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## 1. G V Satish Sir- Best Picks

### 1. PM Modi Becomes Longest Continuously Serving Elected Prime Minister

- On **June 10, 2026**, **Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi** completed **4,399 consecutive days** in office.
- He surpassed **Jawaharlal Nehru's** elected tenure of **4,398 days**.
- Including non-elected tenure, **Nehru** remains India's overall longest-serving PM at **6,131 days**; **Indira Gandhi** served 4,078 days.
- **Pawan Kumar Chamling** (former Sikkim CM, 8,930 days) is India's longest-serving head of government.

### 2. MGNREGA Renamed as VB-GRAM

- Effective **July 1, 2026**, **MGNREGA** (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) is renamed **VB-GRAM — Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin)**.
- Guaranteed working days increased from **100 to 125**; covers **2.6 lakh panchayats**.
- Total framework allocation crosses **₹1.25 lakh crore** (₹95,692 crore new + ₹30,000 crore transition).
- Funding: NE/Himalayan states **90:10**, general states **60:40**, UTs without legislature **100% central**.

### 3. India Gets Its 100th Ramsar Site

- The **Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary** (Surha Taal) in **Ballia, Uttar Pradesh (UP)** became India's **100th Ramsar Site**.
- Declared on **World Environment Day (June 5)** by Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav**; it is an oxbow lake of the Ganga.
- **99th** site was **Sheikha Jheel (UP)**; it is the **13th** Ramsar site in UP; **Tamil Nadu** has the most (20).
- India ranks **1st in Asia, 3rd globally**; there are **2,595** Ramsar sites worldwide (UK has the most).

### 4. RBI 61st Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Meeting

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** held its **61st Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** meeting (June 3–5, 2026), headed by Governor **Sanjay Malhotra**.
- **Repo Rate** unchanged at **5.25%** with a '**Neutral**' stance (unanimous); **SDF 5.00%**; **MSF & Bank Rate 5.50%**.
- **FY27 Real GDP** projected at **6.6%**; **CPI inflation** at **5.1%**.
- Government extended RBI's **4% (±2%)** inflation target for 5 more years (April 2026–March 2031).

### 5. India–Oman CEPA Comes Into Force

- The **India–Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** officially came into force on **June 1, 2026**.
- It is a free trade agreement between **India** and **Oman**.

### 6. India–Vietnam BrahMos Missile Deal

- **India** and **Vietnam** finalized a **\$629 million (~₹3,000 crore)** deal for the **BrahMos** supersonic cruise missile.
- **BrahMos** is an **India–Russia** joint venture (Mach 2.8; named after the **Brahmaputra** and **Moskva** rivers).
- **Philippines** was the first overseas buyer (2022); **Vietnam** becomes the **second** overseas buyer.

### 7. India Receives 4th S-400 Triumf Squadron from Russia

- **India** received the **4th squadron** of the Russian **S-400 Triumf** surface-to-air missile system (deal for 5 squadrons signed in 2018).
- Designated '**Sudarshan**' in the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** is developing an indigenous counterpart — **Project Kusha**.

### 8. DRDO Successfully Tests Rudram-2 Missile

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** test-fired the indigenous air-to-surface missile **Rudram-2**.
- Range **300–350 km**; test conducted from a **Sukhoi (Su-30MKI)** at the Integrated Test Range, **Chandipur, Odisha**.
- Developed by the **Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad**.

### 9. Launch of Skycast Aviation Weather System (Mission Mausam)

- **Skycast**, developed under **Mission Mausam**, was inaugurated by **Dr. Jitendra Singh** at **Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi**.
- Offers up to **3 hours** of advance weather forecasting.

- Makes **India** the **19th country** globally to operate such an integrated aviation weather setup; a second to come at **Jewar Airport, UP**.

### 10. UPI Goes Live in Cambodia — 9th Country

- **Cambodia** became the **9th country** to launch **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**.
- Executed by **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)** and Cambodia's **Aceda Bank PLC** via the **Bakong KHQR** code.
- UPI is now live in **UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, France, Qatar** and **Cambodia**.

### 11. India–Nepal Cross-Border UPI–NPI Linkage

- **India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** was linked with **Nepal's National Payment Interface (NPI)** on **June 6** for real-time cross-border remittance.

