

1. PMSMA Completes 10 Years; Commemorative Coin & Stamp Released

- Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) was launched in June 2016 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Strengthens maternal healthcare and tracking of high-risk pregnancies.
- It provides free antenatal care on the 9th of every month.
- To mark its 10-year anniversary, the government released ₹75 commemorative coins and ₹5 postage stamps.

2. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme

- Launched on January 22, 2015, from Panipat, Haryana, by PM Modi.
- Aims to halt the decline of the child sex ratio and promote girls' education.
- Joint initiative by the Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare, and Education.

3. Mission Shakti – Umbrella Scheme for Women Empowerment

- Mission Shakti is an umbrella scheme focused on women's empowerment, running from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- Includes safety mechanisms: One Stop Centres, Women Helpline (181), and 'Nari Adalat' for resolving women's issues.

4. Zojila Tunnel Project – India's Longest Road Tunnel

- Minister Nitin Gadkari witnessed the excavation for the Zojila Tunnel, located in Minamarg, Kargil district, on NH-1.
- Cost: ₹6,809 crore; a 14.15 km bi-directional single-tube tunnel.
- Built at an altitude of 2900 m to 3310 m.
- Will be India's longest road tunnel and the world's longest high-altitude single-tube bi-directional road tunnel.

5. Land Ports Expansion on International Borders

- India shares a land border with the **7 listed countries** (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar). Total length is approximately **15,106.7 km**
- India proposes building 74 additional land ports on international borders.
- Current status: 15 operational ports, 11 under construction, 23 proposed in Phase 1, and 40 in Phase 2.

6. The Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) partnered with the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to provide multilingual support, eliminating language barriers.

7. The Department of Posts launched its first drone-powered mail and parcel service in Himachal Pradesh.

8. ASI-Denmark Underwater Archaeological Survey

- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Museum of Denmark.

9. Jagannath Temple, Puri Gets Trademarks

- The 12th-century Kalinga-style Jagannath Temple in Puri received 10-year trademarks for two words and one logo.
- Words: "Patitapabana" and "Ananda Bajara" (referring to the massive temple kitchen for Mahaprasad).
- Logo: The "Neela Chakra" positioned atop the temple.

10. Swami Vivekananda Statue Unveiled in Chicago

- A life-size bronze statue honouring Swami Vivekananda's 1893 speech at the World's Parliament of Religions was unveiled at the Consulate General of India in Chicago, USA.
- Unveiled by Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

11. NCC Expands to 19 State Directorates

- Established in 1948, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) is the world's largest uniformed youth organization with 20 lakh cadets.
- NCC approved the creation of two new independent State Directorates in Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- Increases the total from 17 to 19.

12. The DPIIT released a new Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI) series.

- Base year updated from 2011-12 to 2022-23.
- New WPI has 957 items, adding solar/wind energy and moving crude petroleum/natural gas to fuel and power.

13. PLFS May 2026 – Unemployment Rate at 5.5%

- The National Statistical Office's Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for May 2026 reported a steady overall unemployment rate of 5.5% (Urban 6.4%, Rural 5.1%).
- Labour Force Participation Rate (>15 years): 54.4%.
- Worker Population Ratio: 51.4%.

14. SEBI Revises ETF Framework (Effective Sept 1, 2026)

- The fixed 20% price band is replaced by dynamic bands starting at 10%, extendable to 20% after a cooling-off period.
- Gold/silver commodities ETFs start with a $\pm 6\%$ limit.
- Base prices are determined using the volume-weighted average price (VWAP) of trades executed in the final 30 minutes of the previous trading day.

15. The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 crossed 1 lakh guarantees (1,06,549 issued) totaling ₹48,484.26 crore.

16. India's rank in the World Bank's Doing Business Report improved from 142 (2014) to 63 (2019).

- IMD Competitiveness Ranking reached 41 in 2025 (declined from 37 in 2022).

17. Container Port Performance Index 2025

- It is jointly developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.
- Top global port: Fuzhou, China (China holds 4 of the top 5).
- India's top port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), ranked 22nd globally as a highly improved port.

18. DRDO successfully tested an indigenous Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island (formerly Wheeler Island) in Chandipur, Odisha.

19. Indian Army Receives 106 Kamikaze Drones

- The Indian Army received 106 "Peacekeeper" (Agniveg) jet-powered kamikaze loitering munitions from SMPP.
- Top speed 450 km/h; range 180 km.

20. Exercise Pitch Black 2026

- The Royal Australian Air Force is hosting this biennial multinational air combat exercise from July 20 to August 7, 2026.
- Takes place in Darwin, Northern Territory, and Queensland.
- Features over 100 aircraft and ~18 countries, including the Indian Air Force.

21. National Military Drone Technology Hub at IIT Kanpur

- The Ministry of Defence granted in-principle approval for a ₹500 crore hub at IIT Kanpur.

22. Indian Navy Decommissions Sea King MK 42B Helicopters

- After 55 years of service, the Indian Navy retired the "Sea King MK 42B" helicopters.

