

1. Green Hydrogen Certification Portal of India (GHCI): Launched by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi — a digital platform providing certifications and tax support to manufacturers adopting green fuel.

- The portal becomes operational on July 1, 2026, following a security audit.

2. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated a Smart Warehousing System for food grain storage in New Delhi.

3. The Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) signed an MoU to integrate multilingual capabilities into India's public procurement portal.

- Bhashini supports 36 Indian text languages and 23 voice languages, processing over 15 million inferences daily across 800 government websites.

4. DigiLocker onboarded Family ID credentials from four states:

- Rajasthan – Jan Aadhaar; Maharashtra – Mahasarathi; Madhya Pradesh – MP Samagra; Uttar Pradesh – UP Family ID.

5. Drone-Based Mail Delivery in Himachal Pradesh

- The Department of Post launched a drone-based transmission process (announced by Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia).
- Operates between the Mandi Head Post Office and Rehardhar Branch Post Office in Himachal Pradesh, effective June 12.

6. Namu Cities – Four Greenfield Cities Approved

- The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB), chaired by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, approved developing four greenfield cities named “Namu Cities”.
- Locations: Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

7. Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project

- Six states – Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi – signed an MoU for the project.
- Located on the Tons River (a Yamuna tributary) at the Uttarakhand–HP border.
- Estimated cost: ₹15,000 crore, with the Central Government funding 90%.

8. PM-KISAN Scheme – 23rd Installment

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 23rd installment from Tarakeswar in Hooghly district, West Bengal, on June 20th.
- ₹18,880 crore to be transferred to 9.44 crore farmers, with each receiving ₹2,000.

9. PM-RAHAT Scheme – Cashless Treatment for Road Accident Victims

- Launched on 5 May and implemented from June 4, 2025, under Section 162 of the Motor Vehicles Act.
- Benefits: Cashless treatment up to ₹1.5 lakh per road accident victim for 7 days.
- Stabilization treatment: up to 24 hours for non-life-threatening cases, and up to 48 hours for life-threatening cases.

10. National Statistical Commission (NSC) Appointments

- Dr Saibal Chattopadhyay (former director of IIM Kolkata) appointed Chairperson.
- Prof. Shubhabrata, Satyendra Bahadur Singh and Madhavan Mukund appointed as part-time members.

11. India-UK Pacts – CETA and DCC

- The Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Double Contribution Convention (DCC) were signed.

12. New Development Bank (NDB) – Uzbekistan Joins as 10th Member

- Uzbekistan officially became the 10th member country of NDB and the first Central Asian nation to join the NDB (BRICS Bank).
- the five founding BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and five expanded members (Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt, Algeria, and Uzbekistan)

13. South Korea became the 4th country (after the US, UK and Japan) to establish an AI security partnership with OpenAI.

14. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued guidelines under the Payment and Settlement Act of 2007 for Payment System Operators (PSOs).

- Covers card networks (Visa, Mastercard, RuPay), ATM operators, and digital payments (PhonePe, Google Pay).

15. RBI Eases Capital Norms (ECLGS 5.0)

- RBI relaxed immediate guidelines: 75% of the guaranteed portion attracts zero risk weight (if banks settle within 30 days).
- The remaining 25% continues to attract a 20% risk weight.

16. RBI Removes Interest Ceiling on NRE/FCNR Deposits

- RBI temporarily removed the interest rate ceiling on select Non-Resident External (NRE) and Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR) deposits.
- Valid until September 30, 2026; banks can offer higher rates on deposits with 3+ year maturities.

17. NSE Indices Limited added 11 new sector-specific indices.

- Total portfolio now stands at 34 indices.

18. WPI to be Replaced by PPI

- The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) will be replaced by the Producer Price Index (PPI) over 5 years.
- Base year updated to 2023; tracked items increased from 697 to 957; services included for the first time.
- May 2026 WPI inflation at 9.68%, CPI at 3.93%.

19. EPF Interest Rate for FY 2025-26

- The Ministry of Finance approved an 8.25% interest rate on Employee Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for FY 2025-26.