### 12. SIPRI 2026 Report — Nuclear Weapons & Military Spending

- Per the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) 2026 Report**, global nuclear inventory is **12,187** (Russia 5,459, USA 5,177, China 620).
- **India** has **190** warheads (up from 180), under a 'No First Use' policy; **Pakistan** has **170**.
- **India** ranks **5th** in military spending (**\$91.2–92.1 billion**, ~3.2% of global); **2nd largest arms importer** (behind Ukraine).
- Global military expenditure hit **\$2.9 trillion**.

### 13. Global Peace Index 2026

- The **20th Global Peace Index** by the **Institute for Economics and Peace** ranked **India 127th** of 163 countries (score 2.409).
- **Iceland** topped (19th consecutive year), followed by New Zealand, Switzerland, Slovenia, Ireland.
- Least peaceful: **Russia (163)**, Sudan, Israel; **Bhutan (16th)** most peaceful in South Asia.

### 14. State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) 2026 Report

- Released by the **Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)**.
- **India** ranks **4th globally in Artificial Intelligence (AI) performance** (measured via the **CHIPS framework**).
- India jumped to **5th** in the Global Digital Economy ranking (trailing USA, China, Singapore, UK).

### 15. Container Port Performance Index 2025

- Published by the **World Bank** and **S&P Global**.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)**, Maharashtra, is India's best container port — ranked **22nd worldwide**.
- **Pipavav Port** (Gujarat) ranked **2nd in India** and **28th globally**.

### 16. Five New Non-Permanent Members Elected to UN Security Council (2027–28)

- **Kyrgyzstan** (1st time ever), **Austria**, **Trinidad and Tobago**, **Portugal**, and **Zimbabwe** elected to the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**.
- They replace Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia.
- The UNSC has **5 permanent + 10 non-permanent** members; **India** has served 8 times.

### 17. 81st UNGA President Elected

- **Dr. Khalilur Rahman** (Bangladesh's Foreign Minister) elected **81st President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)** (Asia-Pacific group).
- Replaces 80th President **Annalena Baerbock** (Germany); term begins **September 8** in New York.

### 18. India to Host 13th BRICS Urbanization Forum

- **India** hosted the **13th BRICS Urbanization Forum** in **New Delhi (June 11–12, 2026)** — theme: 'Cities for People'.
- **India** is the current **BRICS chair**; this is India's **4th time** hosting since 2013; **BRICS** now has **11 members**.
- India will also host the main **BRICS Summit 2026** and the **BRICS Culture Working Group** in Varanasi.

### 19. 4th India–Africa Forum Summit

- The **4th India–Africa Forum Summit** was held in **New Delhi**.
- Theme: 'India-Africa Strategic Partnership for Innovation, Resilience, Inclusive Transformation'.

### 20. 52nd G7 Summit — India as Partner Country

- **PM Narendra Modi** attended the **52nd G7 Summit** in **Évian, France** (June 15–17) as an invited **Partner Country**.
- India's **13th participation** and Modi's **7th consecutive** appearance.
- **G7 members**: France, USA, Japan, Italy, UK, Germany, Canada.

### 21. R. Praggnanandhaa Wins Norway Chess 2026

- Indian Grandmaster **R. Praggnanandhaa** became the **first Indian** to win the **Norway Chess** title.
- He defeated World No. 1 **Magnus Carlsen** and Vincent Keymer; Wesley So finished 2nd, Alireza Firouzja 3rd.
- **Bibisara Assaubayeva** (Kazakhstan) won the women's title.

### 22. India Wins SAFF Women's Championship 2026 — 6th Title

- **India** ('Blue Tigresses'), captained by **Sangita Basfore**, won their **6th South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship** title.
- Defeated **Bangladesh 3-1** in the final at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, **Margao, Goa**.
- **Best Goalkeeper: Panthoi Chanu**; Top Scorer: Aveka Singh; Fair Play: Nepal.

### 23. French Open 2026 — Zverev & Andreeva Win

- **French Open 2026** (125th edition) held at **Roland Garros**.

- **Men's Singles: Alexander Zverev** (Germany) — first German man to win a Grand Slam since Boris Becker (1996).
- **Women's Singles: Mirra Andreeva** (Russia, 19) — youngest women's Grand Slam winner since Monica Seles (1992).

