

1. Rahul Himalayan Given Additional Charge as CMD of IRCTC

2. Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 Introduced in Lok Sabha

- Introduced in the Lok Sabha by Union Minister for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal.
- Sanctioned judge strength of the Supreme Court to be increased from 33 to 37, excluding the Chief Justice of India (CJI).

3. HDFC Bank: Extended the tenure of K.K. Mistry as Interim Chairman

4. Mindaugas Sinkevičius Appointed Prime Minister of Lithuania

- Lithuania Capital: Vilnius
- Lithuania Currency: Euro
- Lithuania President: Gitanas Nausėda

5. Senegal's President Elected Chairman of ECOWAS at 69th Session

- The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is headquartered at Abuja, Nigeria.
- President Bassirou Diomaye Faye of Senegal was elected Chairman of ECOWAS at its 69th Session.
- ECOWAS membership has reduced to 12 nations following the withdrawal of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger.

Static GK (Senegal)

- Capital: Dakar
- Currency: CFA Franc

6. Central Government Debt-to-GDP Ratio Declines to 58.2% in FY 2025–26

7. SEBI Bars Promoters from Selling Shares During Buybacks

- Effective 1 August 2026, promoters are prohibited from selling or transferring shares, including pledged shares, during buybacks.
- Shares will be frozen at the 12-digit (alphanumeric code) ISIN level from the date of board approval until buyback completion, capped at 66 days.

8. NSE launched Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs), representing vaulted physical gold.

- NSE launched 11 new sector indices, taking its total number of indices to 34.

9. SEBI Imposes ₹1 Crore Disincentive on NSE for Technical Glitches

- NSE experienced technical glitches in March 2022 and December 2023.
- SEBI imposed a ₹1 crore penalty on NSE for these technical glitches.
- The amount is payable to the Investor Protection Fund (IPF) within 30 days.

10. RBI Imposes ₹17.30 Lakh Penalties on Three Co-operative Banks

- o Kolhapur District Central Co-operative Bank — ₹13.30 Lakh
- o United Puri Nimapara Central Co-operative Bank — ₹3.00 Lakh
- o Manmad Urban Co-operative Bank — ₹1.00 Lakh

11. PFRDA Opens On-Tap Registration for Pension Fund Managers

- PFRDA opened a continuous (on-tap) licensing window for Pension Fund Managers (PFMs) under the National Pension System (NPS) and the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS).
- Eligibility conditions for applicants:
 - o Minimum 5 years of equity/debt management experience
 - o Minimum net worth of ₹50 crore maintained over 5 years
 - o ₹25 crore paid-up capital

12. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY): ₹2 Lakh death cover, age 18–50 years, premium ₹436 per year.

13. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY): ₹2 Lakh accidental cover, age 18–70 years, premium ₹20 per year.

14. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY): 59.14 crore loans issued across four categories:

- o Shishu — up to ₹50,000
- o Kishore — ₹50,000 to ₹5 Lakh
- o Tarun — ₹5 Lakh to ₹10 Lakh
- o Tarun Plus — ₹10 Lakh to ₹20 Lakh

15. Ethanol ATMs to Be Deployed from September 2026

- India's ethanol production capacity has crossed 20 billion litres per year, with a target of 24 billion litres per year by 2027.
- India's first 2G Ethanol plant was set up at Panipat.

16. India's Installed Renewable Energy Capacity Reaches 288.58 GW

- India's global rank in wind energy: 4th.
- Nuclear capacity: 8.78 GW.

17. China is constructing the 60,000 MW Yarlung Zangbo Hydroelectric Mega Project in Tibet

- The Yarlung Zangbo river enters India as the Siang River in Arunachal Pradesh, before forming the Brahmaputra.

18. Shan Conservation Society Formed in Ladakh for Snow Leopard Protection

- The Snow Leopard is known as the "Ghost of the Mountains".
- The Shan Conservation Society was formed in Ladakh to protect Snow Leopards.
- India holds 718 snow leopards, with Ladakh leading at 477.

19. India's First Geothermal Wells Drilled in Puga Valley, Ladakh

20. Amul's ₹700 Crore Integrated Dairy Project Launched in West Bengal

21. APEDA facilitated exports of Kashmir Cherry (variety: Areko) and Plum (variety: Scentrose) to Singapore.

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was established in 1986.
- Chairman: Abhishek Dev.

