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TAMIL NADU

- ❖ The Tamilnadu State government has issued a G.O to start the Paadham Paadhukappom Thittam for diabetes patients.
- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Chennai Circle has planned to undertake excavation at Amoor, which is a protected site located on the banks of lower Palar River valley near Thiruporur in Chengalpattu district.
- ❖ Nearly 6000-year-old stones used for making jewellery and hunting tools were found during the third phase of excavation in Vijayakaraisalkulam, Tamil Nadu's Virudhunagar district.
- ❖ The Department of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare is taking steps to finalise the establishment of value-addition units for tribal agro products, This is held under its Tolkudiyinar Velanmai Melanmai Thittam, also called as project Ainthinai.
- ❖ The National Transmission plan report was released by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).
- ❖ A 12th-century Chola-era stone pillar with inscription was recently discovered Palur, Cuddalore.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has been dropped to 39.4 from 45.5 per one lakh live births during 2023-24.
- ❖ Tamilnadu is set to establish 'One Health and Climate Hub' under the Health Department.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated 'Vizhuthugal – One Stop Centre', set up at Kannagi Nagar in Sholinganallur, Chennai.
- ❖ The birth anniversary of the Chola emperor Raja Raja Chola I is celebrated every year during the Sadhaya Vizha in Thanjavur.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu launched three new initiatives — 'Vergal' (roots), 'Vizhuthugal' (aerial roots) and 'Siragugal' (wings) — under the cooperation department.
- ❖ Tamilnadu milk production has been consistently increasing, with a notable rise from 7.742 million tonnes in 2017 to 10.317 million tonnes in 2023.
- ❖ The prevalence of HIV in Tamil Nadu is dropping to 0.16% in 2023-2024.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is actively working towards achieving net zero emissions by 2070 through targeted actions.
- ❖ The Tamilnadu state Epigraphy Division has recently deciphered two inscriptions copied from Arulmigu Somanathar Temple at Alathudaiyanpatti near Thuraiyur in Tiruchi district.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for 2022-2023 grew 14.16% when compared to the previous year.



- ❖ Tamil Nadu will implement 'Kalaigal Kaivinai Thittam,' aimed at empowering artisans and craftsmen based on social justice.
- ❖ The Tamilnadu State government's flagship health scheme, Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam (MTM) crossed a coverage of two crore persons.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has seen a 9.09% increase in its forest cover over the last decade, adding 2,205.01 sq.km of greenery.
- ❖ The silver jubilee celebrations of the Thiruvalluvar statue at Kanyakumari Triveni Sangamam are being held on the 31st December and 1st of January.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu state owns the largest amount of gold in the world, with a staggering 6,720 tons.
- ❖ The draft Tamil Nadu Employment Policy was formulated by the Tamilnadu State Planning Commission (SPC).
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has also proposed establishing 25 town panchayats, including Yercaud, Kalayarkoil and Thirumayam.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu school education has achieved a 100% transition rate from primary to upper primary.
- ❖ The Tiruchi Circle ASI has taken up an excavation at the habitation mounds at Kodumbalur in Viralimalai taluk of Pudukkottai district.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has announced a \$1 million prize for experts or organisations that succeed in deciphering the scripts of the Indus Valley Civilisation.
- ❖ Researchers has uncovered archaeological evidence of habitation sites dating to the Sangam period near Villupuram.
- ❖ With a total of 8.42 lakh mandays, Tamilnadu has firmly established itself as a hub of vibrant industries, particularly in the manufacturing and service sectors
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's flagship IT conference UimageTN2025 - 3rd Edition was held on the theme 'Driving Equitable Growth through AI and Transformative Technology.'
- ❖ The Toda tribe celebrated their traditional 'Modhweth' festival to mark the New Year.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recording the highest number of deceased donations, over 50% of the donors came from government hospitals.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Assembly has passed the Criminal Laws (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2025.
- ❖ The district-level conference of Namma School Namma Ooru Palli was held in Tiruchi.
- ❖ TN Government has released a report titled, 'Antiquity of Iron: Recent Radiometric Dates from Tamil Nadu'.



- ❖ Tamil Nadu has reported a significant reduction in fatal road accidents with the number of deaths coming down by 273 in 2024 compared to the previous year.
- ❖ 80,558 driving licences were suspended for violating the motor vehicle rules.
- ❖ Highway patrol vehicles shifted 12,629 people critically injured in road accidents to hospitals within the Golden Hour.
- ❖ The State government launched 'Idhayam Kappom Thittam' on June 27, 2023.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has made a significant recovery in the reading and arithmetic when compared to where it was in 2022, according to the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2024.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's birth rate in 2024, the number of live births fell sharply to 8,42,412.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu's first jallikattu for 2025 was held at Thatchankurichi village in Gandarvakottai taluk of the Pudukkottai district.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu CM has laid the foundation stone for Sir John Marshall statue and inaugurated Indus Valley Civilization conference.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has officially declared the Cyclone Fengal a severe natural disaster.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has named Congress leader K.V. Thangakabalu for receiving the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award for 2024.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's first floating restaurant was opened on the backwaters of Muttukadu near Chennai.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA) has approved the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance for Kalaigarnar Convention Centre in Muttukadu.
- ❖ G. Vibusha from Tamil Nadu, has bagged Bronze Medal in the Cadet National Fencing Championship at Rudrapur, Uttarakhand.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister laid foundation stone for a new open-air museum in Keezhadi and museum in Gangaikonda Cholapuram.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister unveiled the foundation stone for the construction of a new mall, to be named 'Unity', in Egmore, Chennai.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu players won 14 medals at the 10th Asia Pacific Deaf Games-2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ❖ The 10th edition of the Tamil Nadu International Balloon Festival (TNIBF) was held in Pollachi.
- ❖ TN Chief Minister inaugurated the Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences at Thalaivasal in Salem district.



- ❖ TN Chief Minister will inaugurate the Thamirabarani – Karumeniyar – Nambiyar River linking scheme, which benefiting over 15,000 acres of lands in rain-shadow regions in Nanguneri, Thisaiyanvilai and Sattankulam areas.
- ❖ The fourth annual Chennai Flower Show was inaugurated at Semmozhi Poonga.
- ❖ IIT Madras collaborated with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on Project VISTAAR (Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources).
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu** contributes a 38% share to India's footwear and leather products output and accounts for 47% of India's total leather export.
- ❖ The Chennai PBCCR (Chennai Population-Based Childhood Cancer Registry) is the country's first dedicated childhood cancer registry.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has decided to approach the Supreme Court to lift the temporary stay that prevents the creation of basic facilities on Janmam lands in Gudalur, located in the Nilgiris district.
- ❖ A bone point, probably used as a tool for weaving, and a tiny broken piece of gold, have been unearthed by archaeologists at Porpanaikottai in Pudukottai district.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has constituted a three-member committee to study the Old Pension Scheme, Contributory Pension Scheme and the Unified Pension Scheme.
- ❖ DMK has won the Erode (East) assembly seat by-election **2025** by a decisive margin of 91,558 votes.
- ❖ The Tamilnadu State government has allowed the delinking of the Thuluva Vellalars community from Agamudayars in the list of Backward Classes (BCs).
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has started of preparing the new town development schemes for nine growth centres around Chennai — Minjur, Tiruvallur, Thirumazhisai, Mamallapuram, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Maraimalaiagar, Thiruninravur and Parandur — will get new town development schemes.
- ❖ A national geospatial knowledge-based land survey of the urban habitations (NAKSHA), a pilot programme to modernise urban land records, was launched in Thanjavur.
- ❖ The Department of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare of Tamilnadu, under its very flagship Tholkudi scheme, has issued guidelines for ethnographic documentation of five Scheduled Tribe communities - Irulas, Todas, Narikuravars, Kanikkarars and Kurumbars.
- ❖ Noted writer and Sahitya Akademi Award recipient Imayam alias V. Annamalai has been named the Vice-Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu State Commission for SC/ST.



- ❖ The Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH), Tamil Nadu's largest government hospital, has gone on to perform 15 deceased donor liver transplants so far, with a 100% survival rate.
- ❖ Archaeologists of Tamil Nadu have found a 13-cm-long iron knife in the ongoing excavation site in Marungur, Cuddalore district.
- ❖ After a pilot run, the 108-ambulance network has rolled out its application - 'Avasaram 108 Tamilnadu' to enable persons seeking ambulances for medical emergencies to track the vehicles on their mobile phones.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu state government created a dedicated "Tamil Nadu Endangered Species Conservation Fund".
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has the highest share of women borrowers at 44%, as per the report released by NITI Aayog.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government presented its Budget for 2025-26 in the Legislative Assembly on March 14.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu government replaced the Rupee symbol "₹" with the Tamil script "₹" in the logo for the state's 2025-26 budget.
- ❖ The Legislative Assembly passed the Tamil Nadu Mineral Bearing Land Tax Act, 2024 (the Act), which was published in the gazette on February 20, 2025.
- ❖ The mangrove forest cover in Tamil Nadu has almost doubled in the last few years, expanding from 4,500 ha in 2021 to 9,039 ha in 2024.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's school dropout rate has come down to 0% at the primary and middle school levels, the dropout rate at the secondary level is at 7%.
- ❖ The South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), which is under the Ministry of Culture, is launching a comprehensive initiative aimed at reviving the oral tradition of 'Kamba Ramayana' recitals and its broader cultural impact.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has released a general introduction book and the first volume of comparative etymological dictionary of Tamil and the Indo-European languages.
- ❖ 12,114 self-respect marriages have been registered in Tamil Nadu since 2018.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu declares Kasampatty (Veeran Kovil) Sacred Grove in Dindigul as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- ❖ The U.K. government and the Tamil Nadu government have joined hands to launch the UK-TN Partnership for Accelerating Carbon Neutral Transition.
- ❖ The State has planned to establish a Centre of Excellence to conserve the Great Hornbill, the Malabar Pied Hornbill, the Indian Grey Hornbill, and the Malabar Grey Hornbill.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has issued an order to form a State-level mission titled 'Thooimai Mission' for sustainable waste management in the State.



- ❖ Tamil Nadu's real economic growth rate of 9.69% for 2024-25 marks the highest for any State in the country.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu and Kerala will jointly carry out a Nilgiri Tahr census in the span 89 census blocks in Kerala and 176 blocks in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ In three years, the number of government school students pursuing the higher education in Tamil Nadu has increased by nearly 30%.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister announced the formation of a high-level committee to review and recommend the measures to safeguard the rights of states and to rebalance the federal structure of India, The Former Supreme Court judge Kurian Joseph will head the panel.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has launched 'Kalaigiar Kaivinai Thittam', an artisan development scheme.
- ❖ The Epigraphy Division of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has recently documented a set of inscriptions from Malayadipatti and Ponnamaravathi in the Pudukkottai district.

NATIONAL

- ❖ India's first Constitution Museum was inaugurated at OP Jindal Global University in Sonapat, Haryana.
- ❖ As per National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) report, more than 11 lakh children vulnerable to child marriage in 2023-24.
- ❖ The Centre will implement \$25-million G20 Pandemic Fund to develop a holistic health coverage for livestock.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Culture is set to "revive and relaunch" the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM).
- ❖ India has recorded a 17.7 per cent decline in tuberculosis incidence from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 195 in 2023.
- ❖ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has announced a new initiative called "First in the World Challenge", which aimed at encouraging Indian scientists to come up with innovative ideas for finding solutions to difficult health problems.
- ❖ India's updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) 2024 was released at the 16th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP 16), Colombia.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched the 'Shilp Samagam Mela 2024', which aims to showcase and promote traditional handicrafts from various states in India.



- ❖ NITI Aayog has launched the 15-day 'Jal Utsav' campaign, which aims to create the awareness and sensitivity towards water management, conservation and sustainability.
- ❖ The Union cabinet approved the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme that aims to cover over 22 lakh students a year.
- ❖ The third edition of the high-level virtual interaction MAHASAGAR was conducted by the Indian Navy
- ❖ India and the Philippines have celebrated 75 years of diplomatic relations, and unveiled a special logo to commemorate the milestone.
- ❖ The DRDO successfully conducted the maiden flight test of its Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM).
- ❖ The Centre has launched a nationwide appeal to embrace the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India's 'Know Your Medicine (KYM)' app.
- ❖ India's Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has launched Operation Sagar Manthan.
- ❖ Senior IAS officer K. Sanjay Murthy was appointed as the new Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).
- ❖ Department of Science and Technology launched the Operation Dronagiri, It is a pilot project under National Geospatial Policy 2022.
- ❖ Armed forces launched the AI-enabled 'e-Tarang System'.
- ❖ The Centre has launched the newly developed "Bhu-Neer" portal during India Water Week 2024.
- ❖ The Centre inaugurated the 'Viksit Bharat Initiative for Student Innovation and Outreach Network' (VISION).
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved a budgetary allocation of Rs 6,000 crore for an initiative called 'One Nation One Subscription' (ONOS).
- ❖ India has been chosen to Chair the 68th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).
- ❖ India has signed an agreement with the International Solar Alliance to fund USD 2 million in solar projects across Fiji, Comoros, Madagascar, and Seychelles.
- ❖ In a move to enhance the quality of education, the Union government launched the TeacherApp in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the launching of the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) as a standalone Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- ❖ For the first time in the history of India's election process, 19 members from the Jarawa Tribe had been included on the electoral roll.
- ❖ The K-4 missile was tested from submarine INS Arighaat at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.



