

### 1. Indian Passport Not a Proof of Citizenship: Passport Seva Divas 2026

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) celebrated the 14th Passport Seva Divas on June 24.
- It was clarified that an Indian passport is merely a legal travel document and cannot be used as a definitive certificate or proof of Indian citizenship locally.
- Other documents such as Voter ID, Aadhaar, Ration Card, and PAN Card are also not definitive proofs of citizenship.
- Under the Citizenship Act, 1955 (regulated by Part 2, Articles 5–11 of the Constitution), citizenship is strictly determined by 5 methods: birth, descent, registration, naturalization, and incorporation of territory.

### 2. Viksit Bharat 2047 Targets Discussed at UK Parliament

- Viksit Bharat 2047 targets were discussed at the UK Parliament.
- Targets are built around four main pillars: Youth, Poor, Women, and Farmers.
- The vision aims for a \$30–40 trillion GDP and a per capita income of \$15,000–\$18,000.

### 3. Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, K. Sanjay Murthy, signed an MoU with the Supreme Audit Institution of Israel (State Comptroller Matanyahu Engelman).

### 4. V.O. Chidambaranar (Tamil Nadu) Becomes India's Model Green Port

- The V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA) in Tamil Nadu is now a model green port and a Scope 2 emission-free port.

### 5. Mumbai Port Authority Marks 154th Foundation Day

### 6. GMR Airports Limited officially took over the operations, management, and development of the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport located in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

### 7. Tourism in India: Growth, Statistics, Schemes & Milestones (Viksit Bharat 2047)

- Statistics: Between 2014 and 2025, India recorded 181.25 million international arrivals and 93.35 million foreign tourist arrivals. In 2024, India ranked 20th globally with 20.6 million international arrivals. India earns \$31.6 billion directly from tourism.
- Government Schemes:
  - Swadesh Darshan Scheme (2014): Aimed at tourism infrastructure; 76 projects sanctioned (₹5,000 crore) with 75 completed.
  - Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (2022): Focuses on experience-based tourism.
  - PRASAD Scheme: Promotes spiritual tourism; 54 projects sanctioned worth ₹1,700 crore.
  - Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (2024–25): 40 projects sanctioned across 23 states with ₹3,295.76 crore to boost destinations, especially in the Northeast.
- Milestones & Targets: Mamallapuram (Tamil Nadu) became the first heritage site in South Asia to receive the Green Destination Silver Certificate.
- The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) projects India to become the 4th largest tourism economy in the next decade.

### 8. Lipulekh Pass Reopens as Second Route for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra

- The Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand had remained closed for six years (since 2020).
- The first route, Nathu La Pass in Sikkim, recently sent its first batch of 44 tourists
- Lipulekh is a strategic tri-junction between India, China (Tibet), and Nepal.

### 9. IRCTC to Launch "Divine East Temple Tour" on Bharat Gaurav Deluxe Tourist Train

### 10. The 2nd Pax Silica Summit Held in Washington DC on AI Supply Chains

- The summit was held in Washington DC, USA (June 25–26) and hosted by Jacob Helberg
- 35 nations, including India (represented by S. Krishnan from MeitY), signed an agreement/statement on artificial intelligence opportunity.

### 11. 16th BRICS National Security Advisor Meeting Held in New Delhi

- It is chaired by India's National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval.
- Theme: "Non-traditional security challenges confronting the world today".

### 12. Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi is scheduled to visit India from July 1 to July 3

### 13. Bangladesh Becomes 27th Member of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

- The IBCA was announced in 2023 to mark 50 years of Project Tiger, aiming to conserve 7 major big cat species: Tiger, Lion, Jaguar, Puma, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, and Leopard.
- Bangladesh became the 27th member to join the IBCA.
- Saudi Arabia was the 26th member; Russia is also a member.

