

### 1. India's First Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project in Odisha

- PM Modi laid the foundation stone for India's first commercial-scale coal-to-ammonium nitrate project.
- The ₹25,016-crore project is being developed by **Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited (BCGCL)** at Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda district, Odisha

### 2. Tata Motors Joins ₹9,585 Crore Vehicle Replacement Scheme

- Tata Motors signed an MoU with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- Joined the ₹9,585 crore vehicle replacement scheme for the Delhi NCR region.

### 3. MHA received Two Cybercrime Portals (Helpline 1930)

- Launched during a high-level review meeting chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah regarding the national cyber crime helpline 1930.

### 4. Search-cum-Selection Committee for National Sports Board

- The Government of India constituted a search-cum-selection committee.
- Chaired by Cabinet Secretary Dr. TV Somanathan.

### 5. The 10th edition of the National Public Health Summit was held in Chandigarh.

### 6. Tamil Nadu officially became India's top marine fish producing state.

### 7. India assumed the Vice Presidency of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for the first time.

- Vivek Agarwal, currently Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, was appointed Vice President.
- FATF is a 40-member, Paris-headquartered organisation combating money laundering and terror financing.

### 8. 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting & Indore Declaration

- 16th meeting was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh (June 12–13).
- Theme: "Building for resilience, innovation, cooperation, and sustainability".

### 9. India at 16th World Pharmacopoeias Meeting in Brazil

- The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), led by V. Kalaiselvan, represented India at the 16th international meeting in Brasilia, Brazil.

### 10. China Builds World's Largest Hydropower Dam on Brahmaputra

- The river is known as Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet and Siang in Arunachal Pradesh.

### 11. UAE Bans Children Under 15 From Social Media

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) became the first Arab country to introduce nationwide regulations banning children under 15 years from accessing, creating, or operating social media accounts.

### 12. PM Modi Disburses ₹2,400 Crore Under Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana

- The PM Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana was launched in August 2025 by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

### 13. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) balance sheet expanded by 20.6% in FY25-26, its fastest growth rate recently, heavily supported by forex operations.

- Broad money supply grew by 13%.

### 14. RBI Exempts CRR/SLR on Fresh NRE & FCNR Deposits

- The RBI exempted commercial banks from maintaining Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) on fresh Non-Resident External (NRE) and Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR) term deposits of 3 years to 5 years
- Applicable to deposits mobilised between June 19, 2026 and September 30, 2026.

### 15. The government formally approved an 8.25% interest rate for Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for the financial year 2025-26.

### 16. SBI projected India's GDP growth at 6.6%.

### 17. India and Vietnam set a \$25 billion bilateral trade target to be achieved by 2030.

### 18. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited was officially granted "Navratna" status by the Ministry of Finance.

### 19. INS Sudarshini completed a port call in Mindelo, Cabo Verde.

### 20. INS Sagardhwani completed a visit to Cam Ranh, Vietnam.

### 21. Exercise Khaan Quest 2026 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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- A contingent of the Indian Army's Jat Regiment participated in the 23rd edition of this multilateral military exercise.

### 22. Scientists discovered a new lynx spider species, *Hamataliwa mawlyngot*, in Meghalaya.

### 23. QS World University Rankings 2027

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) ranked globally at No. 1 for the 15th straight year.
- IIT Delhi emerged as the top university in India for the second consecutive year (ranked 118th globally with a score of 65.7).

### 24. WEF Energy Transition Index

- In the World Economic Forum (WEF) rankings: Sweden 1st, Finland 2nd, Denmark 3rd, Estonia 4th, and Norway 5th.
- India was placed at the 70th position.

### 25. Youngest to Cross Palk Strait

- 7-year-old Ishank Singh became the youngest person to cross the Palk Strait.

### 26. Key Appointments

- Vivek Agarwal – Appointed Vice President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- Keki Mistry – Received an extension as interim chairman of HDFC Bank, succeeding Atanu Chakraborty.
- Prashant Pise – Appointed as India's next ambassador to Oman.
- Praveen Sood – CBI Director received a one-year extension.
- R Mukundan – Tata Chemicals CEO elected President of CII for the 2026-27 term.
- Saibal Chattopadhyay – Appointed Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC).
- Bimal N Patel – Renowned Indian jurist elected as a judge to the UN's ITLOS (International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) for the 2026–2035 term.
- Hitesh Ramchand Joshi – Appointed new Chairman and Managing Director of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re).

### 27. Awards

- Deepak Bhatia – Received the prestigious Earth Dubai award.
- Dr. VS Mehta – Selected for ASSOCHAM's lifetime achievement award.

### 28. Obituaries & Anniversaries

- Robert A.F. Thurman – Esteemed American Buddhist scholar and author on Tibetan Buddhism, passed away in New York. He was awarded the Padma Shri by India in 2020 (Literature and Education) and is best known for publishing "The Tibetan Book of the Dead" in 1994.
- Rani Lakshmbai of Jhansi – Death anniversary remembered on June 18. She died near Gwalior in 1858 while fighting British forces led by Hugh Rose, to oppose the Doctrine of Lapse during the 1857 Revolt.

### 29. Important Days

(i) June 21 – International Day of Yoga

- The UN Headquarters in New York hosted the 12th International Day of Yoga, featuring 800 participants.
- PM Modi's yoga guru, HR Nagendra, led a session at Times Square.
- The Ministry of Ayush organised the International Festival of Yoga and Meditation in Leh, Ladakh (Mahabodhi International Meditation Center) from June 15 to 21.
- Celebrations at the Siachen Glacier and Pangong Tso Lake highlighted "Sowa-Rigpa" medical techniques.
- The 2026 theme was "Yoga for Healthy Aging".

(ii) June 20 – World Refugee Day

- The 2026 theme is "Until Everyone is Safe".

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