- ❖ The Indian Army has received Sabal 20 logistics drones procured from EndureAir Systems for deployment in the Eastern sector.
- ❖ SheSTEM 2024 is annual event was organized by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and the Office of Science and Innovation at the Embassy of Sweden.
- ❖ Gujarat has become the first state in India to achieve a significant milestone under the Digital Agriculture Mission.
- ❖ India has achieved a Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of 2.0, according to the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019–21).
- ❖ India and Russia are in the advanced discussions on a \$4 billion defence deal focuses on the acquisition of the state-of-the-art Voronezh radar system.
- ❖ India's nuclear power generation capacity has nearly doubled in the last 10 years from 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,180 MW in 2024.
- ❖ India's first-of-its-kind anti-pesticide bodysuit "Kisan Kavach" has been unveiled recently.
- ❖ "Yuva Sahakar – Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme" is being implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
- ❖ The number of domestic migrants has lowered by nearly 12% to 40.20 crore between 2011 and 2023.
- ❖ India witnessed a surge in electronic waste (e-waste) generation over the past five years, rising from 1.01 million metric tonnes (MT) in 2019-20 to 1.751 million MT in 2023-24.
- ❖ The Indian government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) (December 20) signed a landmark \$350 million policy-based loan.
- ❖ Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for India's first interlinking of rivers project - Ken-Betwa river-linking project in Madhya Pradesh's Khajuraho.
- ❖ The Mazagon Docks Shipbuilders Ltd delivered two indigenously built, modern Capital Warships 'Nilgiri' and 'Surat' to the Indian Navy.
- ❖ The union govt launched 'Viksit Panchayat Karmayogi' Initiative on Good Governance Day and commemorates the 100th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Vajpayee.
- ❖ The introduction of smart classrooms under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) has led to a 22% increase in overall enrolment in 19 cities between 2015-16 to 2023-24.
- ❖ BharatGen is an initiative to make generative AI available to citizens in different Indian languages.
- ❖ The Union Ministry for Ports, Shipping & Waterways launched the 'Jalvahak' scheme to promote inland waterways and cargo movement.



- ❖ The Centre on January 1 extended two crop insurance schemes (Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) for one more year till 2025-26.
- ❖ Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) report was released by the Union Ministry of Education.
- ❖ The Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam 2024 was passed by the Lok Sabha on 09.08.2024 and by Rajya Sabha on 05.12.2024.
- ❖ India's tobacco exports are likely to register an over 8 per cent growth and cross Rs 13,000 crore this year.
- ❖ The sixth LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) report of 2024 was unveiled by the Union Commerce and Industry Ministry.
- ❖ As per the latest UDISE Plus data, only 57.2% of schools in India have functional computers, and just 53.9% are equipped with Internet access.
- ❖ India condemned the China over the announcement of two new counties which fall in India's Union Territory of Ladakh - He'an and Hekang in China's Hotan Prefecture.
- ❖ India's income inequality in 2023 remained higher than it was in the 1950s, the Gini coefficient for the country stood at 0.410 in 2023, up from 0.371 in 1955.
- ❖ The Central government has written to all the states and Union Territories (UTs) to implement provisions of Section 479 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.
- ❖ Lok Sabha Speaker inaugurated the "Panchayat Se Parliament 2.0" initiative.
- ❖ India and the U.S. announced cooperation on co-production of U.S. sonobuoys for Undersea Domain Awareness (UDA) for the Indian Navy.
- ❖ India's coastline expanded by almost half in just over five decades - from 7,516 km in 1970 to 11,098 km in 2023-24.
- ❖ INS Vagsheer has joined the Indian navy, which represents India's resolve to counter growing threats in its backyard.
- ❖ The 'Mission Mausam' was inaugurated to transforming India into a weather-ready and climate-smart nation.
- ❖ DRDO has successfully conducted field evaluation trials of India's indigenous Anti-Tank Missile - Nag Mark 2.
- ❖ The National Turmeric Board (NTB) was inaugurated recently in Nizamabad of Telangana as headquarters and Ganga Reddy was its first chairperson.
- ❖ Recently, the EmpowHER Biz – Sapno Ki Udaan was launched to boost women entrepreneurship in retail.



- ❖ The Supreme Court has ruled that the proceedings on the restitution of conjugal rights and those on maintenance are “altogether independent” and “not directly or even indirectly connected”.
- ❖ The Rubber Board has announced two new projects - iSNR and INR Konnect.
- ❖ The Centre has launched the Sanchar Saathi Mobile App, National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0.
- ❖ Indian space startup Digantara launched the Space Camera for Object Tracking (SCOT) mission.
- ❖ The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has successfully conducted the engine ground run of a full-scale demonstrator, Combat Air Teaming System (CATS) – Warrior.
- ❖ Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Goa and Jharkhand have emerged as the top-performing ‘achievers’ among the States listed in NITI Aayog’s first Fiscal Health Index (FHI) report.
- ❖ India achieved a record-breaking milestone in 2024 with the addition of 24.5 GW of solar capacity and 3.4 GW of wind capacity.
- ❖ India has, as an observer state, officially joined the Medium Altitude Long Endurance Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (MALE RPAS) or the Eurodrone programme.
- ❖ The Centre flagged off ‘Sanjay’, a battlefield surveillance system (BSS), which will be inducted into the Indian Army.
- ❖ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget on February 1, marking her eighth consecutive budget.
- ❖ The Election Commission celebrates 75 years of its dedicated service to the nation on 25th January.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India, established on January 28, 1950, has completed 75 years of service.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the “Protection and Enforcement of Interests in Aircraft Objects Bill, 2024 (Cape Town Convention Bill)”.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Defence declares 2025 as ‘Year of Reforms’.
- ❖ Union Home Minister chaired the 7th meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA) in New Delhi.
- ❖ Ministry of Textiles organised the 3rd edition of the Mega event “Viraasat Sari Festival 2024” to celebrate Handloom Saris of various parts of India in New Delhi.
- ❖ Air India has become the first airline to offer in-flight Wi-Fi on both domestic and international routes.
- ❖ Two indigenously designed and constructed fast patrol vessels (FPVs) for the Coast Guard, ‘Amulya’ and ‘Akshay’ were launched recently.



- ❖ The world's first 52x52x52 'Mahamrityunjaya Yantra' has been installed at Tapovan Ashram in Jhunsi Havelis in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The 25th National Conference of Chairpersons of State Public Service Commissions was held at Bengaluru.
- ❖ India will host the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments of Commonwealth Countries (CSPOC) in 2026.
- ❖ The Prime Minister has inaugurated Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❖ The theme of Republic Day 2025 is Swarnim Bharat – Virasat aur Vikas' (Golden India – Heritage and Development).
- ❖ Centre inaugurated the 'Bharatpol' portal to streamline international cooperation for law investigating agencies.
- ❖ The 8th edition of National Programme for Organic Production was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ Economic Survey 2025 has projected GDP growth to be 6.4 per cent for the financial year 2025-2026 (FY26).
- ❖ The Union Budget 2025-26 envisaged an expenditure of Rs 50,65,345 crore, an increase of 7.4% over the current fiscal.
- ❖ The Budget allocation for Indian Railways for FY 2025-26 stands at ₹2.65 lakh crore, the same as last year's allocation.
- ❖ The Trade Enablement and Marketing (TEAM) Initiative was launched Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.
- ❖ The 2025-26 Budget speech announced the extension of the Jal Jeevan Mission until 2028, with an enhanced total outlay.
- ❖ The Supreme Court uphold the Bombay High Court's ruling on the intellectual property loss compensation under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and its 1995 Rules.
- ❖ The IIT Madras and the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad, have collaborated to develop an India-specific artificial intelligence model named Garbhini-GA2.
- ❖ The Union Budget 2025 accommodated the 'Gyan Bharatam Mission' under the National Manuscripts Mission (NMM).
- ❖ The Union Budget 2025 introduced the Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme.
- ❖ The central government will set up a National Manufacturing Mission 2025 for the small, medium and large industries with a focus on clean tech manufacturing.
- ❖ Union has made a budgetary provision for second tranche of the Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) Fund of Rs 15,000 crore.



- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the continuation and restructuring of the Central Sector Scheme 'Skill India Programme (SIP)' till 2026.
- ❖ Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with NITI Aayog launched Swavalambini in Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram.
- ❖ Mission for Aatmanirbhar in pulses is a six-year mission with an allocation of Rs 1,000 crore for the financial year 2025-26.
- ❖ The Nuclear Energy Mission is poised to accelerate nuclear power development, positioning India as a global leader in advanced nuclear technology by 2047.
- ❖ The Union Minister of Rural Development has launched a national level mass outreach campaign "Watershed Yatra".
- ❖ The Ministry of Earth Sciences has launched the latest version 2 of Search and Rescue Aid Tool (SARAT).
- ❖ The Union Budget has allocated funds for the development of the top 50 tourist destinations in the country in partnership with State governments through a "challenge mode".
- ❖ The Union Cabinet ex post facto approved the plan to create the new South Coast Railway Zone.
- ❖ India has signed a contract with Russia to procure anti-ship cruise missiles for the country's submarine fleet.
- ❖ US-India reaffirmed the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership during the meeting in Washington.
- ❖ The 'India Gas Market Report: Outlook to 2030' was released by the IEA.
- ❖ Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar was appointed as the next chief election commissioner (26th CEC).
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is likely to bring the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025.
- ❖ India is elected as the vice president of the International Organisation of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA).
- ❖ Centre has launched the Annual Nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) Campaign for Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) Elimination.
- ❖ Bajaj Allianz Life has become the first insurer to go live with the BIMA-Application Supported by Blocked Amount (Bima-ASBA) facility.
- ❖ Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH) has introduced an India's First Campus Blockchain Currency- 'BIMCOIN'.
- ❖ The Ministry of Railways on Friday launched a new app - SwaRail as a one-stop shop for offering public-facing services such as reserved ticket booking, ordering food on trains, and PNR enquiries.



- ❖ India has launched its first Ferret Research Facility at the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) in Faridabad (Haryana) to research the infectious and non-communicable diseases.
- ❖ India's first indigenous Automated Biomedical Waste Treatment Plant is named "Srjanam" and inaugurated at AIIMS New Delhi.
- ❖ India's first 'bio bank' known as 'frozen zoo' in a zoo is up and running at Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, better known as Darjeeling Zoo in West Bengal.
- ❖ IIT Madras with the support from the Ministry of Railways, has developed a 422-meter-long, India's first hyperloop test track.
- ❖ The Centre has launched a revamped format for the 9th edition of Swachh Survekshan (SS), the world's largest urban cleanliness survey.
- ❖ The Indian Navy handed over the decommissioned Landing Ship Tank INS Guldar to the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation, also this ship is set to be converted into India's first underwater museum and artificial reef.
- ❖ The government has issued an alert about a new cyber fraud scheme called the 'pig butchering scam'.
- ❖ Union government recently launched 'One Nation, One Port Process' Initiative.
- ❖ The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has launched the 'One Nation-One Port Process (ONOP)' to standardise and streamline operations across India's major ports.
- ❖ The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) became country's 25th and 26th Navratna companies respectively.
- ❖ Pan-India Survey on Farmers' Share was conducted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officials.
- ❖ The Lancet study has predicting that 218 million men and 231 million women in India, nearly one-third of the country's population, will be obese by 2050.
- ❖ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has launched the Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayat (MWFGP) initiative.
- ❖ "Vividhta ka Amrit Mahotsav" is an annual cultural festival that celebrates India's diverse heritage by showcasing the unique traditions of different regions.
- ❖ The Geological Survey of India (GSI) recently celebrated its 175th Foundation Day.
- ❖ NITI Aayog and the India SME Forum launched a joint initiative called "A Million Women Arise" to empower women entrepreneurs across India.
- ❖ The Ministry of Education has launched the third edition of the Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors (PM-YUVA 3.0).



- ❖ India has successfully test fired beyond visual range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) Astra from LCA Tejas AF MK1 off Odisha coast.
- ❖ The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) launches the first cohort of Incubation Program named as “Samarth”.
- ❖ Gujarat has achieved 95% of the tuberculosis registration target and 90% of the treatment target set by the Niti Aayog for 2024.
- ❖ India became the top producer of milk in the world.
- ❖ According to the ACI World, Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport became the 9th busiest airport in the world in 2024.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh government has officially declared a new wildlife sanctuary at Sagar district in the name of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Abhyaran.
- ❖ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister has laid the foundation stone for state’s first Gallium Nitride (GaN)-based semiconductor fabrication facility in New Raipur.
- ❖ Delhi has officially joined the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, becoming the 35th State/UT to implement the national health insurance scheme.
- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project of Bihar.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India’s 90th anniversary commemorative coin unveiled the at the event held in Mumbai.
- ❖ India and China is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the bilateral diplomatic relations.
- ❖ In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Indian Army has begun inducting a First Person View (FPV) kamikaze drone equipped with an anti-tank payload.
- ❖ The US Department of Energy granted Holtec International a critical regulatory approval, to transfer small modular reactor (SMR) technology to India.
- ❖ The union health ministry has introduced a digital platform, ZooWIN.
- ❖ Centre finalised the Transfer of Technology (ToT) of CSIR’s indigenously designed and developed HANSA-3 (NG) trainer aircraft for commercial pilot licensing (CPL).
- ❖ The President Droupadi Murmu gave assent to the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025 and it now becomes a law.
- ❖ The SAFE Agromet project, led by the ISRO, aims to provide space-based Agro meteorological information to support the monthly Rice Growing Outlook activity.
- ❖ The Union Finance Minister launched the “NITI NCAER States Economic Forum” portal in New Delhi.
- ❖ In SBI report, Bihar has the largest number of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) women entrepreneurs (4.2 crore), followed by Tamil Nadu (4.0 crore) and West Bengal (3.7 crore).



- ❖ In 2022, the erstwhile National Creche Scheme was reorganized and renamed as Palna Scheme under the sub scheme 'Samarthya' of 'Mission Shakti'.
- ❖ The number of the notified paediatric tuberculosis (TB) cases has increased by 38 per cent in children aged up to 14 years in the last five years.
- ❖ India has successfully conducted the release trials of Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) 'Gaurav'.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the 'Modernisation of Command Area Development and Water Management (M-CADWM)' as a sub-scheme of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
- ❖ India launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) in 2025 to establish a robust framework for self-reliance in the critical mineral sector.
- ❖ Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has collaborated with the WEF to launch the "India Skills Accelerator" initiative.
- ❖ The Centre launched The Bharat Project, a national initiative by Your Story.
- ❖ As per the World Bank data, India has lifted 171 million people from extreme poverty in the decade between 2011-12 and 2022-23.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha has passed the Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill, 2025 for the creation of India's first-ever national cooperative university at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) in Gujarat.

