

1. Indian Railways Achieves 99.6% Broad Gauge Electrification

- It is now the second most electrified railway network globally, behind Switzerland (100%).
- Standard Broad Gauge track width: 5 ft 6 in (1676 mm).

2. Akasa Air and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop and implement blended Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in India.

- Vinay Dube — CEO, Akasa Air; Sanjay Khanna — Chairman, BPCL.

3. Skyroot Aerospace Prepares Vikram-1, India's First Private Space Rocket

- Skyroot prepared Vikram-1, India's first private space rocket, for launch.
- It carries the payload named "Diamond Flower". The official name of the payload is "Cosmic Bloom"
- Launch location: Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

4. SEBI Directs Market Infrastructure Institutions to Resolve Investor Disputes Directly

- Disputes submitted via SCORES 2.0 must be resolved within 21 days.
- A 15-day window is provided for first-level review requests.
- ODR = Online Dispute Resolution; SCORES = SEBI Complaints Redress System (version 2.0).

5. SEBI Proposes Mutual Fund-Only Portfolio Management Services (PMS)

- Standard Portfolio Management Services (PMS) require a minimum ticket size of ₹50 lakh and a provider net worth of ₹5 crore.
- SEBI proposed a specialised **Mutual Fund-Only Portfolio Management Service (MF-PMS)**.
- Reduced minimum ticket size: ₹25 lakh (against ₹50 lakh for standard PMS).
- Lower provider net worth threshold: ₹2 crore (against ₹5 crore).

6. SEBI Simplifies Transmission of Securities to Nominees

- Nominees can now claim assets without producing a legal will or probate.
- Claim may be made using an Aadhaar/PAN card along with a QR-code-enabled death certificate.
- The **Quick Transmission Processing—QTP** limits are ₹10,000 for physical securities and ₹30,000 for demat securities
- The separate **simplified-documentation thresholds** are ₹10 lakh for physical securities and ₹30 lakh for demat securities.

7. RBI State of the Economy Bulletin: FPI Inflows at \$33.1 Billion

- Net Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) inflows of \$33.1 billion.

8. RBI Currency Innovations: Polymer Note Pilot and MANI App Expansion

- The MANI App (Mobile Aided Note Identifier) assists visually impaired citizens in identifying banknotes.
- RBI initiated a pilot for Polymer Bank Notes in ₹10 and ₹20 denominations.
- The MANI App was expanded to 13 Indian languages.
- The app identifies Mahatma Gandhi and New Series banknotes.
- MANI = Mobile Aided Note Identifier

9. Areion Group (via Aryan AMC) acquired Aviom India Housing Finance for ₹936 crore.

10. EbixCash secured an Authorized Dealer Category-II (AD Cat-II) licence from RBI.

11. Sector FDI caps: E-commerce — 100%; Public Sector Banks / LIC — 20%; Private Banks — 74%; Insurance / NBFCs / White-Label ATMs — 100%.

12. National Bioeconomy Roadmap Targets \$2.6 Trillion by 2047

- India's bioeconomy currently stands at \$195 Billion.

13. PM-WANI = Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface.

14. Food Minister Pralhad Joshi launched AI/IoT Smart Warehousing for the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC).

- Deployed across 216 Green Warehouses.

15. PM-YASASVI Scholarship Scheme Norms

- Managed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Beneficiaries: OBC, EBC and DNT students.
- Mandates 5% hostel seat reservation for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

- Infrastructure seat support:

- o North-East — ₹3.50 lakh
- o Himalayan States — ₹3.25 lakh
- o Rest of India — ₹3.00 lakh

- Construction timeline capped at 18 months.

16. Arunachal Pradesh to Set Up Dam-less River Kinetic Energy Plant

17. GAIL (India) Limited signed an MoU with Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) to explore critical minerals.

- Minerals covered: lithium, cobalt, nickel, graphite, rare earth elements and copper.

18. India-UAE Bilateral Cooperation Deepens

- Target of \$200 billion in bilateral trade by 2032.

19. Andhra Pradesh partnered with Punjab National Bank (PNB) to establish India's first bank-led Quantum Finance Hub

20. Uttar Pradesh Launches "Kaushal Setu" and "Kaushal Sarthi" Digital Platforms

- o Kaushal Setu — paperless digital partner empanelment.
- o Kaushal Sarthi — youth centre/course locator.

21. Maharashtra Ranks 1st Nationally Under PLI Auto Scheme

- The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Auto Scheme supports automobile manufacturing units.

22. Tamil Nadu Renames Breakfast Scheme as "Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme"

- At present, the scheme covers **Classes 1–5** in government and government-aided primary schools. Its expansion to **Classes 6–8** will take effect from **17 September 2026**. Therefore, from that date, it will cover **Classes 1–8** of government school students from Class 6 to Class 8.

23. Killai Village was designated Tamil Nadu's first fully operational climate-resilient village.

24. Thanjavur to Host Marathi Literary Conference

- The event honours Serfoji Raje Bhonsle

25. Goa Amends Public Gambling Act; Casino Age Fixed at 21

- o Minimum casino gambling age set at 21 years.
- o 18% per annum interest penalty imposed on overdue licence fees.

26. Rajasthan Launches "Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog" Digital Platform

27. Anurag Jain Appointed CEO of NITI Aayog

- He succeeds Nidhi Chhibber.

28. Ministry of Ayush Launches Yoga Park Portal

- 12th International Yoga Day theme: "Yoga for Healthy Aging".
- Main event held in Kolkata.

29. Important Days

- July 22 — National Flag Day (commemorating the 1947 flag adoption); also Pi Approximation Day and National Mango Day.
- July 23 — National Broadcasting Day, commemorating the 1927 Bombay radio broadcast.
- July 24 — Income Tax Day, commemorating the 1860 introduction of income tax by Sir James Wilson; also International Self Care Day, theme "Self Care is Health Care".
- January 25 — National Voters' Day, marking the 1950 founding of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

30. Vaibhav Suryavanshi (15 years, 118 days) became the youngest cricketer globally to score a T20 half-century, off 18 balls against Zimbabwe.

31. V. S. Rathavel Becomes India's 99th Chess Grandmaster

32. Judoka Arun Kumar was provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

33. FISU World University Squash Championship hosted at Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai.

34. Exercise Pitch Black 2026: Rafale Jets Participate for the First Time

- Exercise Pitch Black is a multinational air combat exercise held in Australia.

- Held at RAAF Base Darwin, Australia.
- Indian Air Force Rafale fighter jets participated for the first time.

35. "Samudra Pradakshina": First Tri-Service All-Women Circumnavigation Completed

- 9-member crew aboard IASV Triveni.
- Completed a 314-day voyage (as given in source) covering 25,500 nautical miles across 4 oceans.

36. Lokmanya Tilak National Award: National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval selected.