

1. Union Health Minister JP Nadda launched the Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK).

- Provides comprehensive healthcare coverage for children up to 3 years (36 months) of age.
- Mandates up to 9 home visits in 42 days for at-risk newborns.
- Mandates up to 8 home visits until 36 months for at-risk children.
- Slogan: “Pehle 3 saal, sampoon dekhbhaal.”

2. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare launched “e-Sushrut @ Clinic,” a lightweight Hospital Management Information System (HMIS).

- Developed by C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing).

3. Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the Vision Document on Drug Control 2026-29 in New Delhi.

4. “Air Suvidha 2.0” Portal Launched for Health Surveillance

- Launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Delhi International Airport.
- Passengers must submit a mandatory online self-declaration form up to 24 hours before arriving in India.

5. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with the Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) to launch the Embark India Development Fellowship.

- Engages 2 fellows for 18 months with a ₹65,000 monthly stipend.

6. Odisha Announces Free Education Policy (KG to PG) and “Go East” Industrial Policy

- Odisha becomes the first Indian state to provide free education from KG to PG.
- The ‘Go-is’ platform was announced to boost industrial growth.

7. West Bengal Introduces Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill

- Positions West Bengal to become the 4th state to implement the UCC upon passage.

8. The Andhra Pradesh (AP) government and Google established a joint task force on Artificial Intelligence (AI), cloud computing, and digital governance.

9. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled 63 projects worth ₹5,028.17 crore during the 154th foundation day of the Mumbai Port Authority in Maharashtra.

- Theme: “Together we can.”

10. Nirmala Sitharaman Inaugurates Restored 400-Year-Old Munjiyankulam Pond in Puducherry

11. Amit Shah Launches “Bharat Taxi” — India’s First Cooperative Ride-Hailing Platform

- Developed by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited.
- Operates on a zero-commission model based on the principle “Saarhi hi Malik” (Driver is the owner).

12. 16th BRICS National Security Advisor (NSA) Meeting Held in New Delhi

- Held in New Delhi (June 22-23) and chaired by India’s NSA Ajit Doval.
- Theme: “Non-traditional security challenges confronting the world today.”
- 11th BRICS Energy Ministers Meeting — Gurugram, June 25.
- 1st BRICS MSME Forum — Agra.
- 20th Anniversary Week — Moscow.
- BRICS HOSA Meeting — Bengaluru.

13. PM Modi Visits Seychelles for its 50th National Day (Golden Jubilee of Independence) and the 50th anniversary

- President Patrick Herminie awarded PM Modi the highest civilian honour, “Guardian of the Blue Horizon.”
- India handed over a Fast Patrol Vessel “PS Lespoir.”
- PM Modi fed Jonathan, the world’s oldest living land animal.
- PM Modi became the first Indian PM to address the Seychelles National Assembly, speaking on Creole music, the Moutya dance, and the Creole Festival.

14. India Launches “Operation AMSTAT” — Humanitarian Aid to Venezuela

- India launched “Operation AMSTAT” (meaning “friend” or “dost”) to send humanitarian aid to Venezuela via two IAF C-17 aircraft.
- Venezuela: Capital — Caracas; Currency — Bolivar

15. US President Donald Trump unveiled a National Resilience Strategy with four principles (Prioritize, Modernize, Distribute, Simplify) across four sectors (National Security, Economy, Public Health & Safety, National Infrastructure).

16. UK Announces Social Media Ban for Minors Under 16

- This follows similar bans in Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Canada.

17. The RBI proposed allowing retail investors to buy and sell Government Securities (G-Secs) directly through standard Demat accounts via the NDS-OM platform.

- Minimum transaction: ₹10,000.

18. The RBI classified NBFCs with asset sizes above ₹1 lakh crore (₹1 trillion) as “NBFC Upper Layer” (NBFC-UL).

19. The RBI proposed allowing NBFCs to participate as both borrowers and lenders in the term money market (14 to 364 days).

- Limit: 200% of their Net Owned Funds from the previous financial year.

20. The RBI injected ₹1.41 lakh crore through a 7-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auction.

21. Amazon CEO Andy Jassy met PM Modi and announced a \$48 billion investment in India by 2030 to expand AI and AWS cloud infrastructure.

22. Goldman Sachs and S&P Global Raise India’s GDP Growth Forecasts

- Goldman Sachs raised India’s CY 2026 real GDP growth forecast from 6.5% to 6.8% due to strong domestic conditions.
- Projected headline inflation at 4.6% and Current Account Deficit (CAD) at 1.1% of GDP.
- S&P Global projected India’s GDP growth at 7.2% for FY26 and 6.6% for FY27.

23. Hurun India 500 Report 2025 Released

- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) topped the unlisted companies list with a valuation of ₹4.86 lakh crore (ahead of Serum Institute and Adani Properties).
- Reliance Industries remained the most valuable listed company for the 5th time.
- Bajaj Finance was the highest percentage value creator.
- “Groww” recorded 430% valuation growth.

24. SEBI Approves “GARUDA” Mechanism to Fast-Track AIF (Alternative Investment Fund) Approvals

- SEBI approved the Green Channel AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement (GARUDA) mechanism.
- Fast-tracks Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) scheme approvals from 30 days to 10 working days.

25. The Ministry of Finance issued a notification under Section 28A of the Customs Act, 1962, retrospectively exempting customs duty on goods imported for nuclear power generation between April 1, 2019, and January 31, 2026.