INTERNATIONAL

- ❖ Armenia becomes 104th Full Member of International Solar Alliance.
- ❖ Armenia has become the first country to procure India's domestically developed Pinaka multiple rocket launcher system.
- ❖ Brazil has decided to opt out of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- ❖ Typhoon Kong-rey has made landfall on the Taiwan eastern coast.
- ❖ Neft Daslari lies deep in the Caspian Sea, around 100 kilometres off the coast of Azerbaijan's capital Baku, This world's oldest offshore oil platform is also known as "Oil Rocks".
- ❖ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has issued its first biodiversity and nature theme bond.
- ❖ Chinese President Xi Jinping inaugurated a massive deep-water port in Peru, a \$1.3 billion investment by Beijing.
- ❖ India is supporting to the 2,500 square kilometre "Zero Carbon" city being developed in Gelephu, Bhutan.



- ❖ The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has launched a \$10 billion appeal for 2025.
- ❖ Cascais declaration was adapted the UN Alliance for Civilizations 10th Global Forum held at Portugal.
- ❖ Russia plans to deploy its RS-28 Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile, also known as “Satan 2”.
- ❖ China’s first atmospheric monitoring station in Antarctica started its operations recently.
- ❖ Finland has become the world’s first country to release a national soundscape.
- ❖ Arctic’s waters have less than one million square kilometres of sea ice by 2030.
- ❖ The bald eagle, a symbol of the United States’ power and strength for more than 240 years, is now officially the national bird of the country.
- ❖ The Nepal and China governments have launched the “Phewa Dialogue” series together.
- ❖ China has approved the construction of the world’s largest dam, costing \$137 billion, on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet.
- ❖ The UN Security Council adopted a draft resolution to establish the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM).
- ❖ China has launched its first next-generation Type 076 amphibious assault ship - Sichuan.
- ❖ The Denmark Strait cataract holds the title of the largest waterfall on Earth, with a vertical drop of 11,500 feet.
- ❖ Egypt had successfully tested a new 10 km channel near the southern end of the Suez Canal.
- ❖ The foreign ministers of India, Australia, Japan and the United States issued a joint statement on December 31 to mark the “20th anniversary of the Quad Cooperation”.
- ❖ Justin Trudeau resigned as the leader of his Liberal Party of Canada effectively ending his nine-year tenure as Canada’s Prime Minister too.
- ❖ Mount Ibu, one of Indonesia’s most active volcanoes, erupted recently.
- ❖ India has joined the UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics (UN-CEBD).
- ❖ Greenland is the world’s largest island and geographically part of North America.
- ❖ World’s first 300-megawatt compressed air energy storage (CAES) demonstration project, “Nengchu-1,” has achieved full capacity grid connection in China.
- ❖ Thailand has become the latest country to take on the global plastic waste crisis by banning imports of plastic waste.



- ❖ The African Union Summit on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) concluded in Kampala, Uganda.
- ❖ Nigeria becomes the ninth BRICS partner country, joining with Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Uganda, and Uzbekistan.
- ❖ Donald Trump was sworn in as the 47th President of the United States.
- ❖ President Donald Trump signed an executive order to withdraw the US from the Paris climate agreement.
- ❖ China has completed the construction of Tianshan Shengli Tunnel, the world's very longest express tunnel through the Tianshan Mountains.
- ❖ OpenAI, Oracle, SoftBank and MGX have united for setting up the world's largest AI project - 'Stargate'.
- ❖ Global foreign direct investments (FDI) dipped by eight per cent in 2024.
- ❖ The Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP) is an initiative launched by the World Economic Forum, in which seven new countries — Angola, Bangladesh, Gabon, Guatemala, Kenya, Senegal, and Tanzania — have joined this collaborative effort.
- ❖ India and China agreed to resume the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra and direct flights between the two nations in 2025.
- ❖ The 18th Elephant and Tourism Festivals was held in Sauraha, Nepal.
- ❖ Indian Prime Minister launched a Tamil Teaching Programme in Fiji, supported by the Indian government.
- ❖ The India Pavilion inaugurated at Heimtextil 2025 in Frankfurt, Germany.
- ❖ India and Spain have announced 2026 as a 'dual year' to celebrate their cultural, tourism, and AI collaborations.
- ❖ Brazil, the current presiding nation of the BRICS, has officially announced the Indonesia's membership as a full member in the Bloc.
- ❖ Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto is the chief guest for Republic Day 2025, marking a significant milestone in the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Indonesia.
- ❖ Usha Vance became the first Indian-American and Hindu Second Lady after her husband J.D. Vance was sworn in as the 50th Vice President of the US.
- ❖ Janet Petro has been appointed as the acting administrator and the first female to lead NASA.
- ❖ Georgia became the 45th country to be certified malaria free on January 23, 2025 by WHO.



- ❖ The United Nations will observe year 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation, and March 21 marked annually as the World Day for Glaciers from 2025.
- ❖ Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso officially left West Africa's main political and trade group ECOWAS.
- ❖ The U.S. President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs of 25% on imports from Canada and Mexico, and an additional 10% on goods from China.
- ❖ Sri Lanka's consumer prices fell by 4.0 percent in January 2025.
- ❖ Panama President announced its withdrawn in China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- ❖ United States President is planning to cut off US engagement with the UN Human Rights Council and extend a funding ban on the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA.
- ❖ Guinea has successfully eliminated the gambiense form of the human African trypanosomiasis (HAT), also known as the sleeping sickness, as a public health problem.
- ❖ The Israeli military has withdrawn from an area of Gaza known as the Netzarim corridor, which separates the enclave's north from south.
- ❖ Trump's administration is considering imposing a Tobin Tax on capital flows, a move that could disrupt global financial markets.
- ❖ The Ugandan government and the World Health Organization recently confirmed an outbreak of Sudan virus disease.
- ❖ Under the TRUST initiative, India and US will reduce barriers to technology transfer, address export controls, and enhance high tech commerce.
- ❖ India and US kick-started a new initiative named Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance (ASIA).
- ❖ Brazil's government approved to joining OPEC+, a group of major oil-exporting nations.
- ❖ Thirteen new industrial clusters have joined the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Transitioning Industrial Clusters initiative.
- ❖ A newly discovered bat coronavirus, known as HKU5-CoV-2, similar to the virus that caused the COVID-19 pandemic, has been identified in China.
- ❖ Giles Thomson from UK has been appointed as FATF Vice-President (2025-2027).
- ❖ Niger becomes the first country in Africa to eradicate onchocerciasis, which had particularly impacted populations living near certain waterways.
- ❖ The historic Tea Horse Road spanned more than 2,000 km, and connected China to India via Tibet.



- ❖ President Donald Trump has announced a visa program called “Gold Card” for foreign investors seeking permanent residency in the United States.
- ❖ UAE has unveiled the Blue Visa, a 10-year residency permit aimed at individuals who have made significant contributions to environmental protection and sustainability.
- ❖ Australia and New Zealand have the highest rates of breast cancer incidence in the world.
- ❖ The Indian government has secured 9,000 square kilometres of greenfield land in Zambia for the exploration of copper and cobalt.
- ❖ Donald Trump has vowed to construct a ‘Golden Dome’ - similar to Israel’s ‘Iron Dome’ missile defence.
- ❖ Lithuania officially withdrew from the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), citing security concerns due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.
- ❖ The US has withdrawn from the board of the recently-created Loss and Damage Fund.
- ❖ France has discovered a massive 46-million-ton white hydrogen reserve in the Moselle region, valued at \$92 trillion.
- ❖ Mexico has amended its Constitution to recognise native corn as an element of national identity and banning the planting of genetically modified (GM) seeds.
- ❖ The U.S. President Donald Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act in a proclamation to deport millions of people who are in the country illegally.
- ❖ The United States has reported an outbreak of the deadly H7N9 strain of the highly pathogenic avian flu (HPAI) virus in commercial poultry.
- ❖ Louisiana has executed a man using nitrogen gas for the first time.
- ❖ Poland and the Baltics - Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are preparing to exit the Ottawa Treaty.
- ❖ Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah was sworn in as Namibia’s first female president.
- ❖ India and Slovakia have signed their first defence MoU to co-develop technologies for next-generation combat vehicles under India’s indigenous manufacturing initiative.
- ❖ Bangladesh has become the latest and 54th signatory of the Artemis Mission.
- ❖ India and Japan are finalising the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) to share the emission reduction credits under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.
- ❖ President Vladimir Putin launched a nuclear-powered submarine named Perm, equipped with hypersonic Zircon missiles.
- ❖ Kazakhstan has uncovered its largest rare earth deposit to date, in the Karaganda region.



- ❖ Hungary announced its withdrawal from the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- ❖ China has unveiled the world's first close-in anti-drone barrage weapon system Bullet Curtain.
- ❖ A nearly two-year-old war has engulfed Sudan in the world largest humanitarian crisis.
- ❖ In 2024, Tanzania experienced its hottest year on record, marked by sharply rising nighttime temperatures.
- ❖ The India–Norway Marine Pollution Initiative (INMPI) is a key bilateral effort by the governments of India and Norway to address marine litter and microplastics (MPs).
- ❖ Jwaneng Diamond Mine in Botswana, dubbed the 'Prince of Mines,' stands as the world's richest mine.
- ❖ Bhutan is exploring ways to mine and leverage green cryptocurrencies using hydropower to boost its economy and create jobs to reduce brain drain.
- ❖ The EUNAVFOR ATALANTA (Operation Atalanta) is the naval operation of the European Union.

ECONOMY

- ❖ The contribution of direct taxes to total tax revenue climbed to 56.72 per cent in 2023-24, the highest in 14 years.
- ❖ The State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank remain classified by RBI as systemically important banks.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has published the latest edition of the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States for 2023-24.
- ❖ India's alternative assets market will grow five-fold to \$2 trillion by 2034
- ❖ The 21st Health Summit of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) was held under the theme of "Transforming Healthcare for Viksit Bharat 2047".
- ❖ Indian government launched a revamped e-auction portal 'Baanknet'.
- ❖ India ranked third globally in terms of funding received in the fintech segment only after the US and the UK.
- ❖ India's digital economy will grow twice as fast as the rest of the economy, which constitutes 13.42% of the national income by the end of 2024–25, as against 11.74% in 2022–23.
- ❖ India has emerged as the world's seventh-largest coffee producer, with exports reaching \$1.29 billion in FY 2023-24.



- ❖ The Centre has set up an 18-member panel, chaired by Dr. Ramesh Chand of NITI Aayog, to revise the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) base year to 2022-23.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh govt signed an MoU with Indichip Semiconductors Limited and its joint venture of Japan for setting up an India's first private semiconductor manufacturing facility.
- ❖ Gujarat organises the 1st International Olympic Research Conference to discuss financing and innovative economic models for hosting the Olympics in India.
- ❖ The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has launched the enhanced Certificate of Origin (eCoO) 2.0 System.
- ❖ The Gold investments in India surged by 60% in 2024, reaching \$18 billion (approximately Rs 1.5 lakh crore), compared to 2023.
- ❖ The Union Budget has outlined a plan to reduce the central government's debt-to-GDP ratio to 50 per cent by 2031.
- ❖ India's pharmaceutical industry exports are projected to reach \$350 billion by 2047.
- ❖ RBI announced the implementation of Additional Factor Authentication (AFA) for cross-border "Card Not Present" (CNP) transactions.
- ❖ Indian government has announced that it will replace the fiscal deficit target with the debt-to-GDP ratio as the primary fiscal anchor from FY 2026-27.
- ❖ The union government has introduced 'Entity Locker,' a new digital platform.
- ❖ The women's employment in urban India is jumping 10% in six years (2017-18 to 2023-24).
- ❖ Dubai has been ranked the world's No.1 destination for Greenfield Foreign Direct investment (FDI) projects for the fourth successive year.
- ❖ Recently, the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) has suggested a zero for zero tariff agreement with the US in the textile and apparel sector.
- ❖ The Finance Ministry has notified Zero Coupon Bond (ZCB) for Power Finance Corporation.
- ❖ India's remittances have more than doubled from \$55.6 billion in 2010-11 to \$118.7 billion in 2023-24.
- ❖ The NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) has launched Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) 3.0.
- ❖ India has exported 254 million kg of tea in 2024, thus becoming the second-highest exporter in the world.
- ❖ The Finance Ministry launched a revamped e-auction portal named 'BAANKNET' to further streamline the listing and auctioning of banks' assets.
- ❖ India's Defense Exports exports have surged to a record high of Rs 23,622 crore (approx. US\$ 2.76 Billion) in the Financial Year (FY) 2024-25.



- ❖ The Union government announced the amalgamation of several Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), effective from May 1, 2025.
- ❖ The top three countries with which India trades remained unchanged, with the US on top, followed by China.
- ❖ India is the second-largest producer and consumer of silk globally.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ The DRDO successfully completed the flight tests of guided Pinaka multi-barrel rocket (MBRL) system.
- ❖ India signs deal with Russia to facilitate cooperation for variants of the advanced Pantsir air defence missile-gun system.
- ❖ Researchers have developed the first successful mRNA vaccine against the highly contagious and difficult-to-treat *Clostridioides difficile* bacteria.
- ❖ A CSIR-CLRI study has showed that nanozymes can ensure collagen's integrity and enhance resistance to enzymatic degradation.
- ❖ ISRO has started the country's first analog space mission at Leh in Ladakh, where space agency will simulate life in an interplanetary habitat.
- ❖ Researchers discovered a unique strain of cyanobacteria, known as Chonkus.
- ❖ Researchers at IISc - Bengaluru have developed an innovative and eco-friendly bio-derived foam.
- ❖ Scientists have published the first detailed analyses of the lunar soil and rock that China's Chang'e-6 retrieved from the far side of the moon.
- ❖ India has launched the first indigenous antibiotic "Nafithromycin" for resistant infections.
- ❖ The Researchers at Northeastern University, in Boston, have developed a new bioplastic - MECHS, that dissolves in water.
- ❖ An international team of astronomers has employed the MeerKAT radio telescope to investigate giant radio galaxies in the field of the Cosmological Evolution Survey.
- ❖ ISRO is gearing up to launch the ambitious Proba-3 mission to space aboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
- ❖ The Scientists from UK have successfully developed the world's first carbon-14 diamond battery.
- ❖ China has successfully launched the world's first 'self-driving' satellites.
- ❖ ISRO successfully launched the European Space Agency's PROBA-3 satellite in its 61st commercial mission 'C-59'.



