

1. Launch of India's First Skycast Weather and Aviation Monitoring System

- The system was developed under **Mission Mausam** to improve advanced aviation weather tracking.
- The **Skycast** system was officially inaugurated by **Dr. Jitendra Singh** at the **Indira Gandhi International Airport** in New Delhi.
- It is capable of offering up to **3 hours** of advanced weather forecasting.
- This deployment officially makes **India** the **19th country globally** to operate such an integrated aviation weather setup.

2. Launch of the Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI)

- **Dry Bulk Cargo:** The **Paradip Port Authority** topped the dry bulk segment, successfully handling over 5 million tonnes.
- **Liquid Bulk:** Sikka Port and Terminals secured the number one rank in the liquid bulk segment.
- **Container Cargo:** Mundra Port (Gujarat) ranked first, processing over 0.5 million TEUs.
- **Total Cargo Handled:** The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) cemented its status as an industry powerhouse by processing a massive 102 Million Metric Tons of cargo.

3. Introduction of the Ship Recycling Credit Scheme

- The **Ship Recycling Credit Scheme** was launched with a dedicated budget of **₹4001 crore**. (It is a part of Maritime Development Package **₹69,725 crore**)

4. Formation of Committee on Demographic Changes

- The committee was formed under the **High Power Demographic Mission**, which was initially launched on **August 15, 2025**.

The government formed a high-level committee chaired by Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar.

- The committee is given exactly **one year** to propose operational mechanisms and a comprehensive policy framework.
- The committee will study demographic imbalances directly caused by cross-border activities and illegal immigration.

5. Release of Commemorative Book on Operation Sindhur

- **Operation Sindoor** was initially launched on **May 7, 2025**, as a direct response to the **Pahelgam attack**.
- Defense Minister **Rajnath Singh** released a special commemorative volume documenting the mission.
- The book features the documented testimonies from **100 armed forces personnel** involved in the operation.

6. Launch of the Tobacco Free Educational Institution (ToFEI) App

- The digital application was launched ahead of **No Tobacco Day**, which is observed on **May 31**.
- The **Tobacco Free Educational Institution (ToFEI) App** was launched by Union Health Secretary **Punya Salila Srivastava**.
- The project is currently being piloted in three states: **Maharashtra, Meghalaya, and Rajasthan**.
- The app strictly monitors and ensures that absolutely no tobacco products are sold within a **100-yard radius** of colleges and schools.

7. Launch of the Tripura Mission Queen Pineapple

- The **Queen Pineapple** is notably **Tripura's** state fruit and a recognized **Geographical Indication (GI)** tagged product.
- The mission was launched by Union Minister of the **Department of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)** **Jyotiraditya Scindia** and **Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha**.
- It is allocated a budget of **₹236 crore** and is scheduled to run from **Q2 FY2026 to Q4 FY2028**.

8. Comprehensive Expansion of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)

- The **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** was originally launched in **2021** with an outlay of **₹76,000 crore**.
- It aims to boost the market to **\$110 billion** by **2030** in an industry currently dominated globally by **Taiwan**.

9. Release of the State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) 2026 Report

- The **State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) 2026 Report** was officially released by the **Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)**.

- **India** currently ranks **4th globally** in Artificial Intelligence (AI) performance.
- In the broader Global Digital Economy rankings, **India** successfully jumped from **8th to 5th place**.
- AI performance is formally measured using the **CHIPS framework** (Connect, Harness, Innovate, Protect, Sustain).

10. AI and Deep Tech Research Partnership

- **Bajaj Finserv** and the **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay)** partnered to launch a new platform.
- The newly created platform is named "**Finserv Intelligence**".

11. Hosting of ICMR's Medical Innovation Patent Mitra Event

- The **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** hosted an "**Innovators to Industry**" connect event in **New Delhi**.

12. Launch of the Andhra Pradesh Angel Fund

The state of **Andhra Pradesh** partnered with the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** and the **Ratan Tata Innovation Hub**.

- Together, they launched a specialized **Angel Fund**.

13. Mizoram Government to Launch Mizo Taxi App

- The **Mizoram** government will officially launch a ride-booking app named "**Mizo Taxi**" on **July 1, 2026**.
- The initial rollout will begin in the city of **Aizawl**.
- Operators must register on the platform with a fixed annual fee of **₹600**.

14. RBI Releases Survey on Payment Behavior

Despite the massive surge in digital payments like the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, the survey indicates a persistent strong preference for cash among households.

Banknotes in circulation rose significantly to **₹41.23 trillion**.

