

1. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) Completes 10 Years

- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) was launched on February 18, 2016 and has now completed 10 years of operation.
- It is the Central Government's primary framework to protect farmers against non-preventable natural risks – droughts, floods, cyclones, hailstorms, pest attacks and post-harvest losses.
- Union Budget 2026–27: Government of India allocated ₹12,200 crore to PMFBY.
- Since inception: over 92.46 crore farmer applications insured; 26.33 crore claim applications settled, amounting to more than ₹2.06 lakh crore.

2. Government Notifies "Semicon 2.0" Mission with ₹1,27,500 Crore Outlay

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology – MeitY) formally notified the launch of the "Semicon 2.0" Mission, effective August 31, 2026.
- Total budget outlay: ₹1,27,500 crore.

3. Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel co-authored her memoir, titled "Dare Dream Do", alongside Anurag Garg.

4. Himachal Pradesh's first ozone-based drinking water treatment project in Dehra, Kangra district, with ₹46 crore allocated

5. World Bank approved a ₹4,000 crore loan for Haryana's "Jal Sanrakshit" water conservation framework.

6. Bihar & Jharkhand Sign Historic MoU Ending 25-Year Son River Water Dispute

7. Countries already using QR-based UPI payments: Bhutan (the first to adopt), Nepal, Singapore, France, Mauritius, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Greece and the UAE.

- Uzbekistan became the 11th country to adopt QR-based UPI payments, extending India's digital payment footprint into Central Asia.

8. 26th SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) Summit Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

- Theme: "25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development, and Prosperity".
- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was established in 2001, with headquarters in Beijing, China.
- Original Members (6): China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan.
- 2017 Expansion: India and Pakistan joined as full members.
- 2023 Expansion: Iran joined as the 9th member.
- 2024 Expansion: Belarus joined as the 10th member.

9. Yuji Iwasawa of Japan serves as President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

10. India's GDP Grows 7.8% in Q1 FY 2026–27

- India's real GDP grew 7.8% in Q1 (April–June) of FY 2026–27 (Real GDP Q1: ₹81.36 lakh crore)
- Nominal GDP (Q1): ₹88.27 lakh crore (10.3% growth)
- RBI projected 7% for the April–June quarter and raised its full-year FY27 forecast to 6.7% from 6.6%
- International Monetary Fund (IMF): 6.5%
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) / World Bank / S&P: 6.6%

11. Index of Services Production (ISP) – June 2026 Data Released

- Index of Services Production (ISP) has base year 2024–25; data released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) / National Statistical Office (NSO).
- Top Performing Sub-Sectors (Double-Digit Growth): Real Estate (24.7%), Retail Trade (18.0%), Wholesale Trade (15.0%) and Administrative & Support Services (14.4%).

12. HDFC Bank MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan to Step Down by October 2026

13. Brand Finance Banking 500 Report 2026: HDFC Bank Top-Ranked Indian Bank

- HDFC Bank: Ranked 31st globally (top-ranked Indian bank) with a brand value of about US\$ 12.4 billion.
- State Bank of India (SBI): Ranked 56th globally with a brand valuation of US\$ 8.1 billion; ranked the 16th strongest banking brand worldwide with a AAA+ rating.
- National Totals: 19 Indian banks featured in the global top 500, with a cumulative brand value of US\$ 47.8 billion.

- 14. PhonePe integrated “UPI 123Pay” functionality for non-smartphone feature phones.**
- 15. 2026 is designated the UN International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists**
- 16. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP17 was held from August 17 to 28, 2026, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.**
- COP President: Batmunkh Battsetseg.
 - Theme: “Restoring Land, Restoring Hope”.
- 17. Ecuador became the latest Latin American country to declare a formal state of national emergency due to extreme El Niño weather disruptions, droughts and wildfires.**
- Panama, Honduras and El Salvador had already declared emergencies
- 18. 4th Indo-German Environment Forum Held in New Delhi**
- Theme: “Together for More Resilience”.
- 19. NASA deployed the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket from Kennedy Space Center, Florida.**
- 20. 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026 Announced**
- Commonly referred to as the “Asian Nobel Prize”; established in 1957 (first presented in 1958) to honour former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay.
 - 2026 Recipients (3 Laureates): Tommy Koh (Singapore), Runa Khan (Bangladesh), Bo Kyi (Myanmar)
- 21. World Cow Day 2026 Observed on September 1 (Theme: “Moving towards a kind of more sustainable world”).**
- 22. Sachin Tendulkar Appointed Brand Ambassador of Kissht**
- Kissht is an RBI-registered digital lending NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company), founded in 2015 in Mumbai.
- 23. Apple Leadership Change: John Ternus Named CEO; Tim Cook Becomes Executive Chairman**
- Tim Cook transitioned from CEO to Executive Chairman of Apple Inc.
 - John Ternus (formerly Senior VP of Hardware Engineering) named the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Apple Inc.
- 24. Lionel Messi Retires from International Football**
- 25. FPAI Football Awards 2026 Held in Kolkata**
- Indian Male Footballer of the Year 2026: Lallianzuala Chhangte (Mohun Bagan FC / Mizoram), presented by Bhaichung Bhutia.
 - Indian Female Footballer of the Year 2026: Manisha Kalyan (Punjab).
- 26. Ashish Shelar Elected President of Esports Games Federation (ESGF)**
- 27. Germany retained the FIH Men’s Hockey World Cup title, defeating Spain 1–0 in the final at the Belfius Hockey Arena, Wavre, Belgium.**
- 28. 6th World Nomad Games Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**
- 29. Sri Lanka was stripped of hosting rights for the 2027 ICC (International Cricket Council) Women’s Champions Trophy due to administrative and governance deficiencies.**
- India confirmed as new venue; event 14–28 Feb 2027 in Mumbai and Vadodara