- ❖ Astronomers discovered the presence of Earth-sized dark ovals at the Jupiter's poles just as the Great Red Spot.
- ❖ Astronomers have spotted far ultra violet (FUV) emissions from novae for the first time in the neighbouring Andromeda galaxy.
- ❖ The United States has developed a new anti-missile system called Dark Eagle.
- ❖ The ISRO commenced the assembly of the Human Rated Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (HLVM3) for the Gaganyaan mission's maiden uncrewed flight.
- ❖ The Space startups in Japan and India had agreed to jointly study using laser-equipped satellites to remove debris from orbit.
- ❖ ISRO has achieved a remarkable milestone with its Compact Research Module for Orbital Plant Studies (CROPS) aboard the PSLV-C60 mission, that the cowpea seeds sent into space have successfully sprouted their first leaves.
- ❖ ISRO has successfully operated its first space robotic arm aboard the POEM4 platform in space, this robotic arm is known as the Relocatable Robotic Manipulator-Technology Demonstrator (RRM-TD).
- ❖ IIT Madras has launched the Asia's largest Shallow Wave Basin Research Facility that can cater to Indian research and industry requirements.
- ❖ IIT Ropar launched its state-of-the-art AWaDH's Bluetooth Low Energy Gateway and Node System.
- ❖ Astronomers discovered a nascent ultra-diffuse galaxy forming at the end of the longest tidal tail ever observed, associated with the galaxy NGC 3785.
- ❖ The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has developed a newer version of its own Search and Rescue Aid Tool (SARAT).
- ❖ ISRO successfully docks two satellites in space and India became fourth country to achieve feat after US, Russia, China.
- ❖ A Bengaluru-based space startup Pixxel has made history by giving India the first private earth imaging satellite constellation - 'Firefly'.
- ❖ ISRO has successfully germinated black-eyed pea (lobia) seeds in space using its Compact Research Module for Orbital Plant Studies.
- ❖ The DRDO recently demonstrated the scramjet combustor ground test for 120 seconds for the first time in India.
- ❖ Bengaluru-based biotech startup, has launched Qartemi, a CAR-T cell therapy for patients with B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (B-NHL).
- ❖ ISRO is going to make a remarkable achievement with its 100th rocket launch scheduled for January 2025.



- ❖ India has successfully tested its first domestically developed micro-missile system - Bhargavastra, at Gopalpur of Odisha engineered to counter the swarm drone threats with 6Km range.
- ❖ India's first-of-its-kind, the CSIR Mega "Innovation Complex", was inaugurated at Mumbai.
- ❖ The first astronomical observatory in Eastern India has been inaugurated in Garpanchkot Hills in West Bengal's Purulia district.
- ❖ ISRO on January 29, 2025 launched its historic 100th launch from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- ❖ Chinese scientists claim to have developed the world's first seabed 'radar' capable of detecting high-altitude aircraft.
- ❖ NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) and the Chandra X-ray observatory has discovered a bizarre black hole **named LID-568**.
- ❖ Astronomers have discovered a gigantic black hole named Gaia BH3 hiding close to the earth, the third of its kind.
- ❖ Scientists have successfully produced the first kangaroo embryos through in vitro fertilisation (IVF).
- ❖ The ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) have identified a new fungal disease, Pyricularia Spp, that severely affected ginger crops.
- ❖ The 20-qubit quantum computer, called Reimei, has been integrated into Japan's Fugaku.
- ❖ The Doctors at MIOT International in Chennai, made a cross-blood transplant in patient with rare Bombay blood group
- ❖ Ukraine has reportedly acquired a new weapon system - the Gravehawk hybrid surface-to-air missile system.
- ❖ ISRO successfully developed a 10-tonne 'vertical planetary mixer', the largest of its kind for solid propellants globally.
- ❖ Elon Musk's xAI has released the new Grok 3 series of models.
- ❖ In January, the web-based portal Kaveri 2.0, which streamlines the property registrations in Karnataka, faced sporadic, crippling server outages.
- ❖ Recently, the Euclid space mission of the European Space Agency (ESA) spotted an Einstein ring in the galaxy NGC 6505.
- ❖ South Africa's MeerKAT telescope has discovered a new giant radio galaxy, nicknamed 'Inkathazo,' meaning 'trouble'.
- ❖ India and the US have announced plans to pursue the new procurements and co-production arrangements for Javelin anti-tank guided missiles.
- ❖ Indian astronomers discovered a unique triple-star system known as GG Tau A.



- ❖ DRDO has successfully conducted three successive flight-trials of Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS).
- ❖ A team of the scientists from the Physical Research Laboratory in Ahmedabad discovered a giant planet TOI-6038A that is bigger than Earth but smaller than Saturn.
- ❖ India has successfully test fired a first-of-its-kind naval anti-ship missile from Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- ❖ Firefly Aerospace, a US company, successfully landed its spacecraft on the Moon.
- ❖ India's Aditya-L1 mission has captured the very first-ever image of a solar flare of 'kernel.'
- ❖ The Scientists have created a new gene therapy for a debilitating genetic disorder called maple syrup urine disease (MSUD).
- ❖ The Billionaire Jeff Bezos' space company Blue Origin launched its 10th space tourism mission.
- ❖ ISRO recently successfully conducted the hot test on a semi-cryogenic engine (SE2000).
- ❖ Scientists have now confirmed a fourth form of ice, called Plastic Ice VII.
- ❖ China has deployed a powerful Large Phased Array Radar (LPAR) in the Yunnan province.
- ❖ A NASA SPHEREx Space telescope was launched to explore the origins of the universe and to scour the Milky Way galaxy for hidden reservoirs of water.
- ❖ The Centre has recently accorded the approval for the ambitious Chandrayaan-5 mission to study the Moon.
- ❖ India's latest and most advanced air-to-air missile, the Astra MK-III, has now been officially renamed Gandiva
- ❖ The DRDO and the Indian Army successfully conducted four flight tests of the Army variant of the Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) system.(ST
- ❖ Small satellite manufacturing company HEX20 became the State's first startup to partner with SpaceX for launching its maiden satellite 'Nila'.
- ❖ Astronomers have located 128 new official moons, orbiting Saturn.
- ❖ Elon Musk's brain chip startup Neuralink aims to have its artificial visual prosthesis, Blindsight, implanted in a human for the first time by the end of 2025.
- ❖ The privately funded Fram2 human space mission has successfully completed its journey and splash down in California coast of USA.
- ❖ The upper stage (PS4) of PSLV-C60 (PSLV Orbital Experimental Module – POEM - 4), which was launched by ISRO, was re-entered the atmosphere recently.



- ❖ US based bioscience company had revived an extinct species of animal, the dire wolf.
- ❖ British startup named Pulsar Fusion is working on an ambitious nuclear fusion powered rocket called Sunbird.
- ❖ The ICAR – Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) has developed a new light-coloured turmeric variety IISR Surya for the masala industry.
- ❖ The crew of the Soyuz MS-26 spacecraft, consisting of Oleg Ovchinin, Ivan Vagner, and Donald Pettit, landed in the Jezkazgan area in Kazakhstan.
- ❖ DRDO has revealed a mock-up and details of the country's latest short-range ballistic missile called BM-04.
- ❖ China has inaugurated the Three Gorges Antarctic Eye telescope in Antarctica.
- ❖ The black rats, an invasive species - are the sole carriers of hantavirus, the very deadly virus, in the rural parts of Madagascar.
- ❖ Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) has become the first instrument to measure temperatures in situ near the moon's south pole.

ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ Arachnologists have discovered a new genus of jumping spiders, 'Tenkana', found across southern India, encompassing two previously known species.
- ❖ Namdapha National Park & Tiger Reserve and Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary & Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh have been designated as Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ).
- ❖ Greenhouse gas levels surged to a new record in 2023, rising by more than 10% in just two decades.
- ❖ Researchers has discovered a new species of damselfly from Manjadininnavila in Thiruvananthapuram district which is named as the Agasthyamalai Bambootail (Agasthyamala Mulavalan in the language of Malayalam).
- ❖ The H5N1 strain of avian influenza has led to the deaths of over 17,000 elephant seals in a year.
- ❖ World's largest coral ever recorded has been found by scientists in the southwest Pacific Ocean.
- ❖ Botanists have discovered a new species of flowering plant 'Crinum andhricum' in the Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The African penguin became the first penguin species in the world to be listed as critically endangered on the (IUCN) Red List.



- ❖ The scientists have discovered a new frog species *Raorchestes asakgrensis* in Meghalaya.
- ❖ Karnataka has officially named the king cobra found in the Western Ghats as *Ophiophagus Kaalinga*.
- ❖ The Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh was declared as a tiger reserve.
- ❖ The World Bank Group recently released the 'Choosing Our Future: Education for Climate Action' report.
- ❖ The Global Peatland Hotspot Atlas was published by the UN Environment Program (UNEP).
- ❖ The world's sharks and rays have declined by more than 50 per cent since 1970.
- ❖ The Researchers have discovered five new species of the Darwin wasp subfamily Microleptinae (Hymenoptera:Ichneumonidae) from India and Thailand.
- ❖ The UN Convention to Combat the Desertification (UNCCD)'s COP16 summit was concluded without an agreement to tackle drought in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The Gympie-Gympie, scientifically known as the *Dendrocnide moroides*, has been considered the most toxic plant globally.
- ❖ Arsenic contamination has been detected in groundwater in parts of 230 districts in 25 states and fluoride in 469 districts in 27 states in India.
- ❖ The Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) of Andhra Pradesh, India's second-largest mangroves, is home to the endangered fishing cat, *Prionailurus viverrinus*.
- ❖ Scientists have identified a new species of ant from the Western Ghats region in Kodagu district of Karnataka called *Tapinoma onaele*.
- ❖ The world's first cryo-born baby corals have been successfully settled into their new and natural homes on the Great Barrier Reef.
- ❖ The first-ever multi-taxon global freshwater fauna assessment for The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species conducted recently.
- ❖ The average global temperature for the year exceeded 1.5°C above the pre-industrial baseline for the first time in 2024.
- ❖ The Scientists have identified a new species of Indo-Burmese pangolin (*Manis indoburmanica*) in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has released the latest Air Quality Index (AQI) data for cities across India, in which Delhi topped in the list of worst and most polluted air quality index.
- ❖ India phased out hydrochlorofluorocarbons under the Montreal Protocol-1987 in manufacturing by the end of 2024.
- ❖ The Ganga River basin has an estimated population of 3,936 Gangetic dolphins (with a standard error of 763).



- ❖ The endangered Indian wolves are thriving very freely at the Bankapur first Wolf Sanctuary of Karnataka.
- ❖ The Centre has recently established eco-sensitive zones (ESZs) around the Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary in Mandi district, Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Kerala's Kappad Beach in Kozhikode and Chal Beach in Kannur have received the prestigious Blue Flag certification from the Denmark-based Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE).
- ❖ The three-day Flamingo Festival was held in Andhra Pradesh including Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary.
- ❖ Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Udaipur (Rajasthan) became the first two cities from India to join the global list of accredited Wetland Cities under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.
- ❖ Two bird sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu's Ramanathapuram district — Sakkarakottai and Therthangal — have been designated as Ramsar sites.
- ❖ New Zealand has granted Mount Taranaki, now officially known as Taranaki Maunga, the same legal rights as a human being.
- ❖ A23a is the largest iceberg in the world was freed from the Filchner Ice Shelf in Antarctica.
- ❖ The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) has officially come into force as a treaty-based, inter-governmental organisation.
- ❖ The 2025 annual bird count at Pong Dam Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, recorded an unprecedented surge in waterfowl, with a total of 1,53,719 birds of 97 species.
- ❖ India has improved its Climate Risk Index (CRI) rank from seventh worst affected country globally due to extreme weather events in 2019 to 49th in 2022.
- ❖ India's first Intertidal Bioblitz uncovers hidden treasures with a stunning array of more than 500 species across coastal regions of Visakhapatnam, Mumbai, Goa and Andamans.
- ❖ Researchers have discovered a significant pause in coral reef growth in the Gulf of Eilat/Aqaba during the late Holocene period.
- ❖ The Researchers have also recently discovered a new species of phytopathogenic fungi, *epicoccum indicum*.
- ❖ The scientists have detected the unexpected accumulation of Beryllium-10 in the samples collected from the Pacific seabed.
- ❖ The 32.78-hectare area of Guneri village in the Kutch district, a natural inland mangrove site, has been declared as the first Biodiversity Heritage Site of Gujarat.
- ❖ The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has approved India's first white tiger breeding centre in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district



- ❖ The Fentale volcano in Ethiopia has emitted vast amounts of methane into the atmosphere.
- ❖ The latest census has counted the vulture population in Madhya Pradesh at 12,981, an increase by 2,136 over the last census.
- ❖ Scientists have discovered that the Arctic glaciers are leaking significant amounts of methane into the atmosphere.
- ❖ In a first, scientists from Canada have studied and captured footage of the iconic narwhals of the Arctic using their tusks to hunt.
- ❖ A new species of spined loach, officially named the *Cobitis beijingensis*, has been discovered in the Beijing area in China for the first time in over 40 years.
- ❖ India's first-ever riverine dolphin estimation report has recorded 6,327 dolphins across 28 rivers in eight states.
- ❖ The Scientists had discovered a species of soil-dwelling nematode *Crassolabium dhritiae* in the Deccan Peninsular biogeographic zone of Odisha's Keonjhar district.
- ❖ In World Air Quality Report 2024, Thirteen of the world's top 20 most polluted cities are in India, with Byrnihat in Assam topping the list.
- ❖ Researchers of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), have discovered a new species of Congrid eel and named it after Tamil.
- ❖ Tiger state of India, Madhya Pradesh's Madhav National Park has officially been designated as India's 58th tiger reserve as well as its 9th Tiger reserve.
- ❖ *Channa nachi*, a new species of snakehead fish found from a remote stream in South Garo Hills.
- ❖ The IUCN has identified threats like fungi extinction, and the endangered status of frankincense trees.
- ❖ The Synchronised Vulture Survey 2025 was organised in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka Forest Departments.
- ❖ The researchers have rediscovered a long-lost species of the velvet worms (the phylum Onychophora) - *Typhloperipatus williamsoni* after 111 years.
- ❖ A new species of damselfly *Euphaea Wayanadensis* has been discovered in the Wayanad landscape of the Western Ghats.
- ❖ UNESCO's BIOCOP program will be implemented in Madagascar to empowering local youth with vocational skills.
- ❖ The Scientists have identified a new species of beetle '*Clinidium lalitae*' belonging to the subfamily Rhysodinae.
- ❖ The world's worst ongoing global coral bleaching event has now affected nearly 84 per cent of the world's coral reefs.