#### 24. FIFA World Cup 2026 Begins

- The **23rd FIFA World Cup** kicked off **June 12** at **Estadio Azteca, Mexico City**.
- Co-hosted by **USA, Canada, and Mexico**; expanded to **48 teams** and **104 matches**.
- Mascots: **Maple** (Canada), **Clutch** (USA), **Zayu** (Mexico); official song 'Dai Dai' by Shakira & Burna Boy.

#### 25. India Wins Gold at Under-18 Asia Cup Hockey

- **Men's:** India won **Gold** (3rd title), defeating host **Japan 4-1** in Kakamigahara; hat-trick by **Ashish Purti**, captain **Ketan Kushwaha**; Pakistan bronze.
- **Women's:** India won **Bronze** (3-0 vs South Korea); China claimed gold.

#### 26. First World Yogasana Championship

- The **first-ever World Yogasana Championship** was held at **EKA Arena, Ahmedabad** (June 4–8).
- **India** dominated with **114 medals** (102 Gold, 9 Silver, 3 Bronze); Nepal 2nd, Japan 3rd, Argentina 4th.
- Mascot: '**Veer the Lion**' (Asiatic lion).

#### 27. PM SVANidhi Scheme Completes 6 Years

- The **Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)** scheme, launched **June 1, 2020** by MoHUA, completed **6 years**.
- Extended to **March 31, 2030**; **1.12 crore** loans worth **₹17,800 crore** approved.
- Loan tranches: **₹15,000 / ₹25,000 / ₹50,000**; second-tranche repayers get a UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card (₹30,000 limit).

#### 28. Cabinet Approves SARTHAK PDS Umbrella Scheme

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved the **SARTHAK PDS** as a 5-year umbrella scheme.
- Budget: **₹25,530 crore**; aims to prevent smuggling/misuse of food grains under **PMGKAY**.

#### 29. Cabinet Approves 10-Year Extension of UDAN Scheme

- The Cabinet approved a **10-year extension (2026-27 to 2035-36)** for the modified **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik)** scheme (launched 2016).
- Total outlay: **₹28,840 crore**; plans **100 new airports** and **200 helipads**.

#### 30. PM KUSUM — World's Largest Clean Energy Initiative for Farmers

- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM)** is the **world's largest** initiative to provide clean energy to farmers.
- Aims to solarize over **35 lakh** agricultural pumps across three components (10,000 MW plants; 20 lakh standalone pumps; 15 lakh grid-connected pumps).

#### 31. BHAVYA Portal Launched for 100 Industrial Parks

- Commerce & Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** launched the **BHAVYA (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana)** portal, developed by **NICDC**.
- Aims to develop **100 world-class industrial parks** over 6 years; outlay **₹33,660 crore**; 51:49 Centre-State model.

#### 32. Skill India Marks 12th Anniversary

- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** marked the **12th anniversary of Skill India**.
- **Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)** grew from **9,766 (2014)** to **13,888**; **30 Skill India International Centres** planned.

#### 33. West Bengal Joins Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY) — 36th State/UT

- **West Bengal** became the **36th and final State/Union Territory** to implement the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)** under **Ayushman Bharat**.
- Provides **₹5 lakh** health coverage per eligible family; PM-JAY launched in 2018 in Ranchi.

#### 34. Cabinet Approves ATF Price Stabilization Fund

- The **Union Cabinet** approved a one-time **₹10,000 crore** budgetary support fund as **Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF)** prices surged from ~₹60 to **₹142 per litre** amid the West Asia crisis.
- It will be a **36-month interest-free, self-sustaining revolving loan fund**.

#### 35. Commercial Fleet Modernization Scheme Approved

- The **Union Cabinet** approved the **Commercial Fleet Modernization Scheme** — a 2-year, **₹9,585 crore** plan.
- Aims to replace **2.07 lakh** old BS4 trucks/buses in **Delhi NCR** with electric vehicles (5% interest subvention).

#### 36. Assam Becomes First NE State to Pass Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

- **Assam** became the **first Northeastern state** to pass the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** bill (banning polygamy, regulating live-in relationships).

### 37. India's Real GDP Growth Rises to 7.7% for FY26

- India's Real GDP growth was confirmed at 7.7% for FY25-26 by the National Statistical Office (NSO) and SBI's 'Ecowrap'.
- Q4 FY25-26 growth accelerated to 7.8%; FY26 Real GDP ₹323.12 lakh crore.

