

- 1. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas approved ₹150 crore assistance for India's first private hybrid second-generation (2G) ethanol project at Wave Sugar in Dura, UP**
- 2. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated Northeast India's largest organic spice processing unit in Ri-Bhoi district(Meghalaya) with an investment of ₹32 crore.**
- 3. New Development Bank (the BRICS bank headquartered in Shanghai, led by Dilma Rousseff)**
- 4. West Bengal State Budget 2026**
 - State budget with a ₹4.38 lakh crore allocation.
- 5. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched "nafex.in", a digital auction portal for the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).**
- 6. "Abhigyan" Fingerprint App for Police**
 - The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) launched a real-time fingerprint scanning app authorized under the Identification Act 2022.
- 7. GeM Suvidha Kendras in Rural Areas**
 - The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) partnered with Common Service Centres (CSC) to set up these centers in rural areas.
 - Starting with a pilot of 50 centers across 9 states.
- 8. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) fined Storia Foods and Bectors Foods ₹1 lakh for misleading advertisements falsely claiming their products were made of "100%" product-composition claims".**
- 9. RBI Revamps Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme**
 - KCC launched in 1998 (RV Gupta Committee recommendation).
 - Smart-cum-debit cards for KCC were introduced to allow farmers fund withdrawals without relying on bank branch hours (TM Bhasin Committee recommendation).
 - The RBI comprehensively revamped the KCC scheme guidelines, effective January 1, 2027, for Commercial Banks, Small Finance Banks, RRBs, and Cooperative Banks.
 - Coverage: Includes agriculture, animal husbandry, and fisheries.
 - Collateral Rules: Collateral and margin requirements strictly waived for loans up to ₹2 lakh (increased from ₹1.6 lakh). Banks have discretion to extend this collateral-free limit up to ₹3 lakh in special cases. Borrowers can voluntarily pledge assets like gold or silver.
 - Flexi Limits: Marginal farmers are eligible for flexi credit limits between ₹10,000 and ₹50,000.
 - Tenure: Farmers can secure a KCC block limit for up to 6 years, eliminating the need to repeatedly renew loans every crop season, while crop seasons are standardized.
- 10. PhonePe will deduct a ₹100 maintenance fee quarterly from digital wallets inactive for 365 days.**
 - The RBI regulates these wallets as "Prepaid Payment Instruments" (PPI).
- 11. ADB Private Sector Investments in India**
 - India is the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) largest private sector market for 2025 and is set to retain this position in 2026.
 - ADB plans to provide \$1 billion in direct private sector financing to Indian companies in 2026.
- 12. World Bank Loan for Haryana — Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Project**
 - The World Bank approved a ₹4,000 crore loan (out of a ₹5,714 crore budget) for the "Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Project".
- 13. Meta Invests in CRED**
 - Meta invested \$900 million in Indian fintech startup CRED, pushing its valuation to \$4.5 billion.
 - CRED's founder Kunal Shah was appointed Global Head of WhatsApp (succeeding Will Cathcart).
 - Mithen Sampat was appointed to head CRED.
- 14. Axis Bank provided a ₹100 crore CSR grant to establish an Innovation Park focused on life sciences and healthcare at the BITS Pilani Hyderabad campus in Genome Valley.**
- 15. Zerodha Fund House launched India's first life cycle target date mutual funds: Zerodha Life Cycle Fund 2036 (10-year maturity) and 2041 (15-year maturity).**
- 16. PNB Launches Eco-Friendly Credit Cards**

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) partnered with Zaggale to launch biodegradable, co-branded twin credit cards on both Visa and RuPay networks.
- 17. India hosted the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers Meeting in Gurugram (June 25–26, 2026). The energy-specific theme was "Urja for All".**
- 18. India hosted the BRICS National Security Advisors (NSA) meeting in New Delhi, chaired by NSA Ajit Doval.**
- India is chairing BRICS for the fourth time (previously 2012, 2016, 2021). The overall theme for the 2026 chairmanship is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability".
- 19. UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer (Labour Party) resigned as both PM and party leader due to party members' concerns about winning upcoming elections.**
- 20. Abelardo de la Espriella was elected as the new President of Colombia, succeeding Gustavo Petro (the country's first left-wing president).**
- 21. Norway is enforcing a near-total ban on generative AI tools in elementary schools (ages 6–13 (Grades 1-7)) starting late August 2026.**
- PM Jonas Gahr Støre noted that over-reliance on AI hinders foundational learning and critical thinking.
 - Norway previously banned smartphones in schools in 2024 and currently tops the World Press Freedom and Democracy indices.
- 22. Garudastra Mortar System Tested**
- India successfully tested the "Garudastra", one of the country's heaviest 120 mm vehicle-mounted mortar systems.
 - Engineered by Pune-based private defense firm [Nibe Limited](#) in collaboration with a foreign original equipment manufacturer (OEM)
 - Testing Location: Field trials and live operational demonstrations were conducted for the Indian Army at the Infantry School in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh
- 23. National Green Hydrogen Mission**
- The total financial outlay for the National Green Hydrogen Mission is ₹19,744 crore
 - The mission aims to build a production capacity of at least 5 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of green hydrogen per annum by 2030.
 - The Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) scheme is the largest sub-component of the mission, receiving a massive allocation of ₹17,490 crore.
- 24. The Khurasani Imli (Tamarind) from the Mandu region in Madhya Pradesh received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.**
- 25. Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena, established the first Snow Leopard and High Altitude Nature Conservation Society.**
- Snow Leopard's Scientific name is Panthera uncia, the state animal of Ladakh. Currently, there are 718 in India (including 477 in Ladakh), protected under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- 26. SOFIA 2026 Report (FAO)**
- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released the "State of World Fishery and Aquaculture" (SOFIA) report. Theme: "Blue Transformation".
 - India is **second in aquatic-animal production and aquaculture** and first in inland capture fisheries and 2nd in overall aquaculture behind China.
- 27. India — World's Top Ship Recycling Nation (UNCTAD)**
- A UNCTAD report declared India the world's top ship recycling nation, reaching a 35.4% share in global ship recycling.
 - India achieved its Maritime India Vision 2030 target five years early in 2025.
- 28. QS World University Rankings 2027**
- Globally, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) — United States took the top spot.
 - In India: IIT Delhi (118th), IIT Bombay (134th),
 - Delhi University was the highest-ranked non-IIT Indian institution at 322nd.
- 29. Global Startup Ecosystem Report**
- Silicon Valley is 1st globally.