REPORTS AND INDICES

- ❖ The World Bank launched the Business Ready (B-READY) report 2024 to replace the Ease of Doing Business report.
- ❖ India has emerged as the second most targeted nation for cyber-attacks globally, with 95 entities falling victim to data theft in 2024.
- ❖ The World Economic Forum's Global Cooperation Barometer 2025 was launched in Geneva.
- ❖ India's ranking has dropped by five points to 85 this year in a global passport index.
- ❖ The Global economic growth is forecast at 2.8% in 2025 and 2.9 per cent in 2026.
- ❖ The International Labour Organization's (ILO) has released a report - World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2025 - in Geneva.
- ❖ In Global Trust Index 2025, India has slipped one place to third slot when it comes to people's trust in the government, businesses, media and NGOs.
- ❖ The fourth edition of 'Global Estimates on International Migrant Workers' was released by the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- ❖ In Forbes Billionaires List 2025, The United States leads with a record 813 billionaires, followed by China with 473 and India claiming the third spot with 200 billionaires.

Report	Organization	Top	bottom	India's position
Rule of Law Index 2023	World Justice Project (WJP)	Denmark	Venezuela	79
AI Preparedness Index 2023-24	IMF	Singapore	–	72
Henley Passport Index 2024	–	Singapore	Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan	83
Sustainable Trade Index 2024	–	New Zealand	–	23
Climate Change Performance Index 2025	–	–	China and the U.S	10



THE Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025	–	–	–	Anna University – 42 nd rank VIT University–65 th SRM Institute of Science and Technology (84 th)
Network Readiness Index 2024	–	United States, Singapore and Finland	–	49
Global List for Mobile Malware Attacks	–	India	–	–
Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024	World Economic Forum (WEF),	United States	–	39
Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2024	Transparency International	Denmark	–	96
World's largest military spender in 2025	–	United States	–	4
Knight Frank's Wealth Report 2025	–	US	–	4
Glass-Ceiling Index 2025	–	Sweden	–	
Global Terrorism Index 2025	–	Sahel	–	14
SIPRI Report 2020-24	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)	Ukraine	–	2
Future of Free Speech Index 2025	Future of Free Speech	Norway and Denmark	–	24

World Happiness Rankings 2025	Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford		Afghanistan	118
Levels and trends in child mortality 2024	United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UNIGME)	–	–	7
‘Trends in maternal mortality 2000-2023’	WHO, UNICEF, UN Population Fund, World Bank and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (population division).	Nigeria	–	2
Times Higher Education Asia Rankings 2025	–	Tsinghua University	–	IISc – 38 Anna University –111

STATES

- ❖ Union government launched the U-WIN portal digital platform for streamlining Haryana’s immunisation services.
- ❖ To track the Sun, India seeks to set up the National Large Solar Telescope (NLST) in Ladakh.
- ❖ Telangana government has declared ‘Sadar Sammelan’ as the State Festival of Telangana.
- ❖ Twenty-four coastal villages in Odisha were recognised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO as ‘Tsunami Ready’.
- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh government has declared the Ratha Saptami as a State festival.
- ❖ Uttarakhand is set to become a global yoga hub with India’s first dedicated Yoga Policy.



- ❖ Kerala has initiated steps to provide land titles (patta) to the Koraga community, a scheduled tribe (ST) group in Kasaragod and Manjeswaram taluqs. The initiative comes under a project called Operation Smile.
- ❖ The World Bank has approved USD 225.5 million under its Enhancing Landscape and Ecosystem Management (ELEMENT) Project.
- ❖ The vibrant 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival was held at Naga Heritage Village in Kisama, Nagaland.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to fully integrate its procurement procedure with the Centre's Govt e-Marketplace (GeM).
- ❖ Assam has recorded an elephant population of 5,828 during the Elephant Population Estimation 2024.
- ❖ In a first in India, the Chhattisgarh has introduced a plan that connects the ecosystem services of its forests with the Green Gross Domestic Product (Green GDP).
- ❖ Gujarat Forest and Environment Department has estimated the population of the Indian wolves to be 222 in the state.
- ❖ The Gujarat government has conducted the country's first-ever census of coastal and wader birds at the Marine National Park and Sanctuary in Jamnagar.
- ❖ Bengaluru surpassed Chennai as India's top city for women in the third edition of 'Top Cities for Women in India 2024' (TCWI) report.
- ❖ The Prime Minister inaugurated the 6.5 km long Z-Morh tunnel, also known as the Sonamarg tunnel, in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The Boda Tyohar festival celebration of the Hatti tribes of the Trans-Giri region is being held in Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ One of the world's largest spiritual events Maha Kumbha mela 2025 began in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The INROAD project in the North East has received the financial support of ₹100 crore for improving the quality of natural rubber.
- ❖ Purulia observatory was established by the S N Bose Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBCBS) atop the Panchet Hill in West Bengal.
- ❖ The Rongmei Women Cultural Dance Troupe (RWCDT) of Delhi NCR celebrated Gaan-Ngai 2025.
- ❖ Archaeological Experiential Museum in Vadnagar, Gujarat is designed to offer a comprehensive look at the city's 2,500-year-old history through an immersive and interactive experience.
- ❖ Haryana launched the 'Samman Sanjeevani' app that tracks benefits under the 'Mahila Evam Kishori Samman Yojana'.



- ❖ Sikkim's Kagyed Dance Festival, which Celebrates peace and prosperity for the new year through masked dances was held at Tsuklakhang Palace, Gangtok.
- ❖ A Statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was inaugurated by the Indian Army on the banks of Pangong Tso Lake of Ladakh at an altitude of 14,300 feet.
- ❖ The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is being held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha under the theme of "Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat".
- ❖ India's first organic fisheries cluster in Soreng District, Sikkim, under the PMMSY initiative was opened recently.
- ❖ Prime Minister laid the foundation for India's first green hydrogen hub of NTPC Green Energy Limited Project near Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ With falling birth rate and increase in infant mortality rate, the population of Koragas is declining drastically.
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh Cabinet has approved a pilot study by two universities on the controlled cultivation of cannabis for medicinal and industrial purposes.
- ❖ The Jharkhand Police has adopted a unique initiative to check opium cultivation among the state's rural population, naming it the "Chocolate War."
- ❖ Rajasthan Assembly introduced a Bill to prevent religious conversions carried out by force, fraud or inducement.
- ❖ The Tribal families from Neelabandha, a hilltop hamlet in Anakapalli district, Andhra Pradesh received electricity for the first time after Independence.
- ❖ The Union Budget announced the establishment of "Makhana Board" in Bihar.
- ❖ It will improve the production, processing, value addition, and marketing of makhana.
- ❖ Bihar contributes to 90% of makhana production in India.
- ❖ In 2022, 'Mithila Makhana' was conferred a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ The Researchers discovered two species of goby fish – Hemigobius hoevenii and Mugilogobius tigrinus at the Coringa wildlife sanctuary near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Keslapur village in Indervelli mandal of Telangana is celebrated the 'Nagoba jatara'.
- ❖ The northeastern hill state of Manipur - rocked by violence for around two years and staring at a constitutional crisis was brought under President's Rule.
- ❖ The Pangsau Pass International Festival was held in Nampong, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Kerala is set to establish India's first Elderly Commission.
- ❖ Kerala is set to launch nPROUD (New Programme for Removal of Unused Drugs).
- ❖ First-time MLA Rekha Gupta sworn as Delhi's new chief minister.



- ❖ The Uttarakhand Cabinet approved the Bhoo Kanoon (land law amendment bill).
- ❖ Assam's Mising tribe have celebrated the Ali Ai Ligang festival recently.
- ❖ The government of the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) in Assam now includes 'Bathouism' as an official option in the religion column of the various application forms.
- ❖ For the first time in the country, the Andhra Pradesh state government has launched WhatsApp Governance titled 'Mana Mitra', which can deliver 161 civil services through WhatsApp.
- ❖ Tripura became the first northeastern state to sign a MoU with the Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ❖ The Garuda Aerospace invests ₹100 crore in Andhra Pradesh is to establish India's first 'Drone City', aiming to revolutionize drone technology.
- ❖ India's first national cooperative university, Tribhuvan Sahkari University, will be established in Gujarat at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA).
- ❖ Maharashtra is going to establish India's first AI university to advance education, research, and innovation.
- ❖ Rajasthan has presented the state's first "Green Budget" with a special focus on climate change adaptation, forests, environment, and biodiversity.
- ❖ Among all states, Mizoram has the highest prevalence of HIV in the adult population.
- ❖ The PM praised the role of the Soliga tribal community in the rise of the tiger population in the Biligirirangana Hills (BRT) Tiger Reserve.
- ❖ Karnataka has become the first in the country to have a separate comprehensive policy for victims of burns.
- ❖ Delhi Police is set to launch 'Shishtachar' squads, also known as 'anti-eve teasing' squads.
- ❖ The Hmar Inpui and the Zomi Council agreed to work together for the peace in Manipur.
- ❖ Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission aims to develop 300 clusters of villages while preserving rural community life and ensuring access to urban-like facilities in rural India.
- ❖ The Meghalaya state government has inaugurated the first 'scientific' coal mining block at Saryngkham-A in the Byndihati area of the East Jaintia Hills district.
- ❖ A huge number of the megalithic structures have been discovered during a recent archaeological excavation near the Malampuzha dam in Palakkad, Kerala.
- ❖ Jharkhand and Chhotanagpur region celebrated the new year and the arrival of spring with the Sarhul festival.



- ❖ West Bengal has launched the 'Triple Elimination' initiative in partnership with the William J Clinton Foundation (WJCF) and WHO.
- ❖ The Bohag Bihu, also called the Rongali Bihu or Xaat Bihu, is a traditional Indian celebration primarily observed in Assam and other Northeastern states.
- ❖ Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), also known as "monkey fever," is on the rise in Karnataka.
- ❖ The Karnataka Cabinet cleared the much-awaited Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2024.
- ❖ The Bengali New Year begins on 'Pohela Boishakh', also known as Poila Baisakh or Noboborsho.
- ❖ Kokborok Sahitya Parishad, Tripura have sought the inclusion of the Kokborok language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.
- ❖ An area of 845.70 sq km spread across 11 ranges of Similipal south and Similipal north divisions was declared as national park.
- ❖ The Maharashtra CM inaugurated Amravati Airport in Maharashtra.
- ❖ The ongoing archaeological excavation at Rakhigarhi of Haryana, has uncovered the evidence of sophisticated water management systems and cultural practices dating back nearly 5,000 years.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

- ❖ For the year 2025, the President has approved conferment of 139 Padma Awards including 1 duo case (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one), The list comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 19 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri Awards.
- ❖ International solar conference 2025 on 'Sun, Space Weather, and Solar-Stellar Connections' has been organised by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) at Bengaluru.
- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu has approved Gallantry awards to 93 Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel, including 12 posthumous.
- ❖ The 55th World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting was held with the theme "Collaboration for the Intelligent Age", at Davos, Switzerland.
- ❖ Kaamya Karthikeyan (17) from Mumbai has achieved a milestone by becoming the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on all seven continents.
- ❖ The Veteran director-writer Sai Paranjpye will receive the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival (AIFF) 2025.



- ❖ The 82nd Annual Golden Globe Awards was held at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California, USA.
- ❖ The Punjab cricketer Arshdeep Singh was named the International Cricket Council (ICC) men's Cricketer of the year 2024.
- ❖ Jnanpith award-winning author Amitav Ghosh launched his latest book, Wild Fictions.
- ❖ Doordarshan has been honoured with the award in the Electronic Media category for its comprehensive campaign on Voter Awareness and Education.
- ❖ Christine Carla Kangaloo, the President of Trinidad and Tobago, was awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award for her contributions to public affairs and promoting India's global prestige.
- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha was awarded the Maharaja Hari Singh Award.
- ❖ The Hyderabad-based Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has been awarded the prestigious Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award for 2025 in the institutional category.
- ❖ The Global Nature Foundation of Thuraiyur bagged the 'Sutrusoozhal Sudaroli' award (second prize, organisation category) at the Tamil Nadu Climate Summit 3.0.
- ❖ Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) has been honoured with the prestigious SKOCH Award 2024 at the 100th SKOCH Summit in New Delhi.