### 38. Elon Musk Becomes World's First Paper Trillionaire

- Elon Musk (SpaceX CEO) became the world's first trillionaire on paper, crossing a \$2 trillion valuation.
- He also topped the Forbes Billionaires list (~\$834–839 billion); the top 10 richest hold ~\$2.9 trillion.

### 39. ChatGPT Crosses 1 Billion Monthly Active Users

- OpenAI's ChatGPT crossed 1 billion global monthly active users (MAUs) — the fastest app in history to do so (surpassing Google Maps and TikTok).
- Anthropic's Claude reached 56 million MAUs with 640% year-on-year growth.

### 40. India Joins Anthropic's Project Glasswing

- India joined Anthropic's 'Project Glasswing', gaining access to 'Claude Mythos AI'.
- It is a cybersecurity / automated security auditor model used to identify software vulnerabilities and boost digital defenses.

### 41. Skyroot Becomes India's First Space-Tech Unicorn

- Skyroot Aerospace hit a \$1.1 billion valuation, becoming India's first space-tech unicorn.
- India's space economy is valued at about \$9 billion.

### 42. India Becomes World's 2nd Largest Solar Growth Market (IRENA)

- Per the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), India added 37 GW of solar in 2025, becoming the world's 2nd largest solar growth market (behind China, bypassing the US).
- Capacity multiplied 55-fold — from 2.8 GW (2014) to 155 GW (2026); India is the 3rd largest solar producer.

### 43. India's First Flex-Fuel Passenger Vehicle Launched

- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched India's first flex-fuel passenger vehicle — the Maruti Suzuki WagonR.

### 44. Lunar Ice Discovery by PRL Ahmedabad

- Scientists from the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad found water-ice deposits in the moon's Doubly Shadowed Craters (DSC) at the lunar south pole.

- Used Dual-Frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar (DFSAR); temperatures of 25 Kelvin preserve subsurface ice.

### 45. NASA Moon Base Plan & Artemis 3 Crew

- NASA announced a \$20 billion, three-phase plan to establish a permanent Moon base.
- Announced the Artemis 3 four-member crew (Andre Douglas, Frank Rubio, Reid Wiseman, Luca Parmitano) — a docking demonstration scheduled for late 2027.
- Also launched the 'Solar-1' mission to study the Sun.

### 46. India-UK Launch Critical Minerals Observatory

- India and the United Kingdom (UK) launched the Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory in New Delhi.
- Saudi Arabia separately joined the International Big Cat Alliance.

### 47. Key Defence Appointments

- Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed charge as the 27th Chief of Naval Staff (succeeding Admiral Dinesh Tripathi).
- Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth designated the next Chief of Army Staff (taking over from Gen Upendra Dwivedi on June 30).
- Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar became 48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff; Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit appointed Vice Chief of Air Staff.
- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh took additional charge as DRDO Chairman (after Dr. Samir V Kamat's tenure ended).

### 48. Key Banking & RBI Appointments

- Brajesh Kumar Singh appointed MD & CEO of Canara Bank, succeeding K. Satyanarayana Raju.
- Swaminathan Janakiraman re-appointed RBI Deputy Governor for a 2-year term (from June 26).
- Neelkanth Mishra appointed Executive Director of the World Bank, replacing Parameswaran Iyer.

### 49. Andhra Pradesh Wins Food Planet Prize 2026

- The Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) initiative won the Food Planet Prize 2026.
- Secured the \$1.5 million prize from Sweden's Curt Bergfors Foundation for climate-resilient agriculture.

### 50.: ITBP Completes First All-Women Everest Expedition

- A 14-member women's team from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) summited Mount Everest via the difficult South Col route in Nepal.

- It was the **first-ever all-women Everest expedition** by the force.

## 2. Amounts & Agreements

### 1. India–Vietnam BrahMos Missile Export Deal

- **India** signed a **₹3,000 crore / \$629 million** deal to export the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** (an **India–Russia Joint Venture**, **Mach 2.8** speed, named after the **Brahmaputra** and **Moskva** rivers) to **Vietnam** (announced at the **Shangri-La Dialogue**).
- **Vietnam** becomes the **second overseas buyer** of BrahMos; the **Philippines** was the first buyer in **2022**.

