

1. Himachal Pradesh Launches "Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi"

- Provides ₹3,500 per year to fishermen.

2. RBI Forex Intervention and Net Open Position (NOP) Capping

- Capped the Net Open Position (NOP) in foreign currency for banks at \$100 million.

3. Punjab & Sind Bank received International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) approval to open an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City

4. State Bank of India (SBI) acquired a 10% stake in ARDCL from the National Housing Bank (NHB).

5. Carnelian Asset Management received SEBI approval to launch mutual fund operations (Carnelian Mutual Fund).

6. UPI Crosses 55.49 Crore Users; NPCI Launches UPI Circle

- Active Unified Payments Interface (UPI) user base reached 55.49 crore.
- FY26 volumes hit 24,161.69 crore transactions valued at ₹314.23 lakh crore.
- International QR payments active across 9 countries.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched UPI Circle:
 - o Primary users can delegate access to up to 5 secondary users
 - o Capped at ₹5,000 per transaction
 - o ₹15,000 per month per device
 - o ₹2,000 in the first 24 hours

7. Cotton ("White Gold") Industry Overview and MSP for 2026–27

- India ranks #1 in cultivation area and #2 in production/consumption of cotton globally.
- FY26 production reached 4.95 million tonnes (290.91 lakh bales).
- USA is the top export destination, accounting for 26.35%.
- 2026–27 Minimum Support Price (MSP): ₹8,267 per quintal (medium staple) and ₹8,667 per quintal (long staple).
- 5-year productivity mission outlay set at ₹5,659.22 crore, targeting 498 lakh bales by 2031.

8. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) tested a VTVL (Vertical Take-off Vertical Landing) rocket in Akita

9. INS Sudarshini Continues "Lokayan 2026" Transoceanic Voyage

- Sail training ship INS Sudarshini departed Boston after the "Sail 250" celebrations.
- Heading to Ponta Delgada, Azores.

10. NITI Aayog Leadership Changes

- Anurag Jain appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO), succeeding Nidhi Chhibber.
- Ashok Kumar Lahiri appointed Vice Chairperson, succeeding Suman Bery.

11. Keshav Chandra appointed Secretary, Ministry of Mines.

12. Piyush Goyal moved as Secretary-General, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

13. President Droupadi Murmu's Three-Nation Visit: Moldova, North Macedonia and Romania

- Moldova: Met President Maia Sandu; signed MoUs on agriculture, healthcare, energy and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) under the 3T roadmap.
- North Macedonia: Unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Skopje.
- Romania:
 - o Awarded Doctor Honoris Causa by the Bucharest University of Economic Studies
 - o Signed 3 MoUs covering Science & Technology, Education/Culture (ICCR Chair) and Sports
 - o Declared 2028 as the Year of Innovation
 - o Planted a sapling under "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"

14. Venezuela formally notified the United Nations (UN) of its withdrawal from the International Criminal Court (ICC).

15. GI Tags Granted to Unjha Cumin and Unjha Fennel of Gujarat

- Unjha Cumin (Jeera) and Unjha Fennel (Saunf) granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags

16. 'Samridhi Gram' Wins WSIS Prize 2026

- Built on BharatNet, connecting 2.17 lakh Gram Panchayats.

17. Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow): India's Medal Performance

- Mirabai Chanu — Gold in Women's 49 kg weightlifting with a 190 kg total lift; her 3rd consecutive CWG Gold. Served as flag/baton bearer alongside Lovlina Borgohain.
- Rishikanta Singh — Silver in Men's 60 kg weightlifting with 264 kg total; He cleared a phenomenal 121 kg in the Snatch phase, which **equalled/matched** the existing Commonwealth Games record
- Jhandu Kumar — Bronze in Men's Heavyweight Para Powerlifting (190 kg lift, 130.9 points) — India's first medal of the Games.
- Gyaneshwari Yadav — Silver in Women's 53 kg weightlifting with a 199 kg lift.
- Sharmila Sankar — Gold in Women's Shot Put F57.

18. Anahat Singh Wins World Junior Squash Championship

- 18-year-old Anahat Singh won the Girls' Singles title in Canada.
- Defeated Egypt's Ruqayya Saleem.

19. FIFA World Cup 2026: Spain Wins Second Title

- Hosted across the United States, Mexico and Canada.
- Spain defeated Argentina in the final at New Jersey Stadium to win their 2nd title.
- Golden Ball: Rodri
- Golden Boot: Mbappé
- Golden Glove: Unai Simón
- Best Young Player: Pau Cubarsí

20. U Mumba TT won Ultimate Table Tennis Season 7, defeating Goa Challengers

21. India's Performance at International Science Olympiads

- India won 4 Gold Medals at the 58th International Chemistry Olympiad in Tashkent.
- India won 1 Gold and 3 Silvers at the International Biology Olympiad in Vilnius.

22. Important Days

- July 26 — Kargil Vijay Diwas (27th anniversary) marked with a 1,900 km motorcycle rally; also Mangrove Conservation Day.
- July 27 — CRPF 88th Raising Day (Central Reserve Police Force, established 1939).
- July 28 — World Nature Conservation Day and World Hepatitis Day; theme: "Hepatitis: Let's Break It Down".
- The National Viral Hepatitis Control Program aims for elimination by 2030