23. Bengaluru-based AI startup "Sarvam AI" became India's 130th unicorn and the first AI startup to achieve this.

24. Jio Platforms Enters Top 20 of WIPO Patent Ranking

- Jio Platforms became the first Indian technology innovator in the top 20 of the WIPO global patent ranking.
- India ranks 6th globally (64,480 patent applications filed annually); China is 1st (73,718).

25. Anthropic Releases "Fable Five" AI Model

- Anthropic released "Fable Five" from its Claude family, its most advanced general-public AI model (restricted in sensitive areas).

26. The World Economic Forum (WEF) founded 1971, HQ at Cologny, Geneva.

27. India targets 155 GW of wind energy by 2035 (interim goal 100 GW by 2030).

- Current capacity reported between 56.1 GW and 58.1 GW.
- India is the 4th largest wind market globally.

28. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the “WT MARUT” (Wind Turbine Materials and Resource Utility Tracker) portal in Goa on Global Wind Day.

- It is India’s first wind turbine supply chain portal, ensuring raw material availability.

29. PM Modi Receives Slovakia’s Highest State Honor

- Prime Minister Modi received Slovakia’s highest state honour, “The Order of the White Double Cross, First Class”, from President Peter Pellegrini (his 33rd global award).
- He is the first Indian PM to visit Slovakia since independence, meeting PM Robert Fico in Bratislava.
- Slovakia (Euro currency, NATO member since 2004) is landlocked, bordering Poland and Ukraine.
- Modi also recently attended the G7 summit in Italy with PM Giorgia Meloni.

30. India and the MERCOSUR block (Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay) target mid-2027 to expand the PTA (Preferential Trade Agreement) to 1,500–2,000+ lines, covering tariff/non-tariff barriers.

31. India-Japan Adopt Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.

32. India’s UPI operates in 9 countries (Singapore, UAE, France, Nepal, Mauritius, Bhutan, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Cambodia).

- Bhutan adopted it first in 2021; Nepal fully deployed it in 2022.

33. The BRICS Agriculture Conference was held in Indore.

34. Social Media Bans for Minors (UK, Indonesia, Karnataka)

- The UK (under PM Keir Starmer) will ban platforms like TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, and Facebook for children under 16 by early 2027 (exempting YouTube Kids/WhatsApp).
- Similarly, Indonesia and the Indian state of Karnataka banned social media for children under 16.

35. Usutu Virus Detected in Scotland

- The **Usutu virus (USUV)**, a mosquito-borne, single-stranded RNA virus from the *Flavivirus* genus, was detected in Scotland for the first time.
- Causes high mortality in wild birds but has not affected humans.

36. Assam exported Joha rice (a GI-tagged product) to Europe for the first time

37. Sikkim hosted the Indian Orchid Festival.

38. Jharkhand – NABARD Supports 4 Products for GI Tags

- NABARD (est. 1982) supported 4 products in receiving 10-year GI tags: Bhagaiya Silk, Kuchai Silk, Munda Jewelry, and Bamboo Craft.

39. Lieutenant Vishal Kumar won the Sword of Honor and the President’s Gold Medal for securing first place at the IMA Dehradun passing-out parade.

40. Sudarsan Pattnaik (Odisha) became the first Indian to win the Russia Grand Sand Masters Cup 2026 at the International Festival of Sand Sculpture in Kaliningrad.

- Built a 3-meter-high “Earth faces” sculpture.

41. Mr. Beast hit 500 million subscribers, receiving a custom button from YouTube’s Indian-origin CEO Neal Mohan.

42. The book “Agatthiyar – The Unifier” (originally published in English as *Agastya – The Unifier*) was officially released by the Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan

- Authored by O. Shama Bhatt and Dr. M.N. Sudha; translated into Tamil by Prof. Kalyani.

43. 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)

- Organized by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- Highest honour: Golden Conch.
- Opening Documentary: “Time and Water” (Directed by Sara Dosa).

44. Important Days

- June 14 – World Blood Donor Day; honours Karl Landsteiner (ABO blood group discoverer); organized by the World Health Assembly (Theme: “One Drop of Humanity, Give Blood Save Life”).
- June 15 – Global Wind Day (Theme: “Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration”).

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• June 17 – World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (Adopted by UNGA 1994; Theme: “Rangelands, Recognize, Respect, Restore”).

45. Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana (Team India Vice Captain, WPL RCB champion) was the sole Indian athlete listed in TIME’s 100 Most Influential in Sports.

46. Srishti Kiran (Bengaluru) reached World No. 1 in the U-13 ITF Junior World Ranking, winning 5 ITF titles.

47. FIFA 2026 World Cup Begins

• FIFA 2026 World Cup is co-hosted by US, Canada, Mexico (48 teams, 104 matches).

• Opening game: Mexico beat South Africa 2-0.

• Mexico’s Estadio Azteca is the first stadium to host 3 World Cups (1970, 1986, 2026).

48. Pole Vault – Marschall Defeats Duplantis in Stockholm

• Australia’s Kurtis Marschall defeated world record holder Armand “Mondo” Duplantis at the Wanda Diamond League Bauhaus-Galan in Stockholm (5.90 m vs. 5.80 m).

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