- Bengaluru ranked 15th, and Delhi ranked 31st.

30. Energy Transition Index (WEF)

- India ranked 70th
- Sweden, Finland, and Denmark retained the top three global positions.

31. FIH Women's Nations Cup 2025-2026 — India Wins

- The Indian women's hockey team won the cup in Auckland, New Zealand, defeating the hosts 2-0.
- This is India's second win (first was in 2022).
- Individual Honors: USA's Ashley Sessa (player of the tournament); India's Deepika (top scorer) and Lalsai (player of the match).

32. AFI Athletics Awards 2025

- Distributed by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
- Best Male Athlete: Neeraj Chopra (javelin).
- Best Female Athlete: Parul Chaudhary (sprinter/steeplechase).
- Lifetime Achievement Award: PT Usha (Current President of Indian Olympic Association).
- Best Coach: Parveer Singh. Other honorees: Anju Bobby George, Bahadur Singh Chauhan, and Gurbachan.
- Best Emerging Male Athlete: Shahnawaz Khan (Long Jump)
- Best Emerging Female Athlete: Pooja Singh (High Jump)

33. Doha Diamond League — Neeraj Chopra

- At the 7th edition held at Suheim bin Hamad Stadium, Qatar, Neeraj Chopra safely crossed the AFI qualifying mark, securing 4th position with an 85.69m throw.
- Sri Lanka's Ramesh won gold (88.68m), followed by Anderson (2nd) and Curtis (3rd).

34. Harmanpreet Kaur — 200 T20I Milestone

- Harmanpreet Kaur became the first cricketer ever (men or women) to play 200 T20 International matches, achieving this against South Africa in Manchester.
- In men's cricket, Paul Stirling tops with 163 matches, followed by Rohit Sharma with 159 matches.

35. Vaibhav Suryavanshi — Fastest List A Fifty

- The 15-year-old Indian cricketer Vaibhav Suryavanshi scored the fastest List A half-century in just 11 balls against Sri Lanka during the Tri-Nation Series final.

36. Akshara Gupta — Women's U-19 Record

- The Bihar cricketer Akshara Gupta made history in the Women's U-19 One Day Trophy by hitting 55 boundaries and 8 sixes in 126 balls.

37. Tennis — Marketa Vondrousova Suspended

- Former Wimbledon women's champion Marketa Vondrousova (Czech Republic) received a 4-year suspension from the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) for refusing an anti-doping test

38. Upcoming Sporting Events

- The 2026 Winter Paralympics will be held in Milan (Italy).
- The Commonwealth Games will be held in Glasgow (Scotland).

39. Key Appointments & Institutional Awards

- Solicitor General of India: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) reappointed Tushar Mehta for an additional 3-year term starting July 1, 2026.
- HDFC Bank: The RBI extended Keki Mistry's tenure as interim part-time Chairman for three months until September 18, 2026.
- ONDC: Vibhor Jain was appointed MD and CEO of the Open Network for Digital Commerce.
- ITLOS Judge: Dr. Bimal N. Patel (India) was elected judge to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for a 9-year term (2026–2035) with 115 valid votes, aiding India in maritime and blue economy disputes.
- National Statistical Commission: Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay was appointed Chairman (known as the watchdog of statistics).
- National Sports Board: A 5-member committee led by Dr. T.V. Somanathan was formed to select the board's chairman and members.

- J&K Police Award: The Jammu and Kashmir Police won the Institutional Performance Award for State Police in Passport Seva (2025-26) for the second consecutive time due to speedy passport verification, tied to Passport Seva Divas on June 24.

40. 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF 2026)

- The biennial non-fiction film festival concluded in Mumbai.
- Golden Conch (Best Documentary film of festival): "Silver" (directed by Polish filmmaker Natalia Koniarz).
- Silver Conch (Best Animation): "Maya's Song"
- Silver Conch (Best Short Fiction): "Under the Snow" and "Small Clouds".
- Best Student Film: "The Old Bull Knows, or Once Knew"41. Ambubachi Mela
- The annual festival is set to commence at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam.

42. Important Days

- June 21: International Day of Yoga (Theme: "Yoga for healthy aging") and World Hydrography Day (Theme: "Transforming how ocean data is shared").
- June 23 — International Olympic Day: Marks the 1894 formation of the IOC. Theme: "You Can Do This Let's Move".
- June 23 — United Nations Public Service Day: Celebrates government employees and public institution transparency. Theme: "Transforming public institutions, advancing innovation, participation and inclusion".
- June 23 — International Widows' Day.
- June 24: Passport Seva Divas (marks the enactment of the Passport Act of 1967).

43. Obituaries

- Alan Greenspan: Passed away. He was the former Chairman of the US Federal Reserve and a highly influential central banker.
- James Burrows: Passed away at age 85. He was an iconic American sitcom director who won 11 Emmys and directed over 1,000 episodes.