and a Culture of Peace
April 01	RBI Foundation Day	–
April 04	NATO Day	–
April 04	International Day for Mine Awareness	Invest in Peace; Invest in Mine Action
April 05	National Maritime Day	Maritime India – Empowering Progress
April 05	International Day of Conscience	Together for Peace: From Conscience to Collective Action

April 06	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
April 07	World Health Day	Together for health. Stand with science
April 1-7	Prevention of Blindness Week	Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World
April 10	World Homoeopathy Day	Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health
April 11	World Parkinson's Disease Day	Bridge the care gap
April 11	National Safe Motherhood Day	Equity in Maternal Healthcare: Leaving No Mother Behind
April 12	International Day of Human Space Flight	–
April 12	International Day for Street Children	Protect, not Punish
April 14	Equality Day/ Bhim Jayanti	–
April 14	National Fire Service Day	Safe School, Safe Hospital & Fire Safety Aware Society Together for Fire Prevention
April 17	World Hemophilia Day	Diagnosis: First Step to Care
April 18	International Day for Monuments and Sites	Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters
April 19	World Liver Day	Solid Habits, Strong Liver
April 21	Civil Services Day	Holistic Development – Saturation of Government Schemes
April 23	World Book and Copyright Day	–
April 23 (4th Thursday of April)	International Girls in ICT Day	AI for Development: Girls shaping the digital future
April 24	National Panchayati Raj Day	–
April 25	World Malaria Day	Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must
April 25	International Delegate's Day	–
April 25	World Veterinary Day	Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day	IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate
April 28	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Good psychosocial working environments: A pathway to thriving workers and strong organizations

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 Thalassaemia 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
June 01	World Milk Day	Celebrating Women Farmers
June 01	Global Day of Parents	Together for Parents
June 02	World Peatlands Day	–
June 05	World Environment Day	Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future
June 06	World Pest Day	Defending Health Across Borders: The Global Power of Pest Management
June 07	World Food Safety Day	From Burden to Solutions – Safe Food Everywhere
June 08	World Oceans Day	Reimagine: Beyond the World We Know, a New Relationship with Our Ocean
June 12	World Day Against Child Labour	Red card to child labour: Fair play for children, decent work for adults

June 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	Proudly in my skin – celebrating all skin tones
June 15	Global Wind Day	Our wind, our community
June 17	World Crocodile Day	Legacy in Every Scale
June 19	World Sickle Cell Day	Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Disease
June 19	National Reading Day	–
June 20	World Refugee Day	Solidarity with Refugees
June 21	World Hydrography Day	Transforming how ocean data is shared
June 21	International Day of Yoga	Yoga for Healthy Ageing
June 23	International Olympic Day	You Can Do This! Let's Move
June 27	International Day of Deaf Blindness	Connected by Touch: Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges
June 29	International Day of the Tropics 2026	–
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
August 1–7	World Breastfeeding Week	Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works
August 03	Indian Organ Donation Day	–
August 04	International Clouded Leopard Day	–
August 04	National Bone and Joint Day	Healthy Bones, Healthy Joints, Healthier India
August 07	National Handloom Day	–
August 07	National Javelin Day	–
August 09	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being
August 10	World Lion Day	–
August 10	World Biofuel Day	–
August 12	World Elephant Day	Bringing the world together to help elephants

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