

- 1. The Central Government extended the tenure of K. Raja Raman as Chairperson of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).**
 - Extension valid until October 2028, or until he attains 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.
- 2. AS Rajeev assumed charge as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).**
- 3. Prashanta Mahapatra has been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).**
- 4. Ashutosh Gowariker has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).**
- 5. Rohit Jain has been appointed as a Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a 3-year term.**
 - He succeeds T. Rabi Sankar.
- 6. Monisha Chakraborty was appointed as Executive Director (ED) of the RBI, effective 3 August 2026.**
- 7. Prashant Pise was appointed as India's Ambassador to Oman.**
- 8. Vishesh Negi was named India's next Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran.**
- 9. Shailesh Jejurikar Appointed Chairman of Procter & Gamble (P&G) India**
- 10. Toshiyuki Yanagisawa was appointed as the President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Honda Cars**
- 11. The Urban Challenge Fund was approved by the Union Cabinet in FY26 to finance urban transformation projects**
 - Central assistance: ₹1 lakh crore.
 - Targets total investment of ₹4 lakh crore over 5 years, extendable up to FY 2033–34.
 - Cost sharing pattern:
 - o 25% — Central Government
 - o 25% — State/UT Governments (including private participation)
 - o 50% — raised from the market
- 12. India's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone to Come Up in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**
- 13. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) Completes 10 Years**
 - PMKSY was launched on 1st July 2015.
 - Budget outlay: ₹9,368.56 crore for FY26 and ₹6,587 crore allocated for FY27.
 - As of August 2025, over 27 million farmers have benefited.
- 14. Kapas Kranti (Mission for Cotton Productivity) is a 5-year mission running from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.**
 - Outlay: ₹5,659.22 crore.
 - Jointly implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Textiles.
- 15. PMBJP Targets 25,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras by March 2027**
 - Launched as the "Jan Aushadhi Scheme" in November 2008 under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
 - Renamed "Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana" in 2015.
 - Rebranded to "Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)" in 2016.
- 16. PM Narendra Modi launched the 100-week-long "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan" under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan.**
- 17. PM-VBRY Completes One Year; 72 Lakh First-Time Employees Enrolled**
 - Pradhan Mantri Vixit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) was launched on 1st August 2025.
 - Outlay: ₹99,446 crore.
 - Implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- 18. Chhattisgarh Becomes First State to Implement "DVEEPTI" Yojana — Women-Led Renewable Energy Policy**
 - DVEEPTI stands for Decentralized Women Empowerment on Energy and Policy for Transformative Inclusion.

19. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai distributed assistive devices to individuals with disabilities (divyangjan) under Project Sahara.

20. "Sampoorna Gobardhan" Scheme Launched to Boost Compressed Biogas (CBG) Production

- Launched by Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Objective: to increase Compressed Biogas (CBG) production and stabilize markets.
- Establish 5,000 CBG plants by 2030.
- Produce 15 million metric tons of CBG

21. July 2026 GST Collections Reach ₹2.11 Lakh Crore, Up 15.4%

- Goods and Services Tax (GST) was implemented on 1 July 2017, celebrated as GST Day.

22. 62nd RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged at 5.25%

- This was the 3rd Bi-monthly meeting of FY 2026-27.
- Chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) consists of 6 members:
 - o 3 from RBI — Sanjay Malhotra, Punam Gupta, Indranil Bhattacharya
 - o 3 from the Government of India — Nagesh Kumar, Saugata Bhattacharya, Ram Singh
- Rates kept unchanged by a unanimous 6-0 vote, maintaining a Neutral stance.

Rate Value

Repo Rate 5.25%

Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) 5.00%

Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) 5.50%

Bank Rate 5.50%

Fixed Reverse Repo Rate 3.35%

Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) 3.00%

Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) 18.00%

FY27 Projections

- GDP Growth upgraded to 6.7% (from 6.6%).
- CPI Inflation projected at 5.0% (from 5.1%).
- Medium-term inflation target: 4%, with a tolerance range of 2% to 6%.

23. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew 62.13 billion damaged currency notes under Clean Note Policy between 2023 and 2026.

24. RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme 2026 Comes into Effect — "One Nation One Ombudsman"

- Replaces the older 2021 framework.
- Based on the philosophy of "One Nation One Ombudsman".
- Effective from 1 July 2026.
- Combines the previously separate Banking Ombudsman, NBFC Ombudsman and Digital Ombudsman offices into a single integrated framework.
- Coverage: Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), State/Central/Urban Cooperative Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), Credit Information Companies (CICs) and non-bank Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) issuers.
- Maximum compensation for direct financial loss increased from ₹20 lakh to ₹30 lakh.
- Maximum compensation for mental harassment, agony and expenses increased from ₹1 lakh to ₹3 lakh (replacing the previous ₹2 lakh limit).

25. HDFC Bank Launches Two Customised Savings Accounts for Seniors and Women

- o Speciale Senior Citizen Savings Account / "Max for Seniors" — customized health and security benefits.
- o Savings Max Account for Women / "Max for Her" — premium lifestyle, banking and insurance benefits.

26. SBI Card and Google Pay Launch Google Pay Flex SBI Card

27. National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) launched a mutual fund distribution platform focused on rural and semi-urban India.

28. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is chaired by Manoj Mittal; headquartered in Lucknow.

29. India has 5 All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) regulated by the RBI:

- o NABARD, SIDBI, EXIM Bank, National Housing Bank (NHB) and NaFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development)

30. ECLGS (mergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme) 5.0 Launched with Loan Disbursal Target of ₹2.55 Lakh Crore

- Provides credit up to 20% of peak fund-based working capital outstanding as of Q4 FY26.
- Borrowers up to ₹100 crore receive 100% credit guarantee coverage.
- Scheduled Passenger Airlines get 90% coverage up to ₹5,000 crore.
- Overall loan disbursal target: ₹2.55 lakh crore.