Personalities	Associated fields	Remarks
KS Puttaswamy	former Karnataka High Court Judge	lead petitioner in the seminal 'right to privacy case'
Bibek Debroy	Author and Economist	director of the Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS)
Sivapatham Vittal	Doctor	father of endocrine surgery in India
Arjun Vajpai	Mountainer	first Indian to scale Mt. Shishapangma (located in Tibet)
Gukesh	Chess	18 th World Chess Champion
Ustad Zakir Hussain	Greatest Tabla Player	Padma Shri in 1988, Padma Bhushan in 2002, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2023.
Tulsi Gowda	An Environmentalist	Padma Shri Awardee



M T Vasudevan Nair	Malayalam Writer	Kerala Jyothi Award 2022
Jimmy Carter	39th U.S. President	He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 for his human rights work around the world.
K.S. Manilal	Botanist	Founding president of the Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy (IAAT)
Agnes Keleti	Hungarian gymnast	Five-time Olympic champion
Dr. Rajagopala Chidambaram	Nuclear scientist	Chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
Yoon Suk-Yeol	President	South Korea's impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol was arrested recently.
Dr. K.M. Cherian	Surgeon	A pioneer of cardiac surgery
Hariman Sharma	Indian agriculture	Apple Man of India
Libia Lobo Sardesai	Goan freedom fighter	Honoured with the Padma Shri
Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla	Astronaut	First Indian astronaut to travel to the International Space Station
Nirmala Sitharaman's	Finance Minister	Presented a record eighth consecutive budget.
Sunita Williams	Astronaut	Set a new record for the longest spacewalking time by a woman, (62 hours and 6 minutes)
K. Alamelu	Scout member	Torch-bearer of the 75th Bharat Scouts and Guides' Diamond Jubilee function
Tshego Gaelae	Mrs World 2025	First black woman to win the title in the competition's 40-year history.
Mohammed Rafi	Playback singer	Government has decided to issue a commemorative coin with the denomination of ₹100.
C. Subramaniam	Former Union Minister	Founder of National Agro Foundation (NAF)
R.M. Vasagam	Space scientist	Project director of India's Baskara satellite

Tahawwur Hussain Rana	Doctor	India is preparing for the trial of Tahawwur Hussain Rana, who was extradited by the United States.
Kumudini Lakhia	Classical Dancer – Kathak	Padma Shri (1987), Padma Bhushan (2010) and Padma Vibhushan (2025).
R. Krishnan	Tribal Artist	He created thousands of paintings depicting Alu Kurumba life.
Daripalli Ramaiah	Tree Man	He received Padma Shri Award in 2017.
K Kasturirangan	Former ISRO Chief	Project director of India's first two experimental earth observation satellites BHASKARA-I & II.
Pope Francis	Head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State	He is the first non-European pontiff in over 1,200 years.

Other Awards		
Prize/Awards	Awardee	Remarks
Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2023	Daniel Barenboim	Classical Pianist
	Ali Abu Awwad	Palestinian Peace Activist
“Honourary Officer of the Order of Fiji”	Ravi Shankar	his global work in fostering peace and unity
ISSF Athlete of the Year 2024	Yang Ji-in Republic of Korea and Liu Yukun of China	–
Semmozhi Tamil Award for 2024	M. Selvarasan	Tamil scholar
Jadav Payeng International Award	M Karunakar Reddy	Telangana-based environmentalist
Green World Environment Award and Green World Ambassador	The Coal India	Corporate Social Responsibility category.



Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2024	Michelle Bachelet	Former Chilean President
2024 Pfizer Award	Projit Bihari Mukharji	Ashoka University's Professor
SKOCH Award	Maharashtra government	initiative 'Shaasan Aplya Daari' (Government at your doorstep)
Sahitya Akademi Award, 2024	A.R. Venkatachalapathy	book, Tirunelveli Ezucciyum Vaa. Vuu.ci. Yum 1908
Jnanpith Award	Vinod Kumar Shukla	Hindi Poet and Novelist
Abel Prize 2025	Masaki Kashiwara	Japanese Mathematician
Stockholm Water Prize 2025	Günter Blöschl	A pioneer of water engineering of Austria
Kalaigñar Ezhuthukol Award 2023	Nakkeeran R. Gopal and Sugitha Sarangaraj	Journalists
Sahitya Akademi Prize for Translation 2024	P Vimala	'Enatu Ankal' in Tamil
Avvaiyar Award	Yasoda Shanmugasundaram	former Vice-Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University
Digital Transformation Award	–	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
'Prani Mitra' National Award	–	Vantara
Gold Mercury Award	Dalai Lama	Spiritual leader
City Key of Honour of Lisbon City	Droupadi Murmu	The President of India
Fred Darrington Sand Master Award	Sudarsan Patnaik	Indian sand artist
Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana	Modi	Prime Minister
Sahitya Akademi Awards 2024		
Gagan Gill	Poetry book Main Jab Tak Aai Bahar	Hindi Poet
Easterine Kire	Novel Spirit Nights	English Author



Forbes 2024		
Most Powerful Women	Rank	Remarks
Nirmala Sitharaman	28	Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs
Roshni Nadar Malhotra	81	HCL Technologies
Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw	82	Biotechnology

FIH Hockey Star Awards 2024	
Yibbi Jansen (Netherlands) and Harmanpreet Singh (India)	Hockey's players of the year
PR Sreejesh Indian goalkeeper	Men's Goalkeeper of the Year
Ye Jiao China	Women's Goalkeeper of the Year
Sufyan Khan Pakistan's	Men's Rising Star of the Year
Zoe Diaz Argentina's	Women's Rising Star of the Year
UN Champions of the Earth 2024	
Sonia Guajajara	Brazil's Minister of Indigenous Peoples.
Amy Bowers Cordalis	An Indigenous rights advocates.
Gabriel Paun	A Romanian environmental defender
Madhav Gadgil	An Indian ecologist
The SEKEM	Initiative in Egypt
Kalai Chemmal Award 2024 Kalai Chemmal Award 2024	
A. Manivelu	Traditional Painting Category
V. Balachander and K. Kanniyappan	Sculpture Category
K. Muralitharan and A. Selvaraj	Modern Painting Category
N. Raghavan	Sculpture Category
Governor's Awards 2024	
Social Service (Institution)	Idhayangal
	Hope Public Charitable Trust
Social Service (Individual)	S. Ramalingam



	Swarnalatha J.
	A. Rajkumar
Environmental Protection (Institution)	Chitlapakkam Rising Charitable Trust
BBC Awards 2024 winners	
Manu Bhaker	Indian Sports woman of the Year award for 2024
Sheetal Devi (Archery)	Emerging Player of the Year
Mithali Raj (Cricket)	Lifetime Achievement
Avani Lekhara (Shooting)	Indian Para-sportswoman of the Year
Hockey India Annual Awards 2024	
Harmanpreet and Savita (Men's and Women's Categories)	Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year
Victorious Squad From 1975	Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award
Prasar Bharati	Hockey India Jaman Lal Sharma Award
Tamil Nadu Government Awards 2025	
M. Padikkaramu	Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Award
L. Ganesan	Anna Award
Poet Kabilan	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award
Pon. Selvaganapathy	Bharathidasan award
G.R. Ravindranath	Tamil Thendral Thiru. Vi. Ka. Award
Ve. Mu. Pothiyaverpan	KAP Viswanatham Award
Viduthalai Rajendran	Thanthai Periyar Award
MP Ravikumar	Annal Ambedkar Award
Muthu Vavasi	Kalaighar Award
Kalaighar Porkizhi Award 2025	
Arunan	Prose/Research
Nellai Jayantha	Poetry
Suresh Kumar Indrajith	Novel

N Sriram	Short Stories
Kalai Rani	Drama
Nirmalya	Translation
K Kanathi's Karpagam bookstore	BAPASI Award
R Kothandaraman	Best Librarian Award
Semmal S Meiyappan	Best Book Seller
Tamil Diaspora Day Awards 2025	
Dr. Vijay Janakiraman	Tamil Mamani' Award
Krishnakanthan Sandeep	Best Cultural Ambassador Award
Rajaram Ramasubban	Education Category
S. Kamalakannan	Social Development Category
Sridevi Sivanandam	Women's Category
Lakshmanan Somasundaram	Business Category
S. Arokiyaraj	S&T Category
Gangadhara Sundar	Medicine Category
Tamil Nadu Republic Day Awards 2025	
K. Vetrivel	Anna Medal for Gallantry
S.A. Ameer Amsa	Kottai Ameer Award
R. Murugavel	Narayanasamy Naidu Paddy Productivity Award
P. Chinnakamanan, K. Mahamarx K. Karthick K. Siva and P. Poomalai	Gandhi Adigal Police Medals
2025 Nuclear-Free Future Awards	
P Udayakumar Márcia Gomes de Oliveira Norbert Suchanek	Nuclear-Free Future Award
Edwick Madzimure	Solution Award
Joanna Macy	Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award
Klee Benally	Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award



The Music Academy – Chennai Awards	
T.M. Krishna	Sangita Kalanidhi 2024
Parassala Ravi and Geetha Raja	Sangita Kalaacharya
Dr. Margaret Bastin	Musicologist Award 2024
Thiruvaiyyaru Brothers S. Narasimhan and S. Venkatesan	TTK Award
Padma Awardees from Tamil Nadu	
Kuppusami Chetti	Owner of renowned brand of silk sarees
Ashwin	Sports
Wisden 2025 Honors	
Jasprit Bumrah	Leading Men's Cricketer
Smriti Mandhana	Women's category
Nicholas Pooran	Leading T20 Player
BCCI Annual Awards 2025	
Jasprit Bumrah	Polly Umrigar Award for Best Men's International Cricketer of 2023-24.
Sachin Tendulkar	Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award
Smriti Mandhana	Best women International Cricketer of 2023-24
Ravichandran Ashwin	Special award
Sarfaraz Khan	Best International Debut - men
Asha Sobhana	Best International Debut -women
Mandhana	Highest Run Getter in ODIs medal
Deepti Sharma	Highest Wickets in ODIs
Tanush Kotian	Best Performance in the BCCI Domestic Tournaments
Mumbai Cricket Association	Best Performance in BCCI Domestic Tournaments Trophy
Akshay Totre	Best Umpire in Domestic Cricket
Oscars 2025	
Anora	Best Picture, Best Actress (Mikey Madison), Best Director, Best Film Editing and Best Original Screenplay

Adrien Brody – The Brutalist	Oscar for Best Actor
Zoe Saldña – Emilia Pérez	Best Supporting Actress
I’m Still Here – Brazil	Best International Feature
Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA) 2025	
BrowserStack	Outstanding Startup of The Year
Ajay Singh & Katrina Kaif	The Icons of Excellence Award
Jay Shah	Icons of Excellence
Rajesh Jejurikar	CEO of the Year
Laureus World Sports Awards 2025	
Armand Duplantis – Swedish pole Vaulter	Sportsman of the Year
Simone Biles – American Gymnast	Sportswoman of the Year
Real Madrid	Laureus World Team of the Year Award
Lamine Yamal	Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year Award
Rebeca Andrade – Brazilian Gymnast	World Comeback of the Year
Jiang Yuyan – China	Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability
Tom Pidcock	World Action Sportsperson of the Year award
Rafael Nadal	Laureus Sporting Icon Award
Kick4Life – a charity foundation	Laureus Sport for Good Award
Kelly Slater – Surfer	Laureus Lifetime Achievement award

National Sports Awards 2024	
Manu Bhaker, D Gukesh, Harmanpreet Singh and Praveen Kumar	Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award
Sucha Singh (Former Cyclist)	Arjuna Awards (Lifetime)
Murlikant Rajaram Petkar (Former Para-Swimmer)	Arjuna Awards (Lifetime)
Thulasimathi, Nithya Sree and Manisha (Badminton Paralympians)	Arjuna Awards



Abhay Singh (Squash Player)	Arjuna Award
Subhash Rana (Para-Shooter) Deepali Deshpande (Shooting) Sandeep Sangwan (Hockey)	Dronacharya Award 2024
S Muralidharan (Badminton) Armando Agnelo Colaco (Football)	Dronacharya Award (Lifetime)
ICC Cricketers of the Year 2024	
Smriti Mandhana	ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year for 2024
Jasprit Bumrah	ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year for 2024
Rohit Sharma	ICC Men's T20I Team of the Year 2024
Arshdeep Singh	ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2024
Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)	ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year
Arshdeep Singh, along with Jasprit Bumrah, Hardik Pandya and Rohit Sharma	ICC Men's T20I Team of the Year
Smriti Mandhana, Richa Ghosh and Deepti Sharma	ICC Women's T20I Team of the Year 2024
Azmatullah Omarzai of Afghanisan	ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2024
National Sports Awards Winners 2025	
Manu Bhaker, D Gukesh, Harmanpreet Singh, Praveen Kumar	Khel Ratna Award
32 athletes, including Sarabjot Singh, Swapnil Kusale	Arjuna Award
Murlikant Rajaram Petkar	Lifetime Achievement Award
Chandigarh University, Lovely Professional University, Guru Nanak Dev University	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy
Murlikant Petkar	Lifetime Arjuna Award
Physical Education Foundation of India	Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar
Deepali Deshpande (Shooting coach), Armando Agnelo Colaco (Football)	Dronacharya Award



Music Academy Awards	
R.K. Shriram kumar - Violinist	Sangita Kalanidhi Award
Urmila Satyanarayana - Dancer	Nritya Kalanidhi Award
Shyamala Venkateswaran – Vocalist T.R. Govindarajan - Thavil	Sangita Kala Acharya Awards
Madambi Subramania Namboothiri – Kathakali J.T. Jeyaraaj Krishnan and Jayasri Jeyaraaj Krishnan - Veena Players	TTK Awards
National Dhanwantri Ayurveda Awards 2025	
Vaidya Tara Chand Sharma	Nadi Vaidya and Author
Vaidya Maya Ram Uniyal	Distinguished Scholar of Dravyaguna Vigyana
Vaidya Sameer Govind Jamadagni	Founder of the Vishwa Vyakhyanamala National Conference
36th Goldman Environmental Prize 2025	
Semia Gharbi – Tunisia	African winner
Batmunkh Luv sandash – Mongolia	Asia winner
Besjana Guri and Olsi Nika – Albania	European winners
Carlos Mallo Molina – the Canary Islands	The Islands and Island Nations winner
Mari Luz Canaquiri Murayari – Peru	South and Central American winner
Laurene Allen – the US	North American winner
Toycathon 2025	
Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore for Play Mat Toy	First prize
Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, Noida, for Robo-Mentor AI	Second prize
NIT Durgapur for Interactive Educational Chart	Third place
2025 Republic Day Tableaux	
Uttar Pradesh	Best Tableau of 2025
Tripura	Second Best Tableau of 2025
Andhra Pradesh	Third Best Tableau of 2025
Delhi Police	CAPF/Auxiliary Forces



Ministry Of Tribal Affairs	Central Ministries/Departments
Ministry Of Women & Child Development	Category
Central Public Works Department (Cpwd)	Two Special Prizes
Jayati Jai Mamah Bharatam' Dance Group	

EVENTS AND SUMMITS

- ❖ India's first Biomanufacturing Institute, the BRIC-National Agri-Food Bio-Manufacturing Institute (BRIC-NABI), was recently inaugurated at Mohali, Punjab.
- ❖ The G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) Ministerial Meeting was held in Belem, Brazil.
- ❖ The first Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children was held in Bogotá, Colombia.
- ❖ The 2024 Asia Pacific Economic Summit was hosted in Lima, Peru.
- ❖ The 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) kicked off in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ❖ India, in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), is holding the first Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS) in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 16th edition of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) in Cali, Colombia.
- ❖ The 17th Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo-2024 was held in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ The 75th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) was held in Milan, Italy.
- ❖ Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA) at Delhi.
- ❖ The 12th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12) was held in Cairo, Capital of Egypt.
- ❖ The first edition of 'Sagarmanthan – The Great Oceans Dialogue' was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ India and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) summit was held in Georgetown, Guyana.
- ❖ The Global Capability Centres (GCCs) Next Summit was held in Chennai.
- ❖ The CoP16 of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The Business 4 Land Forum was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The 55th GST Council met under the Union Finance Minister for in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.