20. An IRDAI committee headed by Sandeep K. Shukla will guide insurance companies on responsible AI adoption.

21. Dubai-based Emirates NBD acquired a 60% majority stake in India's RBL Bank.

- Via a \$2.75 billion (approx ₹26,000 crore) capital infusion.

22. SBI Fundraising for FY 2026-27

- The State Bank of India (SBI) board approved raising ₹60,000 crore in FY 2026-27.

23. Bank of Baroda (BOB) – Golden Goal Scheme

- A retail non-bulk FD scheme for amounts under ₹3 crore.
- Features a 555-day maturity period and a 7.4% interest rate.

24. HDFC Bank: Keki Mistry appointed interim part-time chairman for 3 months, replacing Atanu Chakraborty.

25. GIC Chairman: The Department of Financial Services (DFS) appointed Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi as CMD of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC), succeeding Narend Ramaswami (term ended Sept 30, 2025).

26. First Batch of NDA Women Cadets Commissioned

- 17 women cadets who joined the NDA in August 2022 completed training.
- Commissioned: 9 in the Army, 5 in the IAF, and 3 in the Navy (at the Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala).

27. Defence Honours Conferred by the President

- Lt. Vishal Kumar: Sword of Honour and President's Gold Medal (IMA Dehradun).
- Capt. Captain Yogender Singh Thaku: Shaurya Chakra.
- Major Akhilesh Bhatt: Honored for scaling Mt. Everest and leading a 12-member NSG team.
- Cadet Captain Sahil Sharma: President's Bronze Medal.
- Sub Lt. Sachin Kumar: Chief of Naval Staff Silver Medal.

28. QS World University Rankings

- Global Top 5: MIT (USA) #1 with a perfect 100; Imperial College and Stanford (tied #2); Oxford (#4); Harvard (#5).
- India: IIT Delhi highest at 118th globally (up from 123rd, score 65.7).
- Other Indian institutes: IIT Bombay (134), IIT Madras (170), IIT Kharagpur (205), IISc Bengaluru (221).
- 52 Indian universities were listed, up from 14 in 2017.

29. IIRF (Indian Institutional Ranking Framework) 2026 University Rankings

- Released by **IIRF Centre for Institutional Research (ICIR)**.
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU): top government university.
- IIM Ahmedabad (top management), IIT Bombay (top engineering), IISc Bengaluru (top science).

30. Kerala – ‘Priyadarshini’ Free Travel Scheme

- CM V. D. Satheesan launched the ‘Priyadarshini’ scheme at the Thampanoor Central Bus Station.
- Provides free travel for all women and transgender individuals on ordinary KSRTC buses.

31. Deepti Sharma Ties Highest Wicket-Taker Record

- She tied the record for the **highest wicket-taker in women's international cricket history** with **355 wickets**
- She shares the number-one spot exclusively alongside fellow Indian legend **Jhulan Goswami** (355 wickets), while England's **Katherine Sciver-Brunt** sits in third place with 335 wickets

32. Fatima Sana – Women’s T20 Records

- Pakistan’s **Fatima Sana** became the first **captain** to score 50 or more runs and take at least three wickets in the same **Women’s T20 World Cup match**, against South Africa in Birmingham.

33. Kerala Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (MILMA) won the Spice Coast Legacy Award at the Spice Coast Excellence Awards 2026, organised by the Cochin Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

34. Rahul Vatts (Bharti Airtel) appointed Chairperson of the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) for 2026-27, replacing Abhijit Kishore.

35. Obituaries

- Robert Thurman: Renowned American Buddhist scholar, Padma Shri awardee and friend of the Dalai Lama; passed away at 84 in Woodstock.
- Lt. Gen. Vijay Oberoi: Former Vice Chief of Army Staff who lost his right leg during the 1965 India-Pakistan war; passed away

36. Important Days

- June 19 – World Sickle Cell Awareness Day (passed by UNGA in 2008). Theme: “Closing the Gap: Survival Gap in Equity in Sickle Cell Disease.” (Disease causes crescent-shaped RBCs, blocking vessels.)
- June 19 – International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.

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