### **14. SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) Women's Forum 2026 Held in Kyrgyzstan**

### **15. West African Hydrographic Summit Held in Abuja and Lagos, Nigeria**

### **16. India Launches Operation Amistad for Venezuela Earthquake Relief**

- Two Indian Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft were deployed carrying assistance, including indigenous BHISHM Cube (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita & Maitri) portable hospitals.

### **17. Hurun India 500 Report 2025: NSE Most Valuable Unlisted Firm, Reliance Tops List**

- National Stock Exchange (NSE) is India's most valuable unlisted company with a valuation of ₹4.86 lakh crore, beating Serum Institute and Adani Properties.
- Reliance Industries remains India's most valuable company for the 5th consecutive time.
- Bajaj Finance was the highest value creator in percentage terms, while Go recorded a 430% valuation growth.

### **18. Goldman Sachs Upgrades India's GDP Growth Forecast to 6.8%**

- American investment bank Goldman Sachs upgraded its forecast for India's real GDP growth rate for the calendar year (January–December 2026) to 6.8% (up from 6.5%).
- NSO Data Reference: Recent National Statistical Office (NSO) data noted India's 2025–26 real GDP growth was 7%, and nominal GDP was 8.9% (using 2022–23 as the new base year).

### **19. India Ranks 13th in QS World Future Skills Index 2027**

- India secured the 13th rank among 89 economies with a score of 89.4 out of 100 in the QS World Future Skills Index 2027.
- The USA, Australia, and the UK secured the top three spots.

### **20. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) signed an MoU with Bharat Metal Exchange Ltd. to**

**promote** awareness and development of non-ferrous metal derivatives (copper, aluminium, zinc, lead, and nickel) to strengthen price risk management in India.

### **21. Jump, an AI-driven fintech platform, secured approval from NPCI to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) for UPI services, with Yes Bank acting as the Payment Service Provider (PSP).**

### **22. PaisaBazaar & SBM Bank India Launch "Paisa Plus" FD-Backed Secured Credit Card**

- PaisaBazaar partnered with SBM Bank India to launch a fixed deposit-backed secured credit card.
- It requires a minimum FD of ₹2,000 and provides up to 7% interest, aimed at helping customers build credit profiles.

### **23. Meta (Facebook's parent company) announced a \$900 million Series H strategic investment in the fintech platform CRED.**

### **24. PM Modi Releases 23rd Installment of PM Kisan & Launches Multiple Agri Schemes**

- PM Modi released the 23rd installment of the PM Kisan scheme from Tarakeswar, Hooghly district, West Bengal transferring ₹18,880 crore to 9.44 crore eligible farmers via Direct Benefit Transfer.
- Restructured Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana: Expanded crop insurance coverage to 50 lakh farmers with an insured value of ₹28,140 crore.
- Agri Stack: Launched in West Bengal as part of the Digital Agriculture Mission.

### **25. FAO's SOFIA Report: India 2nd Largest Producer of Aquatic Animals**

- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) report at the 11th Our Ocean Conference in Kenya.
- India is the world's 2nd largest producer of aquatic animals (after China) with a 9% global share.
- India ranks 1st globally in inland capture fisheries (2.2 million tons) and 2nd in aquaculture.

### **26. The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) commissioned the world's first nuclear-based hydrogen production facility at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) in Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.**