- ❖ The International Soil and Water Forum 2024 was held in Bangkok.
- ❖ The 100th edition of the Tansen Sangeet Samaroh, the most celebrated classical music festival, was held in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The first “Global Conference of The International Co-operative Alliance” was inaugurated in New Delhi.
- ❖ India has inaugurated its first green hydrogen fuelling station in Leh, Ladakh.
- ❖ The 6th meeting of ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement Joint Committee held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 91st General Council meeting of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The International Gita Mahotsav 2024 is held in Kurukshetra, Haryana.
- ❖ The 13th National Seed Congress (NSC) 2024 was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The 12th edition of International Tourism Mart (ITM) was held in Kaziranga, Assam.
- ❖ India has hosted the 13th Plenary Meeting of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UNGIM) for the Asia-Pacific region at New Delhi.
- ❖ The 14th Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users’ Conference (AOMSUC-14) was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The first Raisina Middle East Conference was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- ❖ The 38th Surajkund International Crafts Mela, one of the largest crafts fairs in the world is being held in Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana.
- ❖ The five-day long 16th edition of biennial Aero India 2025 is taking place at Yelahanka Indian Air Force station in Bengaluru.
- ❖ The World Government Summit (WGS) 2025 was held in Dubai under the theme Shaping Future Governments.
- ❖ BHARAT TEX 2025, the second edition of the textiles trade fair and knowledge-sharing events, was held in New Delhi and Greater Noida.
- ❖ The first edition of the Olympic Esports Games will be held in 2027 in Riyadh of Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The 4th No Money for Terror (NMFT) Conference was held in Germany and India proposed a permanent NMFT Secretariat at New Delhi.
- ❖ The 17th edition of the International Defence Exhibition - IDEX and 8th edition of the Naval Defence and Maritime Security Exhibition – NAVDEX was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- ❖ The T.N. Climate Summit 3.0 was held in Chennai.



- ❖ The third edition of the AI Action Summit was held in Paris.
- ❖ The 61st Munich Security Conference (MSC) was held in Munich, Germany.
- ❖ The Mission 300 Africa Energy Summit was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- ❖ The 2025 World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting concluded in Davos, Switzerland.
- ❖ The 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14AFAP) on the “Greening the Blue Growth in Asia-Pacific” was held in Delhi.
- ❖ The Green & Resilient Urban Shift Africa Forum was held in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ❖ The first-ever Conference for Women Peacekeepers, themed ‘Women in Peace keeping: A Global South Perspective,’ took place in New Delhi.
- ❖ India hosts the first-ever Regional Dialogue on Social Justice under the Global Coalition for Social Justice in New Delhi.
- ❖ India’s first comics library was recently inaugurated at a government school in Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar District.
- ❖ India’s first World Peace Center has been inaugurated in Gurugram, Haryana to promote peace, non-violence, and global harmony.
- ❖ Prime Minister chaired the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife at Gir National Park in Gujarat.
- ❖ AAHAR 2025 - The International Food & Hospitality Fair - is a flagship B2B event organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) in New Delhi.
- ❖ The third “International Symposium on Health Technology Assessment (ISHTA 2025)” was recently held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 4th No Money for Terror (NMFT) Conference was held in Germany to enhance international cooperation in curbing terror financing.
- ❖ The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025 was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 30th Session of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) commenced in Jamaica.
- ❖ Partnership for Healthy cities summit – 2025 was co-hosted by the Bloomberg Philanthropies, the World Health Organisation (WHO), Vital Strategies, and the City of Paris.
- ❖ The 10th edition of the annual Raisina Dialogue is inaugurated in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific was held in Jaipur, India.
- ❖ The Africa Health Agenda International Conference (AHAIC 2025) was convened recently in Kigali, Rwanda.



- ❖ Sahitya Akademi under the Ministry of Culture is organizing its annual Festival of Letters in New Delhi.
- ❖ The “biggest ever” jhumur event in history was held in Assam.
- ❖ The Veteran composer Ilaiyaraja has unveiled his “first-ever Western classical Symphony,” Valiant, at London.
- ❖ The second Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, hosted by WHO and the Government of Colombia, was held in Cartagena, Colombia.
- ❖ The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Private Sector Collaborative Forum (PSCF) 2025 was held in Mumbai.
- ❖ Kathak Kendra, a unit of Sangeet Natak Akademi, has hosted the 37th Kathak Mahotsav 2025 in New Delhi.
- ❖ Thailand hosted the sixth BIMSTEC Summit, under the theme of “BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open”.
- ❖ The National Green Tribunal has organised the two-day National Conference on Environment 2025 in New Delhi.
- ❖ The United Kingdom is poised to host the 2035 FIFA Women’s World Cup.
- ❖ The 3rd BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture was held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ❖ The 20th meeting of the Commission on the Genetic Resources for the Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-20) was held in Rome.

SPORTS

- ❖ Chirag Chikkara became the Under-23 world champion.
- ❖ India has secured 17 medals at the Under-19 World Boxing Championships in Colorado, USA.
- ❖ Rafael Nadal retires at the Davis Cup, after more than 20 years in pro tennis.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has bagged an award at the FICCI Turf 2024-14th International Sports Conference and Awards for being the ‘Best State in Promoting Sports’.
- ❖ India’s Pavan Kampelli has made history by securing a bronze medal in eFootball at the 2024 Asian Esports Games held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ❖ PV Sindhu beat China’s Luo Yu Wu and won her 3rd title at Syed Modi 2024 title, held at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ India won the highest tally (55) with 8 gold, 18 silver, and 29 bronze medals at the 2024 Asia-Pacific Deaf Games held in Kuala Lumpur.



- ❖ The Indian cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin has announced his retirement from the international cricket.
- ❖ The 1st edition of Kho-Kho World Cup 2025 game was hosted by India.
- ❖ The fifth edition of the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2025 concluded in Leh, Ladakh.
- ❖ West Bengal claim a record 33rd title of the Santosh Trophy, India's top state-level football competition.
- ❖ Uttarakhand is going to host the 38th National Games for the first time.
- ❖ India's R WPIshali has created a history by securing the bronze medal in the women's section of the World Blitz Chess Championship, held at Newyork, USA.
- ❖ Uttarakhand is going to host the 38th National Games for the first time.
- ❖ The 2025 Para Archery Asia Cup - World Ranking Tournament was held in Bangkok, Thailand
- ❖ The 38th edition of the National Games was held in Uttarakhand with 28 states, the eight union territories and the Services Sports Control Board (SSCB).
- ❖ The 9th Asian Winter Games were held in Harbin, China and the official mascots are "Binbin" and "Nini" (tigers), and the motto was "Dream of Winter, Love among Asia".
- ❖ Jacob Kiplimo of Uganda broke the world half-marathon record in Barcelona, finishing the 21.0975 km race in 56 minutes and 42 seconds.
- ❖ Olympic shooter Manu Bhaker has been named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year for 2024 after a global public vote.
- ❖ India topped the medal standings at the first leg of the Asia Cup World Ranking Archery tournament.
- ❖ The New Delhi World Para Athletics Grand Prix was the first international para event hosted by India.
- ❖ India secured 12 medals on the concluding day of the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy.
- ❖ Haryana once again finishing on top of the team standings with 34 gold medals in the second edition of the Khelo India Para Games 2025.
- ❖ Hitesh Gulia of Haryana made history by becoming the first Indian boxer to win a gold medal in the 2025 World Boxing Cup in Brazil.
- ❖ Indian athletes won 11 medals - one gold, five silver and five bronze - at the Asian U18 Athletics Championships 2025 in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Indian shooters finished third at the ISSF World Cup in Lima, Peru.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Important Day	Theme
October 28 to November 03	Vigilance Awareness Week 2024	“Culture of Integrity for Nation’s Prosperity”
November 01	State Formation Day 2024 - formation day for eight Indian states - Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Tamil Nadu.	
November 03	International Day for Biosphere Reserves 2024	
November 05	World Tsunami Awareness Day 2024	
November 07	National Cancer Awareness Day 2024	“Hope, love, and strength: our weapons against cancer!”.
November 08	World Radiography Day 2024	‘Radiographers: Seeing the Unseen’
November 09	World Adoption Day 2024	
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development 2024	‘Why Science Matters - Engaging Minds and Empowering Futures’.
November 09/15	International Week of Science and Peace 2024	
November 09	National Legal Services Day 2024	
November 10	World Immunization Day 2024	
November 11	National Education Day 2024	
November 11 to 15	World Quality Week 2024	Quality: from Compliance to Performance’
November 12	World Pneumonia Day 2024	“Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in Its Track.”
November 12	Public Service Broadcasting Day 2024	



November 14	World Diabetes Day 2024	“Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps.”
November 14	Children’s Day of India 2024	
November 14/20	71st All India Cooperative Week 2024	
November 15	Guru Nanak Jayanti 2024	
November 15	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas or Tribal Pride Day 2024	
November 15	Jharkhand Foundation Day 2024	
November 16	National Press Day 2024	
November 17	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2024	“Remember. Support. Act”.
November 18/24	World AMR Awareness Week 2024	Educate. Advocate. Act now”.
November 17	National Epilepsy Day 2024	
November 19	National Integration Day 2024	
November 18	7th Naturopathy Day 2024	“Naturopathy for Healthy Aging and Longevity”.
November 19	World Toilet Day 2024	Toilets - A Place for Peace’.
November 20	World Children’s Day 2024	“Listen to the Future.”
November 21	World Fisheries Day 2024	‘India’s Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries’.
November 21	World Television Day 2024	Advocate for Quality Programming.
November 19	Women’s Entrepreneurship Day 2024	
November 19	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2024	“Every 10 Minutes, a woman is killed. #NoExcuse. UNiTE to End Violence against Women”.
November 15/21	National Newborn week 2024	“Safety, Quality and Nurturing care – Birth Right of Every Newborn”.
November 20	World chronic pulmonary disease day 2024	“Know Your Lung Function”



November 26	National Milk Day 2024	
November 26	Constitution Day of India 2024	
November 29	International Jaguar Day 2024	
November 19/25	World Heritage Week 2024	“Discover and Experience Diversity.”
December 01	World AIDS Day 2024	Take the rights path: My health, my right!
December 02	National Pollution Control Day 2024 -	“Clean Air, Green Earth: A Step Towards Sustainable Living.”
December 02	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 2024 -	–
December 03	International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024 -	Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future”.
December 04	Indian Navy Day 2024	
December 05	World Soil Day 2024 -	“Caring for soils: measure, monitor, manage”.
December 04	World Wildlife Conservation Day 2024	“Connecting the People and Planet: Exploring the Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation”.
December 07	Armed Forces Flag Day 2024	–
December 06	Mahaparinirvan Diwas 2024	–
December 06	All India Civil Defense and Home Guards Day 2024	–
December 04	International Cheetah Day 2024	–
December 07	International Civil Aviation Day 2024	–
December 09	International Anti-Corruption Day 2024	“Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow’s Integrity”.
December 10	Human Rights Day 2024	‘Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now.’
December 11	78th UNICEF Foundation Day 2024	–



December 12	International Universal Health Coverage Day 2024	“Health: It’s on the government”.
December 08	Indian navy submarine day 2024	–
December 14	National Energy Conservation Day 2024	–
December 16	Vijay Diwas 2024	–
December 18	International Migrants Day 2024	–
December 24	National Consumer Day 2024	“Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice.
December 18	Minorities Rights Day 2024	–
December 19	Goa Liberation Day 2024	–
December 19/24	Good Governance Week 2024	–
December 26	Veer Bal Divas 2024	–
December 20	SSB Raising Day 2024	–
December 21	First-Ever World Meditation Day 2024 -	“Inner Peace, Global Harmony!”.
December 22	National Mathematics Day 2024	–
December 2	National Farmers Day 2024	“Empowering ‘Anna datas’ for a Prosperous Nation.”
December 25	Good Governance Day 2024	
January 01	DRDO’s 67 th Foundation Day	–
January 04	World Braille Day	–
January 09	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	“The Diaspora’s Contribution to a Viksit Bharat”
January 10	World Hindi Day	“Hindi: A Global Voice of Unity and Cultural Pride”
January 11 to 17	National Road Safety Week	Be a Road Safety Hero
January 12	National Youth Day	–
January 14	Armed Forces Veterans’ Day	–
January 15	77 th Indian Army Day	–
January 16	National Startup Day	–



January 16	Lokpal's First Foundation Day 2025	–
January 19	NDRF Raising Day	–
January 21	Statehood Day (Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura)	–
January 23	Parakram Diwas	–
January 24	National Girl Child Day	“Empowering Girls for a Bright Future”
January 24	International Day of Education	“AI and education: Preserving human agency in a world of automation”
January 25	National Voters Day	“Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure”
January 25	National Tourism Day	“Tourism for Inclusive Growth”
January 25	Tamil Language Martyrs' Day	–
January 26	International Customs Day	“Customs Delivering on its Commitment to Efficiency, Security and Prosperity”
January 26	World Leprosy Day	“Unite. Act. Eliminate.”
January 29	Indian Newspaper Day	“Role of Print Media in the Digital Age”
January 30	Martyrs' Day 2025	–
January 30	World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day 2025 -	Unite. Act. Eliminate
February 02	World Wetlands Day 2025	Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future
February 01	Indian coast guard day	–
February 04	World Cancer Day	‘United by Unique
February 02/08	International Development Week 2025	Building a better world together
February 10	International Day of the Arabian Leopard 2025	–
February 10	International Epilepsy Day 2025	MyEpilepsyJourney



