

1. Skill India Marks 12th Anniversary

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship celebrated the 12th anniversary of the Skill India initiative.
- Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) grew from 9,766 in 2014 to 13,888.
- Government announced establishment of 30 Skill India International Centers to enhance overseas employment opportunities.

2. 11th NITI Aayog Governing Council Meeting Held

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 11th NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting before departing for the G7 Summit.
- Central theme: “Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat 2047”.

3. Antyodaya in Action – Tribal Welfare Initiatives

- “Antyodaya” refers to prioritizing the poorest and weakest sections of society – a concept popularized by Deendayal Upadhyay.
- PM JANMAN: Launched November 2023 with a ₹24,104 crore budget to support 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) across 18 states and 1 Union Territory with housing, roads, water, electricity, and healthcare.
- PM Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan: Launched October 2024, merging 17 ministries to drive infrastructure development in tribal regions.
- Van Dhan Vikas Kendra: Helps tribal communities market forest-based products.
- Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS): For Scheduled Tribe (ST) majority areas; currently enrolling 1.56 lakh students across 499 schools, with 323 more under construction.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is celebrated on November 15, honoring Birsa Munda’s birthday.

4. Ministry of Ayush Sets Guinness World Record on Yoga

- The Ministry of Ayush set a new Guinness World Record for the highest viewership on a YouTube Live Yoga stream ahead of the International Day of Yoga.
- Attracted 435,831 viewers, surpassing the previous 2024 record of 246,252 viewers.

5. MGNREGA Revamped & Renamed as VB–G RAM G

- Effective July 1, 2026, MGNREGA has been renamed Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, abbreviated VB–G RAM G.
- Total budget allocation across the transition crosses ₹1.25 lakh crore.
- Includes ₹95,692.31 crore for the new VB–G RAM G scheme plus an additional ₹30,000 crore for the transition of outgoing MGNREGA works.
- Guaranteed working days increased from 100 to 125.

Funding Pattern

- North-Eastern and Himalayan states: 90:10 (90% Centre, 10% states).
- General states: 60:40.
- Union Territories without legislatures: 100% central funding.

6. Raahveer Scheme for Good Samaritans

- A partnership between Rapido and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- Rewards Good Samaritans with a ₹25,000 cash prize and an appreciation letter for transporting accident victims to hospitals during the golden hour.

7. Support for Rural Women Entrepreneurs

- The Ministry of Rural Development announced 700 C-Marts and 1000 District Fulfillment Centers to assist rural women entrepreneurs such as Self Help Groups and Lakhpati Didis.

8. India’s First PM MITRA Park Inaugurated

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India’s first PM MITRA Park in Warangal, Telangana

9. Horticulture Production Estimates 2024–25

- The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare’s second advanced estimates for 2024–25 project a 1.9% rise in total horticulture production to 3,777 lakh tons across 301.5 lakh hectares.
- Fruit production: +3.25% to 1,214 lakh tons.
- Vegetable production: +7.9% to 118.79 lakh tons.

- Onion production: +2.13%.

10. The Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas), Assam, and Nagaland signed a tripartite MoU to facilitate domestic mineral oil exploration and production in boundary areas

- Assam holds 22% of India's crude oil reserves and 15% of its natural gas reserves.

11. Agriculture AI Chatbot – Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra

- The Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and the Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR, Hyderabad) launched "Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra"

12. Elon Musk Becomes World's first-ever paper trillionaire

- SpaceX CEO Elon Musk became the world's first trillionaire on paper, crossing a \$2 trillion valuation.
- SpaceX was founded in 2002; Tesla in 2003.

13. World Bank Raises India's GDP Growth Forecast

- The World Bank raised its FY27 GDP growth forecast for India to 6.6%, up from its January projection of 6.5%.

14. India–Vietnam Bilateral Trade Target

- India and Vietnam set a bilateral trade target of \$25 billion by 2030.

15. RBI Evaluates Polymer Currency Notes

- The 26th RBI Governor, Sanjay Malhotra, announced an evaluation to replace paper notes with durable polymer (plastic) notes to reduce counterfeiting.
- Australia introduced polymer notes first, in 1988.

16. Microfinance Credit Guarantee Scheme Extended

- Extended until August 31, 2026, or a ₹20,000 crore limit.
- Funds Microfinance Institutions lending to families earning less than ₹3 lakh per year.
- ₹7,700 crore distributed so far.

17. India is the 3rd largest startup ecosystem globally, behind the USA and China.

18. As Per the 2025 Sensor Tower App Performance report, India leads global digital wallet downloads with 440 million out of 1.8 billion total downloads.

- PhonePe is India's most downloaded app.