- Aligns with the 100 GW by 2047 nuclear power target.

26. Fintechs “Jump” and “Lexi” Receive Regulatory Approvals

- AI-driven fintech ‘Jump’ secured NPCI approval to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) for UPI services, with Yes Bank as the Payment Service Provider (PSP).
- AI-powered platform ‘Lexi’ received in-principle IFSCA approval to operate as a PSP at GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

27. Bengaluru-based Skydo became the first Indian fintech to secure a payment license in Canada.

28. PaisaBazaar and SBM Bank India launched a secured credit card requiring a minimum Fixed Deposit (FD) of ₹2,000 (up to 7% interest).

29. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$42.2 million loan for the bamboo industry in Northeast India (Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura).

30. The Indian Air Force (IAF) received Final Operational Clearance (FOC) for DRDO’s indigenous “NETRA” Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) system

31. Indian Navy Ships Deployed for Multiple International Engagements

- Seychelles: INS Ikshak and INS Tarkash visited Port Victoria for the 50th National Day celebrations.
- Thailand: Eastern Fleet ships INS Udaygiri, INS Kavaratti, and INS Shakti arrived in Sattahip.

- USA: Sail training ship INS Sudarshini reached Baltimore, Maryland, for the “Lokayan 26” expedition and the US 250th anniversary (“Sail 250”).
- 32. The Department of Atomic Energy launched the world’s first nuclear process heat-based hydrogen production facility (using a copper-chlorine thermochemical cycle) at IGCAR, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.**
- 33. IIT Madras Releases “ANKUR” — World’s Most Detailed 3D Brain Atlas**
- 34. Adobe’s 2026 AI & Digital Trends Report — India Leads APAC in Agentic AI**
 - India emerged as the biggest APAC market for “Agentic AI.”
- 35. Herbalife International India Pvt Ltd and IIT Madras launched India’s first Centre of Excellence (CoE) on plant cell fermentation technology at the IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai.**
- 36. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) was elevated to “Navratna” status by the Finance Ministry.**
 - GRSE becomes the 29th Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) with this tag, allowing investments up to ₹1,000 crore without prior government approval
- 37. APEDA Concludes First Cohort of ‘BHARATI’ Export Programme**
 - APEDA concluded the first cohort of ‘BHARATI’ (Bharat Agritech Resilience Advancement and Incubation for Export Innovation), selecting 100 agri-food startups across 22 states and 2 UTs.
 - Target: \$50 billion in agri-food exports by 2030.
 - APEDA also facilitated the first commercial export of GI-tagged “Rewa Sundarja Mangoes” from Madhya Pradesh to the UAE.
- 38. Times Higher Education Releases Sustainability Impact Ranking 2026**
 - Released by Times Higher Education (THE).
 - University of Manchester (UK) secured 1st globally.
 - Lovely Professional University (Punjab) secured 1st in India (23rd globally).
 - Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) ranked 1st in India for Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality).
- 39. Global Peace Index 2026 Released — India Ranked 127th**
 - Released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).
 - India ranked 127th out of 163 countries.
 - Iceland is the most peaceful country; Russia ranked least peaceful for the first time.
 - Global military expenditure reached \$2.7 trillion.
- 40. Mahesh Dixit (1993 batch IPS officer) appointed as the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) for two years, succeeding Tapan Kumar Deka.**
- 41. Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai appointed as the Military Advisor to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), succeeding Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani**
- 42. Dr. UP Rajeev appointed as the new director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, succeeding Dr. A. Rajarajan.**
- 43. Sanjay Jaju was appointed as Telangana Chief Secretary, succeeding K. Ramakrishna Rao.**
- 44. New President of Colombia : Abelardo de la Espriella**
 - Colombia is situated on the Andes Mountains with its capital at Bogota
- 45. French meteorologist Dr. Florence Rabier was awarded the World Meteorological Organization’s (WMO) 71st IMO Prize for her contributions to numerical weather prediction**
- 46. India topped the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2026 in Germany with 25 medals (7 gold, 8 silver, 10 bronze).**
- 47. 14-year-old Ethan Vaz from Goa became India’s 96th Chess Grandmaster (GM) after securing his final GM norm in Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- 48. England’s Test Captain Ben Stokes announced his retirement, with his final match against New Zealand at Trent Bridge**
- 49. British Mercedes driver George Russell won the 2026 Austrian Grand Prix**
- 50. “The Second Orbit” — a book about Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla (NASA Axiom 4 mission to the ISS) — was released by Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh in New Delhi.**

51. “Sanskriti Ratna Bandar” — co-authored by Jayant Kumar Roy and Sangeeta Roy — was released by Vice President CP Radhakrishnan

52. Important Days

- June 26 — International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: Theme: “World drug problem: persisting issue, new challenges, and innovative responses.”
- June 26 — World Refrigeration Day: Theme: “Pool Intelligence.”
- June 27 — MSME Day: Established by the UN General Assembly in April 2017; 2026 Theme: “Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development.”
- June 27 — International Day of Deafblindness: Commemorates Helen Keller’s birth anniversary; dedicated week runs June 25 to July 1.
- June 29 — National Statistics Day: Commemorates Prof. PC Mahalanobis, “Father of Indian Statistics”; 2026 Theme: “Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data.”

53. Veteran Tamil actor, director, writer, and filmmaker K. Bhagyaraj passed away at the age of 73