

1. **Nasha Mukht Bharat Saptah (Drug-Free India Week) Concludes**

- Organized to commemorate the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, observed annually on June 26th (a United Nations (UN)-recognized day since 1989).
- The Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan campaign was launched on August 15, 2020, originally targeting 272 highly vulnerable districts.
- Theme: "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, Viksit Bharat ki Pehchaan" (Drug-Free India Campaign, Identity of Developed India).

2. **Gujarat Launches "Health Passport" Initiative for Children**

- Target group: children from birth up to 18 years of age.
- Every child receives a physical Health Passport kept by parents to track complete medical history, which is also updated digitally on a portal.

3. **Odisha Cabinet approved "Gyanodaya – Shiksharu Samruddhi", a KG-to-PG free education scheme for students in government and government-aided institutions from 2026–27, with an estimated outlay of ₹5,467.55 crore over five years.**

4. **RBI Launches Revamped Integrated Ombudsman Scheme**

- Replaces the 2021 framework of the ombudsman scheme.
- Credit Information Companies (CICs): four CICs operate in India — CIBIL, Equifax, Experian, and CRIF — which track customer accounts and loan history to issue credit scores.
- Launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 1, 2026.
- Compensation limits: Ombudsman can order banks to pay up to ₹30 lakh for actual financial loss and up to ₹3 lakh as compensation for mental harassment, loss of time, and exhaustion.

5. **GST Completes 9 Years; June 2026 Collections at ₹1.94 Lakh Crore**

6. **Kotak Mahindra Bank Acquires Deutsche Bank's India Retail Business**

7. **EPFO Updates Withdrawal Rules; Interest Rate at 8.25%**

- Key rule change: Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) members must maintain a minimum 25% balance in their EPF account (applies to both employee and employer shares).
- Partial withdrawals: for medical treatment, education, or marriage, members can withdraw up to 10% of their eligible balance (after preserving the 25% minimum) upon completing 1 year of service.
- The Government set the EPF deposit interest rate at 8.25%.

8. **HDFC Bank launched "Neev", an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered, real-time fraud monitoring and detection platform**

9. **Ireland Assumes EU Council Presidency from July 1, 2026**

- The European Union (EU) Council presidency rotates every 6 months.
- EU profile: headquartered in Brussels; consists of 27 member states (post-Brexit) representing 450 million people.
- The EU Council is headed by Antonio Costa; the EU Commission is led by Ursula von der Leyen.

10. **Skyroot Aerospace Announces Mission "Aagaman" with Vikram-1 Rocket**

- Skyroot Aerospace is a private space sector firm, headquartered in Hyderabad, founded in 2022.

11. **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) Completes 10 Years**

- Launched on July 1, 2015, with actual budget operations starting in 2016–17.
- Completed 10 years of implementation.
- Focuses on water conservation ("Jal Sanchay"), rainwater harvesting, and irrigation to ensure water reaches every field.
- Four Pillars: (1) Per Drop More Crop, (2) Har Khet Ko Pani (Water for every field), (3) Watershed development, (4) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP).
- Funding split: Centre : State in a 60:40 ratio (noted in text as 60:80) for standard states, 90:10 for North-Eastern states, and 100% Central funding for Himalayan regions.

12. **Maharashtra Plans India's First Off-Shore Airport (built on reclaimed land or an artificial island in the sea) near Kori beach, Palghar district**

13. **India Ranks 5th in Global Hydropower Report by IHA (International Hydropower Association)**

- China ranks first, producing 40% of global hydropower capacity additions in 2025

- Globally, India ranks 3rd in overall renewable energy.
- India's largest hydropower storage is generated via the Siang Project in the Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh.

14. Mecon Limited Upgraded to Mini Ratna Category-I Status

- Mini Ratna financial criteria: continuous profits over 3 years, pre-tax profit above ₹30 crore, and turnover exceeding ₹120 crore

15. BRICS Meetings Hosted in India (Energy Meeting & MSME Forum)

- 11th BRICS Energy Meeting: held in Gurugram, Haryana.
- 1st BRICS MSME Forum and 3rd SME Working Group Meeting: hosted in Agra.
- Both events were held under the identical theme: "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".

16. The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) was established on July 1, 1916; the 2026 celebration marks its 111th Foundation Day.

- ZSI is headquartered in Kolkata, under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (led by Minister Bhupender Yadav); current head is Dhriti Banerjee.

17. Eight Himachal Pradesh Products Receive GI Tags; State Total Now 17

- The newly added products:
Spiti Seabuckthorn (Chharma), Salooni Safed Makka, Chamba Metal Art, Sirmauri Loiya, Kinnauri Topi, Sepuvadi of Mandi, Kinnauri Apple, and Kinnauri Jewellery.