19. UPI is currently accepted in 9 countries, with Cambodia being the most recent addition.

20. PM Modi's Visit to France & 52nd G7 Summit

- PM Modi attended the G7 Summit in France and jointly inaugurated the "Bharat Innovates 2026" platform in Nice alongside French President Emmanuel Macron to promote deep-tech startup innovation.
- The two nations declared 2026 the "Year of Innovation".
- He attended the 52nd G7 Summit held in Évian, France, where India participated as an invited partner country

21. Venezuela Acting President Visits India

- Acting President of Venezuela, Delcy Rodriguez Gomez, visited New Delhi from June 3–7, 2026, meeting PM Modi at Hyderabad House.
- By May 2026, Venezuela had emerged as India's 3rd largest supplier of crude oil.

22. SCO and RATS – Counter-Terrorism Cooperation

- The Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) is an entity under the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) focused on establishing security and eradicating terrorism.
- India and Pakistan both joined the SCO in 2017.
- The 2025 SCO meeting occurred in China; the 2026 meeting is scheduled for Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

23. Raja Parba Festival – Odisha

- Other major Odisha festivals: Nuakhai, Jagannath Rath Yatra (Puri), and Bali Jatra (Cuttack).

24. Assam – Blue Valley Cluster

- Launched the "Blue Valley Cluster" to attract European Union capital into AYUSH, technological advancement, and skill development.

25. Skyroot Becomes India's First Space-Tech Unicorn

- Skyroot Aerospace hit a \$1.1 billion valuation, becoming India's first space-tech unicorn.

26. NLC India Limited signed an MoU with CSIR-CECRI (Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu) to develop tech for extracting critical minerals and rare earth elements from mining waste.

27. RISE Conclave 2026

- Hosted in Bengaluru with the theme “Innovation and Entrepreneurship Driven Growth for Viksit Bharat 2047”.
- RISE represents Research, Industry, Startups, and Entrepreneurship.

28. Naval & Coast Guard Operations

- The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the fast patrol vessel ICGS Achel in Goa.
- INS Sagar Dwani completed a port visit at Cam Ranh.
- INS Sharda concluded a port call in Colombo, Sri Lanka, executing India’s SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) mission.

29. Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth was designated as the forthcoming Chief of Army Staff, taking over from the retiring Gen Upendra Dwivedi on June 30.

30. Global Peace Index 2026

- Issued by the Institute for Economics and Peace; India ranked 127th out of 163 countries.
- Iceland secured the 1st position, followed by New Zealand, Switzerland, Slovenia, and Ireland.
- Bhutan (16th) ranked as the most peaceful nation in South Asia; Afghanistan ranked 157th globally.

31. Container Port Performance Index 2025

- Published by the World Bank and S&P Global.
- Maharashtra’s Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) emerged as the best-performing container port in India, achieving the 22nd position worldwide.
- Gujarat’s Pipavav Port ranked 2nd in India and 28th globally.

32. Appointments & Resignations

- Sanjay Loya (or Lohiya): Nominated as a government/non-executive director on the central boards of both the RBI and SBI, succeeding the retiring M. Nagaraju.
- Joseph Vijay: Appointed Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- N. Rangasamy: Appointed Chief Minister of Puducherry.
- Himanta Biswa Sarma: Secured a second consecutive term as Chief Minister of Assam.
- Ashok Kumar Panda: Began tenure as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of SAIL.
- Prashant Pise: Assigned as India’s next ambassador to Oman.

33. Awards & Recognitions

- Russia Grand Sand Masters Cup 2026: Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik from Puri, Odisha, became the first Indian to win the title, sculpting a 3-meter piece themed around “Global Warming” and environmental conservation. He is the ambassador for the upcoming census and received the Padma Shri and the US People’s Choice Award in 2014.
- Earth Dubai Award: Bestowed upon Deepak Batya.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. VS Maha received this honor from AIIMS.

34. “China’s War”: A new book authored by Vijay Gokhale.

35. Cricket

- The Indian Women’s team, captained by Harmanpreet Kaur, secured the ICC Women’s World Cup; the Men’s T20 team, led by Suryakumar Yadav, also achieved victory.

36. Formula 1: Lewis Hamilton earned his first victory for Ferrari by winning the Barcelona Grand Prix. Antonelli had won five other Grands Prix this year, while Russell had won one.

37. World Yogasana Championship: India is slated to host the inaugural championship in Ahmedabad.

38. Important Days

- International Albinism Awareness Day (June 13): Theme – “Proudly in my skin, celebrating all skin tones”.
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15): Theme – “Beyond Awareness: Making Elder Abuse Prevention Work”. Globally adopted in 2011 with support from the WHO and the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA).

- Global Wind Day (June 15): Theme – “Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration”, advancing wind energy for combating climate change.
- International Day of Play (June 11): Marked in 2026 with the theme “Protect Play, Protect Childhood”.

39. Obituaries

- Jaspal Rana: Former Asian gold-medalist shooter passed away at age 49 in Delhi. He was a 2002 Padma Shri awardee.
- Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol: The UN goodwill ambassador from Thailand passed away at age 47 in Bangkok.