22. Gujarat was awarded the Agriculture Leadership Award 2026 for horticulture excellence

23. ICMR set up India's first high-altitude medicine research institute in Keylong in Lahaul & Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, in collaboration with DRDO and the Armed Forces.

24. Madhya Pradesh (MP) received the National Health Award under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

25. Meghalaya Launches Golden Spice Mission for Lakadong Turmeric

- Lakadong Turmeric is a signature product of Meghalaya.
- Meghalaya launched the Golden Spice Mission to boost Lakadong Turmeric production.
- Other regional product initiatives noted:
 - o Muga Silk — Snehajori, Assam
 - o Mission Queen Pineapple — Tripura
 - o Cardamom — Sikkim

26. Bihar Completes Belwa-Minapur Link Canal Under River Interlinking

27. Jammu & Kashmir's Kathua Station was renamed Shaheed Captain Sunil Kumar Chaudhary Kathua Railway Station.

28. The Indian Army executed Operation Jal Rahat, conducting flood relief operations in Assam.

29. Jalbhara Sandesh of Hooghly, West Bengal, was awarded the GI tag.

30. NITI Aayog Releases First Investment Friendliness Index (IFI)

- The Investment Friendliness Index (IFI) evaluates 28 States and 8 Union Territories (UTs) across 84 indicators and 8 pillars.
- Large States: 1st Gujarat, 2nd Maharashtra, 3rd Tamil Nadu
- Hilly/North-Eastern States: 1st Uttarakhand, 2nd Assam, 3rd Himachal Pradesh
- UTs/City-States: 1st Goa, 2nd Delhi, 3rd Chandigarh
- Bihar ranked lowest among states; Lakshadweep ranked lowest among UTs.

31. MIB (Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) Launches "Gem of India Challenge" on Waves OTT Platform

32. The Assamese feature film "Rador Pakhi" (Morning Sunshine), directed by Bobby Sarma Baruah , won the "Jury Special Mention" at the Moscow International Film Festival.

33. Bharat Samman Award: conferred on Dr. Nandini Azad.

34. President Droupadi Murmu paid the first-ever state visit by an Indian President to Moldova.

- Capital of Moldova: Chişinău; President: Maia Sandu.

35. Rohit Sharma:

- o Became the first Indian men's cricketer to score an ODI century at Lord's.
- o Became the oldest Indian to score an international century across formats, at 39 years and 90 days.

36. ICC Players of the Month (June 2026):

- o Men's: Nathan Smith (New Zealand)
- o Women's: Dani Wyatt-Hodge (England)

37. Commonwealth Games 2026 — Mirabai Chanu Named Flag Bearer

- Mirabai Chanu was named Flag Bearer.
- Lovlina Borgohain was named Baton Bearer.

38. Pakistan to Host 14th South Asian Games in 2027

- Host cities: Lahore, Islamabad and Faisalabad.

39. FIFA World Cup: Future Host Nations Confirmed

- 2030 FIFA World Cup: to be co-hosted by Spain, Portugal and Morocco, with centenary matches in Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay.
- 2034 FIFA World Cup: to be hosted by Saudi Arabia.

40. Combat Sports — Budapest Ranking Series and Asian Boxing Results

- Budapest Ranking Series:
 - o Neha — Gold (59 kg)
 - o Mansi — Silver (62 kg)
 - o Savita — Bronze (62 kg)
- Asian U19/U23 Boxing (Jakarta): **India's U19 women actually ranked 2nd** (behind Uzbekistan). India ranked 3rd in the Women's category

41. Important National and International Days

- 20 July — International Moon Day
 - o Theme: "One Moon One Vision One Future"
 - o Marks the 57th anniversary of Apollo 11
- 20 July — World Chess Day
- 22 July — World Brain Day
 - o Theme: "Brain Health Access for All"
- 18 July — Nelson Mandela International Day
- 21 July — Martyrs' Day / Shahid Diwas (West Bengal), commemorating the 1993 firing
- 21 June — 12th International Yoga Day
 - o Theme: "Yoga for Healthy Aging"
 - o Main event: Kolkata
- 17 June — World Crocodile Day
 - o Theme: "Legacy in Every Scale"
- 18 June — National Day for Countering Hate Speech
 - o Theme: "Hate Speech and Artificial Intelligence"

42. Obituaries

- Robert A.F. Thurman — Buddhist scholar and Padma Shri recipient, passed away at the age of 84.