February 10	National Deworming Day 2025	Eliminate STH: Invest in a healthier future for children
February 11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2025	Unpacking STEM Careers: Her Voice in Science
February 11	World Unani Day 2025	'Innovations in Unani Medicine for Integrative Health Solutions' Together for a Better Internet
February 12	National Productivity Day 2025	From Ideas to Impact: Protecting Intellectual Property for Competitive Startups
February 11 - 14	India Energy Week	–
February 13	World Radio Day 2025	–
February 13	National Women's Day 2025	–
February 20	World Day of Social Justice 2025	Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps for Social Justice
February 20	Mizoram Foundation Day 2025	–
February 20	Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day 2025	–
February 21	International Mother Language Day 2025	–
February 24	Central Excise Day 2025	–
February 28	National Science Day 2025	Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat'
February 24/28	Financial Literacy Week 2025	Financial Literacy: Women's Prosperity
March 01	Zero Discrimination Day 2025	We stand together
March 03	World Wildlife Day 2025	The Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet
March 03	World Obesity Day 2025	Changing System, Healthier Lives
March 04	National Safety Day 2025	Safety & Well-Being Crucial for Viksit Bharat



March 07	Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2025	–
March 08	International Women's Day 2025	For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment
March 10	CISF Raising Day 2025	–
March 10	Commonwealth Day 2025	Together We Thrive
March 12	No Smoking Day	
March 13	World Kidney Day 2025	Are Your Kidneys OK? Detect early, protect kidney health
March 14	International Day of Action for Rivers 2025	Our Rivers, Our Future
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day 2025	A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles
March 16	National Vaccination Day 2025	–
March 18	Ordnance Factories Day	–
March 20	World Oral Health Day 2025	A happy mouth is... A HAPPY MIND
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day 2025	Improve Our Support Systems
March 21	World Puppetry Day 2025	Robots, AI and the dream of the puppet?
March 22	World Water Day 2025	Glacier Preservation
March 22	113 th Bihar Statehood Day	Advanced Bihar, Developed Bihar
March 23	Shaheed Diwas 2025	–
March 23	World Meteorological Day 2025	Closing the early warning gap together
March 24	World Tuberculosis (TB) Day 2025	Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver
March 30	International Day of Zero Waste 2025	Towards Zero Waste in Fashion and Textiles
March 30	Rajasthan Day 2025	–
April 01	Odisha Day	–



April 02	World Autism Awareness Day	Advancing the Neurodiversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
April 03	Raising Day of Army Medical Corps	–
April 05	Samata Diwas	–
April 05	National Maritime Day 2025	–
April 07	World Health Day 2025	Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures
April 09	CRPF Valour Day 2025	–
April 14	Ambedkar Jayanti 2025	–
April 14	National Fire services' Day 2025	–
April 14 to 20	Fire service Week 2025	Unite to Ignite, a Fire-Safe India
April 14	World Quantum Day 2025	Every Day in 2025
April 15	Himachal Day 2025	–
April 18	World Heritage Day 2025	Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 years of ICOMOS Actions
April 19	World Liver Day 2025	Food is Medicine
April 20	UN Chinese Language Day 2025	Chinese Language: A Gift Across Time and Space
April 21	National Civil Service Day 2025	–
April 22	Earth Day 2025	Our Power, Our Planet
April 24	National Panchayati Day 2025	–
April 24	International Girls in ICT Day 2025	Girls in ICT for inclusive digital transformation
April 24/30	World Immunization Week 2025	Immunization for All is Humanly Possible
April 23	UN English Language Day	–
April 24	International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace	–



April 26/2025	World Healing Day - last Saturday of April every year	–
April 12	International Day of Human Space Flight 2025	–
April 13	Siachen Day 2025	–
April 25	World Malaria Day 2025	Malaria ends with us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite
April 25	World Penguin Day 2025	–
April 26	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day 2025	–
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day 2025	Intellectual property and music: Feel the beat of IP
April 26	World Veterinary Day 2025	Animal Health Takes a Team
April 28	World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2025	Revolutionizing health and safety: the role of AI and digitalization at work
April 30	Ayushman Bharat Diwas 2025	–

MILITARY EXERCISES

Exercise Name	Countries Involved	Venue
Joint Naval Exercise	The Royal Saudi Naval Forces with the Iranian Naval Forces	Sea of Oman.
Vajra Prahar 2024	Indian Army and the US Army Special Forces	USA
GARUD SHAKTI 24	Indian Army and Indonesia Army	Jakarta
AUSTRALIND	India and Australia	Pune
Exercise Agni Warrior (XAW) 2024	Singapore Army and the Indian Army	Maharashtra
VINBAX-2024	India, Vietnam	Punjab
Harimau Shakti 2024	India-Malaysia	Malaysia



“Desert Knight”	India, France, and the UAE	Arabian Sea
SURYA KIRAN	Indian army and Nepal army in.	Nepal
SLINEX 2024	India and Sri Lanka	Visakhapatnam coast
Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX-25)	India	Karwar, Karnataka, India
Ekuverin	India, Maldives	Maldives
Winged Raider	India (Army and IAF)	Eastern Theatre, India
Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo	Over 15 countries including Russia, China, India, US	Indonesia
Dharma Guardian	India, Japan	Mount Fuji, Japan
Sagar Kavach	Indian Coast Guard	West Bengal, India
Cyclone 2025	India and Egypt	Rajasthan
Sea Dragon 2025 Naval Exercise	India, Japan, Australia and Republic of Korea	Western Pacific Ocean
Joint Military Exercise Khanjar – XII	India and Kyrgyzstan	Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan
4th edition of Bilateral Exercise – BONGOSAGAR-23 6th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)	Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy	Northern Bay of Bengal
Maritime Security Belt 2025 Naval Exercise	Russia, Iran, and China	Gulf of Oman
Bilateral Naval Exercise ‘Varuna’ – 23rd edition	India and France	Goa coast
‘Africa India Key Maritime Engagement’ - AIKEYME	India Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, South Africa	African countries
Balikatan joint military exercise	United States, Australia and Japan	Philippines
INDRA	Indian - Russia	Chennai

Exercise Tiger Triumph	India-US	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
INIOCHOS-25	USA, France, Spain, Israel and others	Greece
Dustlik	India-Uzbekistan	Pune
Desert Flag-10	Australia, Bahrain, France, Germany, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Republic of Korea, Turkey, UAE, UK, and USA	UAE

GI TAGS

GI tags	Place/States
Betel leaves	Kumbakonam
Manikka Maalai	Thovalai
Jackfruit, Cashew	Panruti
Acid Lime	Puliyankudi
Samba Vathal	Virudhu Nagar
Small Onion	Chettikulam
Chithiraikar Rice	Ramanadu
White 'Bonde'	Kamarpukur, West Bengal
Chhanabora	Murshidabad, West Bengal
Motichur Laddoo	Bishnupur, West Bengal
Radhunipagal Rice	West Bengal
Nistari Silk Yarn	Malda, West Bengal
Guava	Baruipur, West Bengal
Nolen Gurer Sandesh	West Bengal
Banarasi Shehnai, Banarasi Tabla and the 'Banarasi Bharwan Mirch'	Uttar Pradesh
Saudagari block print	Ahmedabad in Gujarat
Tribal Handicraft Kannadippaya	Kerala
Amalsad Chikoofruit	Gujarat's Navsari district
Narasapuram lace craft	Andhra Pradesh
'Gharchola handicraft	Gujarat



MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ Indian Prime Minister presented a Sohrai painting to Russian president Vladimir Putin during the BRICS summit.
- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has uncovered a Telugu inscription on the wall above the statue of Lord Hanuman at the 13th-century Simhachalam temple.
- ❖ A huge Maya city has been discovered centuries after it disappeared under jungle canopy in Mexico.
- ❖ Cia-Cia tribe is the indigenous community in Buton Island, Indonesia.
- ❖ The remains of a 4,000-year-old fortified town in a beautiful oasis in northwest Saudi Arabia have been discovered by archaeologists.
- ❖ Megalithic evidences discovered at Kanhirapoi in Madikkai panchayat, Kerala
- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India has unearthed a Sanskrit inscription discovered on a rock outside Gilgit in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.
- ❖ The United Nations has proclaimed 2025 as the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology (IYQ).
- ❖ ASI deciphered a 10th Century Chola Chola-period merchant guild inscription found at Pilippatti village in Illuppur taluk in Pudukkottai district.
- ❖ The Centre has banned the manufacture, sale, and distribution of the all formulations of Nimesulide — widely used as a painkiller for animals.
- ❖ The IMD was established in January 15, 1875 and will be completing 150 years of service.
- ❖ IIT Guwahati, IIT Mandi and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP) has released the report “District-Level Climate Risk Assessment for India: Mapping Flood and Drought Risks Using IPCC Framework”.
- ❖ The birth of the first recorded Generation Beta baby, Frankie Remruatdika Zadeng, born in Aizawl, Mizoram, at 12:03 am on January 1.
- ❖ A researcher has found a three-foot idol of the 13th Century saint, Narahari Tirtha recently.
- ❖ BIS was set up as the Indian Standards Institution (ISI) on 6th January 1947, its 78th Foundation Day celebrated recently.
- ❖ The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) was Established on January 4, 1985, its 40th foundation day celebrated recently.
- ❖ Bengaluru ranks among the worst in Asia for congestion, with drivers spending an average of 132 hours annually stuck in traffic.
- ❖ Kolkata was the second most congested city in the world in 2024 and the most congested in Asia.



- ❖ For the first time, seven products of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have received Geographical Indication (GI) tags simultaneously. The products are Nicobar Coconut, Nicobari Tavi-i-Ngaich (Virgin Coconut Oil), Andaman Karen Musley Rice, Hodi (an outrigger canoe), Nicobari Mat (Chatrai-hileuoi), Nicobari Hut (Chanvi Pati – Nyi hupul), Padauk Wood Craft.
- ❖ In the 37th edition of the National Games, held in Goa in 2023, Kalaripayattu was included in the competition section.
- ❖ The Bengaluru-based Sarla Aviation, introduced India's First eVTOL Air Taxi its innovative electric flying taxi, Shunya.
- ❖ Raman Rajamannan, the tribal king from Kerala's Idukki and his wife, Binumol, are attending the Republic Day 2025 ceremony in New Delhi.
- ❖ Three Indian women Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Urmila Asher and Sheela Patel have been honoured on the Forbes 50 Over 50 Global list.
- ❖ SSI Mantra is India's indigenous surgical robotic system.
- ❖ The BEML Ltd has recently revealed the BD475-2 Dozer, the largest and most advanced in the country.
- ❖ The discovery of 30 inscriptions has put the spotlight on Abbana Bettu Basadi of Karkala taluk, Udupi district.
- ❖ Rhodamine B is a synthetic dye known for its bright pink hue, commonly utilised in industries such as textiles, paper, and leather.
- ❖ IIT Madras Launches Bharat Cancer Genome Atlas (BCGA) is a First-of-Its-Kind Cancer Genome Database to Transform Cancer Research in India.
- ❖ Fort William in Kolkata, the headquarters of the Eastern Army Command, has been renamed Vijay Durg.
- ❖ India's domestic flights achieved a passenger load factor of 86.4 percent in 2024, the highest globally.
- ❖ The Union Budget 2025 announced a five-year mission to "facilitate significant improvements in productivity and sustainability of cotton farming, and promote extra-long staple (ELS) cotton varieties".
- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) celebrated the 75th anniversary of the National Sample Surveys (NSS).
- ❖ The Bharat Biotech group firm Biovet has received the Central Drug Standards Control Organization (CDSCO) licence for the lumpy skin disease (LSD) vaccine – BIOLUMPIVAXIN.
- ❖ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has discovered significant Buddhist remains during renewed excavations at Ratnagiri site in Jajpur district, Odisha.
- ❖ The Fulani, one of Africa's largest pastoral populations, have a history going back to the 'Green Sahara' period (12,000–5,000 years before the present).



- ❖ Three new Kannada inscriptions of the Kalyana Chalukya era were noticed for the first time at Kankal village, Pudur mandal in Vikarabad, Telangana.
- ❖ The Freemasons Hall, Chennai, completes a hundred years recently.
- ❖ Geologists have unearthed a rare and well-preserved petrified fossil at Rajmahal Hills near Barmasia village in Pakur district.
- ❖ In S&P Global Sustainability Rankings 2025, The Yes Bank has emerged as India's highest-rated bank in sustainability for the third consecutive year.
- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Mysore, has uncovered some ancient inscriptions and prehistoric rock art in Lankamala Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ❖ Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul) has been ranked as the 3rd most valued brand in India in the prestigious YouGov India Value Rankings 2025.
- ❖ In the Western Australia, the researchers have found the oldest meteorite impact crater in the world.
- ❖ In the Hurun Global Rich List for 2025, India ranks third with 284 billionaires.
- ❖ The Haryana government has declared two sites of over 4,400-year-old Harappan civilisation in Bhiwani district as protected monuments and archaeological sites.
- ❖ A new inscription pertaining to Rajaraja Chola, has been discovered in Somagiri hills at Melavalavu near Melur in Madurai.
- ❖ A set of the copper plates dating back to early 15th Century from the reign of Devaraya I of the Sangama Dynasty were unveiled by ASI.
- ❖ The very first ever ancient Greek theatre has discovered across the entire Ionian Islands in Lefkada, Greece.
- ❖ Recently, a rock-cut chamber and artefacts were unearthed at Manimoola village in Bandadukka, Kerala.
- ❖ Bharti Airtel has brought the submarine cable system 2Africa Pearls to the Indian shores.
- ❖ The BSE Ltd, Asia's oldest stock exchange, has celebrated its 150th anniversary recently.
- ❖ India's Longest Rail Tunnel – Uttarakhand Spanning a length of 14.58 km and known as tunnel no. 8, or the Janasu tunnel.
- ❖ A one-of-its-kind e-digital wallet for disasters - Akshvi - has been launched in India.
- ❖ Manuscripts of the Bhagavad Gita and Bharata's Natyashastra are among the 74 new additions to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register (MoW) this year.