### 2. Tamil Nadu – Larsen & Toubro (L&T) ₹18,600 Crore Investment Pact

- **Tamil Nadu** and **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** signed an **₹18,600 crore** investment pact for three projects:
  - **₹15,000 crore** data centre in **Kanchipuram** (500 jobs).
  - **₹2,500 crore** electronics manufacturing facility in **Coimbatore** (2,000 jobs).
  - **₹1,100 crore** shipyard expansion in **Tiruvallur** (5,700 jobs).

### 3. Reliance Industries – Largest "Samurai Loan" by an Indian Corporate

- **Reliance Industries** raised a historic **91.9 billion Japanese Yen (~\$625 million)** "**Samurai Loan**" — the largest by an Indian corporate.

### 4. SoftBank Divests Stake in Lenskart

- **SoftBank** divested a **3.25% stake** in **Lenskart** for **₹2,873 crore** via an open-market transaction.

### 5. SBI Dividend Cheque to Finance Minister

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** paid an **₹8,813 crore dividend cheque** (at **₹17.35 per share**) to **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** for **FY 2025-26**.

### 6. CCEA Approves National Highway Projects

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved four **National Highway (NH)** projects worth **₹24,249 crore** under the **PM Gati Shakti Plan**.

### 7. Central Government Office Complex – Amaravati

- The **Union Cabinet** approved **₹2,533 crore** for establishing a **Central Government Office Complex** in **Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh**.

### 8. PM Modi Reviews ₹30,000 Crore Infrastructure Projects (51st PRAGATI Meeting)

- **PM Narendra Modi** chaired the **51st PRAGATI Meeting (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation; an ICT multi-modal platform launched in 2015)**.
- Reviewed **seven infrastructure projects** (railways, roads, power) worth nearly **₹30,000 crore**.

### 9. Ken–Betwa River Interlinking Project

- Transfers surplus water from the **Ken River (Madhya Pradesh)** to the **Betwa River (Uttar Pradesh)**.
- Total project cost: **₹44,605 crore**; Central support: **₹39,317 crore**.
- Includes the **77-metre-high Daudhan Dam** in **Panna Tiger Reserve**; targeted for completion by **2030**.

### 9. Reliance–Meta AI Data Centre (Jamnagar)

- **Reliance Industries (RIL)** and **Meta** signed an agreement to develop a **168 MW AI-enabled data centre** in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**, to be completed in two years.

### 10. ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel – ITI Cluster Investment

- **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AMNS)** secured a **₹200 crore National Steering Committee (NSC)** approval for a **Strategic Investment Plan** to set up an **Industrial Training Institute (ITI) cluster** in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**, under the **PM SETU** scheme; **AMNS** became the first approved company and set up a research centre in **Andhra Pradesh**.

### 11. Shivalik Small Finance Bank Acquisition

- **Shivalik Small Finance Bank** acquired **ManiBhavnam Home Finance** (a **Housing Finance Company**) for **₹109 crore**.
- **Shivalik** is **India's first cooperative bank** to convert into a **Small Finance Bank**.

### 12. India–Vietnam Bilateral Trade Target

- **India** and **Vietnam** set a bilateral trade target of **\$25 billion by 2030**.

### 13. NLC India – CSIR-CECRI MoU (Critical Minerals)

- **NLC India Limited** signed an **MoU** with **CSIR-CECRI (Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu)** to develop technology for extracting critical minerals and rare earth elements from mining waste.

### 14. India–Myanmar / India–Nepal Project Agreements

- **India** and **Nepal** are collaborating to build the **Manang Hospital**.

- Focus on the **Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project** (connecting **Kolkata to Sittwe port** via sea, then Kaladan river, then road to Mizoram) and the **India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway**.