31. Lok Sabha Passes Appropriation Bill Authorising ₹54,000 Crore Withdrawal

32. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) Project in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh

33. Indian startup Red Balloon Aerospace launched India's first indigenous super pressure balloon platform for commercial payloads.

- Launched from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

34. The Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted the counter-drone combat capability exercise "ROTOR CLAP III" (Rotor Club 3).

- Venue: Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

35. India's First Department of Military Medicine Inaugurated at Command Hospital, Lucknow

36. The Indian Navy received the indigenous Diving Support Vessel (DSV) "Nipun".

- Designed and built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)

37. Glaw Lake Declared India's 101st Ramsar Site and Arunachal Pradesh's First

- India ranks 1st in Asia and 3rd globally for the highest number of Ramsar sites.
- United Kingdom (UK) leads globally with 176 sites.
- Mexico is second with 144 sites.
- India is third with 101 sites.
- First Indian sites (1981): Chilika Lake (Odisha) and Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan).
- 100th site: Jai Prakash Narayan Wildlife Sanctuary (Surha Tal), Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.
- Tamil Nadu leads all states with 20 Ramsar Sites.

38. The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) completed India's first-ever catalog of Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths).

- Records 13,073 species hosted in India.

39. Alibaba Unveils "Qwen 3.8 Max" AI Model with 2.4 Trillion Parameters

40. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is developing India's first completely annotated Pigeon Pea (Arhar / Toor Dal) genome, named "Asha".

41. India's First Indigenous African Swine Fever Vaccine Dedicated to the Nation

- Developed by the ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal.
- Unveiled on ICAR's 98th Foundation Day.

42. Nepal Lifts 10-Year Ban on High-Denomination Indian Currency Notes

- The ban was imposed after India's demonetization of 8 November 2016.
- Nationals can now carry ₹100, ₹200 and ₹500 Indian currency notes across the border.

43. India Celebrates 60 Years of Diplomatic Relations with Guyana

44. Ahmedabad Awarded Hosting Rights for 2030 Centenary Commonwealth Games

45. Tanvi Sharma won her maiden BWF World Tour Super 300 title at the Taipei Open 2026.

46. ISSF World Cup 2026 — India Finishes 3rd with 4 Medals

- The ISSF World Cup 2026 was held in Hangzhou, China.
- China ranked first, while India finished 3rd with 4 medals — 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze.
- Gold: Esha Singh — Women's 25m Pistol.
- Silver: Sainyam Vij — Women's 10m Air Pistol.

- Bronze: Manu Bhaker — Women's 25m Pistol; and the duo of Sonam Uttam Maskar & Himanshu Dhillon — 10m Air Rifle Mixed Event.

47. Biri Takar Wins Double Medals at Brazil Para Badminton International 2026

- Para-shuttler Biri Takar of Arunachal Pradesh won double medals in Sao Paulo.
- Gold in Men's Doubles and Bronze in Men's Singles.

48. Cyclist Harshita Jakhar (Rajasthan) became the first Indian woman to participate in the Tour de France Femmes.

49. Static Supreme Court Facts

- CJI Surya Kant is the 53rd Chief Justice of India.
- The Supreme Court was established on 26 January 1950.
- High Court judges retire at 62; Supreme Court judges and the CJI retire at 65.
- Sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges: 38, including the CJI.

50. Kerala Integrates "Annam.ai" Smart Weather Stations for Climate-Smart Agriculture

- Kerala is integrating "Annam.ai" (Agriculture Network for Numerical and Machine Learning) smart weather stations.
- Punjab was the first state to deploy 100 of these stations on 30 March.

51. India Records 20,138 Organ Transplants; Ranks 3rd Globally — NOTTO

52. Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated a Center of Excellence (CoE) for Handloom Technology at IIT Delhi.

53. The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) celebrated its 56th Foundation Day in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra.

54. Important Book Releases

- "Bringing the Cheetah Back to India"
 - Written by Prashant Agarwal, an Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer of the 1988 batch.
- "Cementing Legacies: The Life of S.N. Sankaralinga Iyer – A Pioneer of Polymath"
 - Written by veteran journalist K. Bala Kumar.
 - A biography of S.N. Sankaralinga Iyer, founder of Indo-Commercial Bank and India Cements.
- Set of Five Community Books
 - CP Radhakrishnan presented a set of five community books highlighting President Droupadi Murmu's achievements in office.

55. India Post Releases ₹5 Commemorative Stamp on Satish Gujral's Birth Centenary

56. Obituaries in News

Nirmal "Nimsdai" Purja : Nepalese-British mountaineer

Franco Baresi : Italian football legend and former AC Milan captain, Part of Italy's 1982 FIFA World Cup-winning squad

General Vishwanath Sharma (Gen B.N. Sharma): • 14th Chief of Army Staff, serving from 1988 to 1990

Glen Hansard (56): Oscar-winning Irish singer-songwriter, musician and actor, Won the Academy Award for Best Original Song with "Falling Slowly".

Chief Justice Manmohan Singh Liberhan : Headed the one-member Liberhan Ayodhya Commission of Inquiry, which investigated the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition.

Brigadier Basant Kumar Pawar : Highly decorated army veteran and jungle warfare pioneer

D.Y. Patil (Dnyandeo Yashwantrao Patil) : Renowned educationist

57. Important Days

International Clouded Leopard Day: 4th August

International Traffic Light Day : 5th August (Theme: "Smart Signals: Navigating the Future of Safe Mobility".)