

1. PM Modi Inaugurates Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport (Bhogapuram), Andhra Pradesh

- Classification: A Greenfield International Airport (built entirely from scratch on a new site).

2. Varsha Ashok Aglave Becomes First-Ever Woman Director General of Geological Survey of India

- About GSI: Established in 1851; headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal.

3. Prashant Pise Appointed as India's Ambassador to Oman

4. The Daksha Portal — Dashboard for Advanced Monitoring and Supervisory Control — was launched on October 6, 2022 by the 25th RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

5. UPI Records All-Time High of 23.66 Billion Transactions in July 2026

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) was launched on April 11, 2016 by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Offline Transaction Limit: For completely offline-to-offline transactions (where both the POS machine and the user's phone are offline), the transaction limit is set at ₹2,000.

6. The Geographical Indications Registry is located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

- Geographical Indication (GI) tags in India are governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999, which became effective in 2003
- India's first registered GI product was Darjeeling Tea (West Bengal) in 2004.
- GI certificates are valid for 10 years and can be renewed.
- Global Target: To promote Indian GI products globally, with India targeting 10,000 GI tags by 2030.

7. Pithora Painting of Gujarat Receives Geographical Indication (GI) Tag

8. Ministry of Ayush and India AI Sign MoU for AI-Driven Innovation in Traditional Medicine

9. Rajnath Singh Lays Foundation Stone for Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) Project in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh.

10. Indian Army and BPCL Launch Extreme Weather Grade (ExWG) Diesel

- Extreme Weather Grade Diesel (ExWG Diesel) was launched by Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Dheeraj Seth.

11. 48th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee Held in Busan, South Korea

- A total of 25 new sites were added to the World Heritage List.
- Indian Inscription: India's ancient Buddhist site of Sarnath, located in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

12. 2026 Commonwealth Games (Glasgow, Scotland):

- Javelin Throw Medals:
 - o Neeraj Chopra won the Silver Medal with a season-best throw of 85.83 metres.
 - o Yashvir Singh won the Bronze Medal with a throw of 85.41 metres.
 - o Rumesh Pathirage of Sri Lanka won the Gold Medal with a throw of 89.75 metres.

13. Ahmedabad Awarded Hosting Rights for the 2030 Centenary Commonwealth Games

- The first Commonwealth Games took place in Hamilton, Canada, in 1930, making 2030 the centenary edition.
- Marks India's second time hosting the Commonwealth Games.
- India's previous hosting: Delhi — 2010.

17. Tanvi Sharma Wins Taipei Open 2026 (BWF World Tour Super 300)

- At 17 years and 222 days old, Tanvi became the youngest finalist and champion in Taipei Open history.

18. Apar Saxena (Karnataka) achieved the title of Chess International Master (IM).

- Swaralaxmi Nair became the second female chess player from Karnataka to receive Woman International Master (WIM) status.

19. Biography Released on S.N. Sankaralinga Iyer, Founder of Indo-Commercial Bank and India Cements

- Book Title: "Cementing Legacies: The Life of S.N. Sankaralinga Iyer – A Pioneer of Polymath".
- Author: Written and released by veteran journalist K. Bala Kumar.

20. Important Days

- World Lung Cancer Day — August 1
 - o Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web (WWW) in 1989.

- World Wide Web Day — August 1

21. Obituaries

- General Vishwanath Sharma (Gen B.N. Sharma):
 - o Former Chief of Army Staff of India.
- Kailash Chandra Pant:
 - o Renowned Hindi writer and Padma Shri awardee.
- Glen Hansard:
 - o Oscar-winning Irish singer-songwriter, musician and actor.