### **27. China's 'LineShine' Becomes World's Fastest Supercomputer**

- According to the Top 500 ranking released from Hamburg, Germany, China's 'Line Shine' overtook the USA to become the world's fastest supercomputer, operating at a speed of 2.198 Exaflops.
  - India's fastest supercomputer, Airawat, currently ranks 211th.
- 28. Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) Signs MoU with Assam Innovation Startup Foundation to promote language technology and generative AI governance in vernacular languages like Assamese.**
- Bhashini currently supports over 800 government websites and processes 50 million interactions daily.
- 29. The 150 MW Tidong Stage 1 Hydroelectric Project on the Tidong River is located in Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh.**
- 30. Madhya Pradesh Gets 3 New GI Tags; Ratlam Becomes First District with 4 GI Tags**
- Khurasani Imli: Found in Mandu, this tamarind comes from the African Baobab tree brought by Afghans and Arabs 600 years ago.
  - Ratlami Garadu / Garudu: A purple yam tuber grown in specific areas of Ratlam, consumed as a winter delicacy.
  - Balam Kakdi: A thick, fleshy cucumber variety exclusive to Sailana/Ratlam, consumed as a snack rather than a salad.
  - Ratlam is now the first district in MP with four GI tags (previously holding tags for Ratlami Sev and Riyawan Silver Garlic).
  - Uttar Pradesh currently holds the maximum number of GI tags in India, followed by Tamil Nadu.
- 31. Karnataka proposed building the Mokedatu Dam on the Cauvery River to collect water for irrigation and local supply.**
- 32. Mahesh Dixit Appointed as New Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB)**
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) appointed Mahesh Dixit (1993 batch IPS officer) as the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) for a two-year tenure (2026–2028), replacing Tapan Kumar Deka.
- 33. OpenAI Appoints Prabhjeet Singh as Managing Director for India**
- 34. Union Minister Piyush Goyal received a special award at the annual UK-India Awards 2026 in London for exceptional leadership in elevating UK-India relations.**
- 35. Harshvardhan received the Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords in the UK Parliament.**
- Theme: "Visionary of the Change: Charting the Course to Viksit Bharat 2047".
- 36. Gautam Adani launched "Vande Bharatam", a nationwide initiative to discover and nurture grassroots innovators, problem-solvers, and entrepreneurs.**
- It covers all 36 states/UTs and over 800 districts, with no age or background barriers.
- 37. Five-time world chess champion Viswanathan Anand (India's first chess grandmaster and FIDE deputy president) was awarded the Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) Gold Medal for his exceptional contribution to chess.**
- 38. FIFA Suspends Nepal Football Association**
- 39. A 90 kg bronze statue of Maharishi Sushruta (known as the Father of Surgery/Plastic Surgery) was unveiled at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland.**
- The statue was crafted in a town in Tamil Nadu.
- 40. Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan released a new book titled "Sanskriti Ratna Bhandar: Bhawaiya Eyar Itibritta", authored by Dr. Jayanta Kumar Roy and Sangeeta Roy.**
- The book focuses on Bhawaiya, a traditional folk music associated with Assam, North Bengal, and the Koch Rajbongshi community.
- 41. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched the book "IIT: The Story of India's Most Prestigious Educational Ecosystem", authored by Prabhat Kumar.**
- 42. Raja Parba/Raja Sankranti is a harvest festival celebrated in Odisha to mark the onset of the monsoon and mother earth's fertility (soil health).**
- 43. Important Days**
- June 24: International Day of Women in Diplomacy.
  - June 25: World Vitiligo Day — raises awareness about the autoimmune disorder; awareness colour is purple; theme: "From stigma to strength".

- June 25: Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas — marked the 51st anniversary (and 3rd observance) commemorating the declaration of the National Emergency in 1975.
- June 26: International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking — 2026 theme: "World drug problem: persisting issue, new challenges, and innovative responses".
- June 26: International Day in Support of Victims of Torture — marked the 29th observance to raise global awareness regarding the absolute prohibition of torture.
- June 27: Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day — observed every June 27 (established by the UN General Assembly in April 2017); 2026 theme: "Empowering MSMEs through innovation and sustainable industrial development".

**44. MSME Classification: Micro enterprises — up to ₹2.5 Cr investment & ₹10 Cr turnover; Small enterprises — up to ₹25 Cr investment & ₹100 Cr turnover; Medium enterprises — up to ₹125 Cr investment & ₹500 Cr turnover.**

- *Micro*: Investment  $\leq$  ₹2.5 Cr & Turnover  $\leq$  ₹10 Cr
- *Small*: Investment  $\leq$  ₹25 Cr & Turnover  $\leq$  ₹100 Cr
- *Medium*: Investment  $\leq$  ₹125 Cr & Turnover  $\leq$  ₹500 Cr.