

1. UMMID Program Phase 2 Launched by Department of Biotechnology

- UMMID stands for Unique Methods of Management and Treatment of Inherited Disorders.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the Second Phase (Phase 2) of the UMMID Program.
- The phase focuses on research and development to manage and treat rare inherited genetic disorders.

2. Ayush Anudan Portal Launched Under Ayush Grid Initiative

- Prataprao Jadhav (Minister of State for Ayush, Health and Family Welfare) launched the Ayush Anudan Portal.
- He represents the Mehkar constituency, Maharashtra.
- The portal streamlines submission, processing, approval, and monitoring of funding proposals for Central Sector Schemes.

3. PM SHRI Scheme — Tamil Nadu Controversy Over Three-Language Formula

- PM SHRI stands for Prime Minister Schools for Rising India.
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme targeting over 14,500 government schools.
- Objective: Improve educational quality, implement National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and promote inclusive, skill-based learning.
- The scheme mandates a three-language formula as part of its conditions.
- Tamil Nadu follows a strict two-language policy (Tamil and English) and refuses to implement Hindi.

4. Parliamentary Committee Appointments — Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha

- India has 24 department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees.
- Of these, 8 Chairpersons are appointed by the Rajya Sabha Chairman and 16 by the Lok Sabha Speaker.
- Medha Vishram Kulkarni was nominated by Rajya Sabha Chairman CP Radhakrishnan as Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science, Technology, Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.
- Sudhir Gupta was appointed by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla as Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Corporate Laws.

5. PM Modi Visits Italy — Awarded FAO Agricola Medal; India-Italy Cultural Year Announced

- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a UN agency headquartered in Rome.
- Dr. Manmohan Singh previously received the Agricola Medal in 2008, and visited FAO HQ.
- PM Modi was Awarded the Agricola Medal by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- PM Modi is the first Indian Head of Government to visit FAO Headquarters in 30 years.
- India and Italy announced they will celebrate 2027 as the "Year of Culture and Tourism."

6. India hosted the 68th Asian Productivity Organization (APO) governing body meeting in New Delhi.

7. Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting Hosted by India in New Delhi

- The Quad is a strategic security grouping of four democracies: India, the United States (US), Japan, and Australia.

8. Northstar — UK-Denmark \$300 Million Clean Energy Platform Launched in India

- The UK's British International Investment and Danish firm Copenhagen Infrastructure Partner launched "Northstar" in India.

9. Tata Power partnered with Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC).

- Tata Power will provide training through its Skill Development Institute.
- Supports Bhutan's target of 5,000 MW clean energy capacity.

10. Flipkart Signs MoU with India Post for Last-Mile Parcel Delivery

11. RBI Draft Norms — Capital Adequacy Disclosures Aligned with Basel Pillar 3

12. RBI Bans Phone Disabling as Loan Recovery Tactic — New Draft Norms

- New RBI draft norms forbid Banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) from using mobile phone disabling as a recovery harassment tactic for defaulting borrowers.
- Exception: Devices purchased on Equated Monthly Installment (EMI) and in default for over 90 days — but even then, emergency SOS services cannot be blocked.
- Penalty for wrongful restriction: ₹250 per hour payable to the borrower by the bank.

13. RBI Approves Record Dividend Transfer of ₹2.87 Lakh Crore to Central Government

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved a record dividend (surplus) transfer of ₹2,86,588 crore (≈ ₹2.87 lakh crore) to the Central Government for Financial Year (FY) 2025-26.
- Previous year's transfer: ₹2.69 lakh crore.
- Amount transferred to the Contingent Risk Buffer (CRB) (emergency savings fund): ₹1.09 lakh crore for FY 2025-26.

14. RBI Imposes Monetary Penalties on Banks and NBFCs

- AKG Finvest Private Limited: ₹1 lakh penalty for violating shareholding control norms — allowed new investors to acquire 26% equity without prior RBI approval.
- City Union Bank: ₹1.10 lakh penalty for (a) charging improper fees on Priority Sector Lending (PSL) agricultural loans up to ₹25,000, and (b) failing to provide Self Help Group (SHG) data to credit information companies.
- Mintifi Finserv: ₹3.10 lakh penalty for missing KYC record upload timelines.
- Nuwva Investment: ₹2.70 lakh penalty for appointing directors without written RBI approval.

15. Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) — April 2026 Performance Data

- The Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) is released by the Office of Economic Adviser (OEA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- It measures performance of 8 core industries accounting for 40.27% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
- Base Year: 2011-12.
- In April 2026, combined growth was 1.7% (year-on-year).
- Cumulative April–March growth: 2.7%.

16. Bharat Tex 2026 — India's Flagship Global Textile Event with AI Assistant

- Bharat Tex 2026 is India's flagship global textile event scheduled for July 14–17 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Based on the government's 5F Vision: Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign.
- The Ministry of Textiles launched an AI-powered smart assistant and networking tool app for the event.