18. Extreme Heat Waves in Western Europe Caused by "Omega Block"

- Mechanism: caused by an atmospheric phenomenon called the "Omega Block" (Omega Dome) — heat and gases rising from the earth are trapped inside a dome-shaped boundary resembling the Greek letter Ω; the trapped air prevents cloud formation, leaving a clear sky that increases the intensity and direct impact of solar radiation.

19. Times Higher Education (THE) Sustainability Impact Rating 2026 Released

- Global Rank 1: University of Manchester, United Kingdom (UK) — topped for the second time; the only university to stay in the top 10 for all 8 editions; topped 3 individual SDG tables, including SDG 9 and SDG 14.

- Global Rank 2: Griffith University, Australia.

- Indian performance highlights:

oLovely Professional University (LPU): ranked 23rd overall globally (India's top rank) and topped globally in SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy).

oAmrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham: ranked 37th overall.

oJSS Academy of Higher Education and Research: ranked 74th overall.

oManipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE): ranked World No. 1 in SDG 5 (Gender Equality) — a significant leap from its previous 11th rank — retaining its place in the 101–200 overall global band.

20. India Ranks 94th in UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Index 2026

- India stands at 94th position (out of 167 countries) in the 2026 Index with a score of 68.3 out of 100.
- Finland secured the 1st rank.

21. ADB Approves \$42.2 Million Bamboo Value Chain Project for North-East India

- ADB details: headquartered in Mandaluyong, Philippines; President: Masato Kanda; 69 members

22. Dr. Florence Rabier Wins International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize

- The IMO Prize is regarded as equivalent to a "Nobel Prize in Meteorology", presented by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (HQ Geneva, Switzerland; Secretary-General Celeste Saulo; President Dr. Abdulla Al Mandous).

23. Harsha Vardhan Becomes India's 97th Chess Grandmaster

- Chennai-based Harsha Vardhan (Harshavardhan G B), aged 22, became India's 97th Chess Grandmaster.

24. Athlete Ancy Sojan broke Anju Bobby George's 22-year-old long jump national record (6.83 m) by jumping 6.88 meters.

- Achieved at the National Inter-State Athletics Championship 2026 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

25. Swiss tennis legend Stan Wawrinka announced retirement from the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour.

26. 135th Durand Cup (Football) Schedule Announced

• Venues across five cities: Kolkata, Ranchi, Imphal, Shillong, and Guwahati.

27. England Test Captain Ben Stokes announced his international cricket retirement following the upcoming Trent Bridge Test.

28. Indian batsman Abhishek Sharma became the fastest player to hit 100 sixes, taking 785 balls.

29. 23rd Stuttgart Indian Film Festival Held in Germany

• Opening film: "Echoes from the Infinite: Chronicles of Kuriachan", directed by Dinjith Ayyathan.

30. Akashvani (All India Radio) Celebrates 90 Years

• Akashvani (All India Radio) was formed on June 8, 1936, under parent organization Prasar Bharati.

31. Foreign Secretary Extension: Vikram Misri's term was extended by one year to July 2027

32. Diplomat Somnath Ghosh (currently Consul General of India in Chicago) was appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Malaysia.

33. CBDT Chairman Extension: Ravi Agarwal's tenure as Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extended by six months, continuing from July 1 to December 31, 2026

34. RBI Executive Director: J. Ravi Shankar appointed on July 1, 2026

35. Lt. Gen. Amolak Rattan Kohli Lakhera : former Governor of Mizoram and Puducherry, passed away

36. Puviarasu (Poet huarasu): eminent Tamil poet, translator, and Sahitya Akademi Award winner (honored in 2007 and 2010), passed away

37. Mintage World released a 200-page coffee table book titled "Stamps, Coins and Bank Notes" under the leadership of Sushil Kumar Agarwal, Founder & CEO of Mintage World.

38. Book Launches

• "Sanskriti Ratna Bhandar Bhovyar Itivritto": co-authored by Dr. Jayanta Kumar Roy and Sangeeta Roy, released by Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan.

• "Politics, Policy and Predictions: Views from the Front Row of Parliament": co-authored by "Derek O'Brien" (as noted in the transcript).

39. Punjab & Sind Bank Celebrates 119th Foundation Day

40. International Plastic Bag Free Day Observed on July (Theme: "Breaking free from single-use plastics towards a sustainable future".)

41. World Sports Journalist Day Observed on July 2