- The circulation of counterfeit (fake) **₹20** and **₹50** notes has experienced a rapid increase.
- The survey revealed that **₹500 notes** constitute a massive **85.5%** of the total value of all banknotes in circulation.

15. India-Vietnam Cross-Border Digital Payment Pact

- The **RBI** formally signed an agreement with the **State Bank of Vietnam**.
- The pact specifically facilitates cross-border **Quick Response (QR) code** digital payments.
- This initiative allows **Indian** tourists to directly utilize the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** via **QR codes** while traveling in **Vietnam**.

16. RBI Penalizes CreditAccess Grameen and Extends Fino Payments Bank CEO

- The **RBI** levied a monetary penalty of **₹3.10 lakh** on **CreditAccess Grameen Limited**.
- In a separate administrative action, the **RBI** extended **Ketan Merchant's** tenure as the Interim **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of **Fino Payments Bank**.

17. Expansion of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Rules

- The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** expanded **Schedule 7** of the **Companies Act of 2013**.
- Companies are now officially permitted to utilize up to **10%** of their **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** funds for new investments.

18. Launch of Common Lending Portal for Unclaimed Financial Assets

- The portal was unveiled by **M Nagaraju** (DFS Secretary) under the dedicated "**Your money, your right**" campaign.

The **Department of Financial Services (DFS)**, in active collaboration with the **Public Sector Banks (PSB)** alliance, launched a new common lending portal.

19. Launch of New LIC Individual Saving Joint-Life Plans

- Effective **June 1st**, **LIC** successfully launched two new non-par, non-linked individual saving joint-life plans.
- The newly introduced plans are named **New Jeevan Saathi Single Premium** and **New Jeevan Saathi Limited Premium**.
- Both plans provide coverage with a basic minimum sum assured of **₹3 lakh**.

20. NASA Announces Three-Phase Plan for Permanent Moon Base

- NASA officially announced a **\$20 billion**, three-phase plan aiming to establish a permanent lunar base.

21. Asian Athletics Hosting Rights Awarded to Indian Cities

- The **Asian Athletics Association** officially awarded the hosting rights for two major upcoming sporting events to India.
- The **Asian Relays 2027** will be hosted in **Chandigarh**.
- The **Asian Indoor Athletics Championship 2028** will be hosted in **Bhubaneswar** at the **Kalinga Stadium**.

22. Zimbabwe Hosts South Africa Women's Cricket Team

- **Zimbabwe** is currently hosting the **South Africa Women's cricket team** for an international series.

23. Release of Book on "India's First Olympic Gold: Hockey Triumph at Amsterdam"

- The book titled "**India's First Olympic Gold Hockey Triumph at Amsterdam**" was officially released to the public.
- It was released by sports icons **PT Usha** and **Dr. Dilip Tirkey**.
- The comprehensive volume was authored by renowned hockey historian **K. Arumugam**.

24. UN FAO Award Granted to Tamil Nadu Farmer

- **Valluvan**, a dedicated farmer from **Tamil Nadu**, was recognized and honored by the **UN FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization)**.
- He was officially titled as the "**Soil Farmer Hero**".

25. Defense Appointments: DRDO Chairman and Vice Chief of Naval Staff

- Defense Secretary **Rajesh Kumar Singh** assumed additional charge as the **Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Chairman** and **Defense R&D Secretary** on **May 31st**, following the completion of **Dr. Samir V Kamat's** tenure.
- In the naval sector, Vice Admiral **Ajay Kochhar** officially took charge as the **48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff**.

26. Obituaries of Prominent Personalities

- **KP Dhanapalan**: A senior Congress leader and former **Kerala Member of Parliament (MP)** passed away at the age of **76** in **Ernakulam**.
- **Raja Randhir Singh**: A renowned Indian shooter, **five-time Olympian**, and **1979 Arjuna Awardee** passed away.
- **Dhanendra Kumar**: The first Chairman of the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** passed away.

27. Important Days and Themes (May 21st to June 1st)

- The **International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories** was observed from **May 25th to May 31st** (Promotes sustainable development, human rights, and decolonization).
- **May 28th** observed **World Hunger Day** (Theme: "The End of Hunger is in Our Hands"), the **International Day of Action for Women's Health**, and **World Menstrual Hygiene Day** (Theme: "Together for a period friendly world").
- **World Milk Day** was observed globally on **June 1st** (Originally established in **2001** by the **FAO** in **Rome**) with the **2026 Theme** being "Celebrating Women Farmers".