### 3. Appointments

#### 1. Defence Forces – Key Appointments

- **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan** assumed charge as the **27th Chief of Naval Staff**, succeeding **Admiral Dinesh Tripathi**.
- **Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar** took charge as the **48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff** (replacing **Sanjay Vatsayan**).
- **Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty** assumed charge as the **20th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command** (India's only integrated theatre command) in **Sri Vijaya Puram**, replacing **Ajay Kochhar**.
- **Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh** took additional charge as **Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and **Secretary, Department of Defence R&D** on **May 31**, following the retirement of **Dr. Samir V. Kamat**.
- **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** appointed new **Vice Chief of Air Staff** of the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**, replacing **Nageshwar Kapoor**.
- **Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth** designated as the next **Chief of Army Staff**, taking over from the retiring **General Upendra Dwivedi** on **June 30**.
- Other notable charges: **General N. S. Raja Subramani** as **3rd Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)** (replacing **Anil Chauhan**); **Upendra Dwivedi** as **Army Chief**; **Amarpreet Singh** as **Air Chief**.
- **Major General Rachel Thomas** became **Additional Director General (ADG), Military Nursing Service (MNS)**, succeeding **Major General Lissamma P.V.** (recipient of the **Florence Nightingale Award**).

#### 2. Banking & Financial Sector Appointments

- **Brijesh Kumar Singh** appointed **Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO)** of **Canara Bank** (until April 2029) by the Government of India, succeeding **K. Satyanarayana Raju**.
- **Swaminathan Janakiraman** re-appointed as **RBI Deputy Governor** for a 2-year term starting **June 26**; other Deputy Governors:

**Poonam Gupta, Shirish Chandra Murmu, Rohit Jain.**

- **Gunir Singh** appointed **RBI Executive Director** to head the **Payment and Settlement System**.
- **Ketan Merchant's** tenure extended as **Interim CEO of Fino Payments Bank** (after previous CEO **Rishi Gupta** was arrested by GST officials).
- **Suresh Agarwal** appointed **MD & CEO of Mahindra Manulife Insurance Company Ltd** (a 50:50 Joint Venture).
- **Sanjay Lohiya / Sanjay Loya** nominated as a **Director on the RBI and SBI Central Boards**, replacing the retiring **M. Nagaraju**.
- **Elias George** appointed part-time chairman of **Federal Bank** for 3 years.
- **Ashok Kumar Panda** began tenure as **Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)** of **SAIL**.

#### 3. Government & Administrative Appointments

- **Neelkanth Mishra** appointed **Executive Director of the World Bank** (HQ Washington DC) for a 3-year term, replacing **Parameswaran Iyer**; a former IAS officer and current Chief Economist at Axis Bank (World Bank headed by **Ajay Banga**).
- **Piyush Singla** appointed **Director, National Health Authority (NHA)** under **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**; a 2012-batch IAS officer (AGMUT cadre).
- **Saurabh Vijay** appointed **CEO of India AI Mission**, with additional charge of **UIDAI**.
- **Tarun Kapoor** granted a one-year extension as **Advisor to the Prime Minister** (to June 2027).
- **Prashant Sitaram Lokhande** appointed **Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** (succeeding **Rahul Singh**); **Varun Bhardwaj** named the new Secretary.
- **Meenakshi Sundaram** appointed **Director, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad**.
- **Ram Kumar Shanker / Kumar Shankar** to become **Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL)**, replacing **Kamal Kishore Chatiwal**.
- **Banwarilal Purohit & Deepak Parekh** appointed **President and Vice President** respectively of **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan**.
- **Raghav Chadha** became Chairman of a **Rajya Sabha committee**.
- **Dinesh Trivedi** appointed new **Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh**.
- **Prashant Pise** assigned as India's next **Ambassador to Oman**.

#### 4. Chief Ministers & State-Level

- **D.K. Shivakumar** sworn in as **24th/25th Chief Minister of Karnataka** by Governor **Thawar Chand Gehlot**; **Dr. G. Parameshwara** took oath as **Deputy Chief Minister**.
- **Joseph Vijay** appointed **Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu**.
- **N. Rangasamy** appointed **Chief Minister of Puducherry**.
- **Himanta Biswa Sarma** secured a second consecutive term as **Chief Minister of Assam**.

#### 5. International Appointments

- **Janez Janša** of the **Slovenian Democratic Party** became **Prime Minister of Slovenia** for a **4th term**, succeeding **Robert Golob**.
- **Mette Frederiksen** (**Social Democrat Party**) appointed for a **3rd term** as **PM of Denmark** — Denmark's second female PM (after **Helle Thorning-Schmidt**).
- **Amadou Al Aminou Lo** became **PM of Senegal**, replacing **Ousmane Sonko** (who became **Parliament Speaker**).
- **Dr. Khalilur Rahman** of **Bangladesh** (**Foreign Minister**) elected **81st President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)** (**Asia-Pacific group**), replacing **80th President Annalena Baerbock** (**Germany**), for a one-year term from **September 8**.
- **South Korea**: President **Lee Jae-myung**; Prime Minister **Kim Min-seok**; President **Yoon Suk Yeol** nominated **Han Myeong-sook** (former CEO of **Naver**, the "Google of Korea") as **South Korea's 2nd female Prime Minister**.
- **Bharat Singh Chauhan** re-elected as **Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association**.