17. Reliance Industries became the first Indian company to surpass the \$120 billion revenue mark in FY 2025-26.

18. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the reappointment of Sandeep Bakhshi as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank.

19. Mahindra and DBS Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch India's first sustainability-linked dealer financing program in the automotive sector.

20. India's Electrical Equipment Industry is projected to surge from \$50 billion to \$235 billion by 2035.

21. Zikzuk Private Limited received RBI approval to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) Issuer.

22. Foundation Stone Laid for AMCA — India's 5th-Generation Stealth Fighter Aircraft

- The Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) is India's 5th-generation stealth fighter aircraft project.
- Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for the AMCA project in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh.

- Project cost: ₹15,000 crore.

23. PRAGATI Multilateral Military Exercise — India and 12 Partner Nations

- Exercise PRAGATI commenced at Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya.
- Participating nations: India and 12 partner nations including Bhutan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.

24. INS Sagar Completes Indian Ocean Deployment Under Mission MAHASAGAR

25. DRDO Completes Final Trials of UAV-Launched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM-V3)

- DRDO completed final deployment trials of the UAV-Launched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM-V3) at a test range near Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

26. India successfully completed the maiden technical trial of Vayu Astra-1 (also known as VU Astra-1), a loitering munition (suicide drone) system.

- Trial location: Pokhran, Rajasthan.

27. India successfully tested the Agni-1, a short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile.

- Test location: Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha.

28. SMILE Spacecraft Launched — ESA-Chinese Academy Joint Mission to Study Earth's Magnetosphere

- SMILE stands for Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionosphere Link Explorer.
- A joint mission by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

29. New Worm-Eating Snake Species Discovered in Mizoram and Myanmar

30. New Frog Species "Kali Night Frog" Discovered in Karnataka

31. Madhya Pradesh partnered with Google to develop an AI-powered management framework for the Simhastha 2028 Kumbh Mela in Ujjain (March 27 to May 28, 2028).

32. The Odisha Cabinet approved the Odisha Marine Fishing Regulation Act 2026 (replacing the 1982 Act).

- Objective: Enhance the blue economy and modernize fisheries.
- Target: ₹25,000 crore in seafood exports by 2036.

33. Kerala became the first Indian state to launch a dedicated Artificial Intelligence (AI) portfolio.

34. Bharat Forge Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to set up India's first private sector Marine Gas Turbine Repair, Overhaul, and Indigenous Development Complex in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

35. Chandrayaan-3 Receives 2026 AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award in Washington D.C.

- Chandrayaan-3 achieved the world's first soft landing near the Moon's south pole.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO's) Chandrayaan-3 mission received the 2026 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Goddard Astronautics Award in Washington D.C.
- Indian Ambassador Vinay Kwatra accepted the award on ISRO's behalf.

36. L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards 2026 — Five Global Laureates Announced

- Five L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards 2026 laureates announced, each receiving €100,000, at a ceremony in Paris on June 11.
- Prof. Liesl Zühlke — Africa/Arab States
- Prof. Felice Jacka — Asia Pacific
- Prof. Sarah A. Teichmann — Europe
- Prof. Vania Liachan — Latin America/Caribbean
- Prof. Gordana Vunjak-Novakovic — North America

37. IIT Kanpur Director & Former WHO Chief Scientist Elected Royal Society Fellows

- Prof. Manindra Agrawal (Director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur) was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society.
- Dr. Soumya Swaminathan (Former Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO)) was also elected as a Fellow.

38. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa conferred the Order of the Mapungubwe — South Africa's highest civilian award — on Indian-origin scientists Prof. Salim Abdool Karim and Prof. Quarraisha Abdool Karim.

39. Group Captain K.K. Venugopal of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) became the first Indian test pilot elected as a Fellow of the US-based Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP).

40. Kantha stitch artist Tripti Mukherjee was selected to be honoured with the Padma Shri award by President Droupadi Murmu.

41. Bharat Singh Chauhan was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association (CCA) for a four-year term.

- The First Commonwealth School Chess Championship is scheduled to be held in Malaysia in October 2026.

42. Vijay Shankar (age 35), former Indian cricketer, announced his retirement from domestic and Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket to pursue opportunities overseas.

43. Aston Villa defeated Freiburg to win the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Europa League.

44. Mount Everest recorded its highest single-day summit with 274 climbers reaching the peak in one day.

45. Important Days — May 20 to May 23, 2026

- May 20 — World Metrology Day: Theme — "Metrology Building Trust in Policy Making".
- May 21 — International Tea Day: Raises awareness on the cultural and economic importance of tea. Theme (UN FAO): "Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities."
- May 21 — World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development: Theme — "Dialogue Builds Bridges, Diversity Built."
- May 21 — National Anti-Terrorism Day: Observed to mark the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- May 23 — World Turtle Day: Established in 2000 by the American Tortoise Rescue. Raises awareness on grassroots habitat conservation. Theme: "Turtle Protector Pledge."

46. Book — "Better Never Stops" by Shyam Srinivasan

47. Major General (Maj Gen) Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri (Former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand) passed away.