#### 6. Brand Ambassadors

- **Shah Rukh Khan** appointed **Brand Ambassador for Visa** ("Infinitely More" campaign).
- **Shreyanka Patil** named **brand ambassador for KLF Nirmal** (coconut hair oil).

#### 7. Retirements

- **Wicketkeeper-batter KS Bharat** announced retirement from international cricket (first wicketkeeper to score a triple century in the **Ranji Trophy**, 2015).
- Cricketer **Vijay Shankar** announced retirement from domestic and IPL cricket.
- Former **New Zealand captain Kane Williamson** announced retirement from international cricket.

## 4. Arts & Culture

### 1. Books Released

- "**India's First Olympic Gold: Hockey Triumph at Amsterdam**" — released by **PT Usha** and **Dr. Dilip Tirkey**; authored by hockey historian **K. Arumugam**.
- "**Better Never Stops: Leadership Ignites from Light Constructed Movements**" — released by **Shyam Srinivasan**, former **CEO of Federal Bank**.
- "**When Audit Matters**" — released by Vice President **CP Radhakrishnan**; edited by former **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)** **Vinod Rai**.
- "**The Second Orbit**" — by astronaut **Shubhanshu Shukla** (from Lucknow).
- "**The Voice that Bridged Worlds**" (about **Zubeen Garg**) — by **Prasenjit Nath**.
- "**Giorgia's Vision**" — by **Giorgia Meloni**.
- "**China's War**" — authored by **Vijay Gokhale**.

### 2. Festivals & Cultural Events

- **4th Lavender Festival** organized by **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM)** in **Bhaderwah, Doda district, Jammu & Kashmir** on **June 6-7**.
- **Yoga Mahotsav** hosted at the **Khajuraho Group of Monuments, Madhya Pradesh**; organized by the **Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga**.
- **Raja Parba Festival** observed in **Odisha** (other Odisha festivals: **Nuakhai, Jagannath Rath Yatra (Puri), Bali Jatra (Cuttack)**).

### 3. Diplomatic Cultural Gifts

- **PM Narendra Modi** gifted **Muga silk stoles (Assam)** and **Shirui Lily-inspired items (Manipur)** to **Italian PM Giorgia Meloni**; a **Gond painting (Madhya Pradesh)** to the **Crown Princess of Sweden**; and **Black Rice/Chakhaou (Manipur)** to the **Queen Mother of the UAE**.

### 4. Sand Art

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## 5. Awards

### 1. Sagar Aankalan Awards (FY25 Port Performance)

- **Container Cargo: Deendayal Port Authority** (formerly Kandla Port, Gujarat) — best handling, under-0.5 million TEUs category; **Mundra** — top container port (4–5 million TEU); **JNPA** — 2nd among major container ports.
- **Dry Bulk Cargo: Paradip Port Authority** (Odisha) — top rank (also 3rd in container).
- **Liquid Bulk Cargo: Sikka Port and Terminals** (Jamnagar, Gujarat) — 1st; **Visakhapatnam Port Authority** — 2nd (>5 million tons).
- Awards launched by Union Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** during the **37th foundation day of JNPA**; based on the **Sagar Aankalan Framework**.

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- **President Droupadi Murmu** conferred **51 gallantry awards** (7 Kirti Chakras, 15 Vir Chakras, 29 Shaurya Chakras) at the **Defence Investiture Ceremony 2026, Rashtrapati Bhavan**.

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## 6. Banking and Finance

### 1. RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) – 61st Meeting

- The **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** was formed in **2016**, meets six times a year, and is a 6-member body (3 RBI + 3 Government of India), headed by **RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra**.
- This was the **61st MPC Meeting**, held **June 3-5, 2026**, with a "**Neutral**" stance (decision taken unanimously).
- **Policy Repo Rate:** unchanged at **5.25%**; **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): 5.00%**; **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) & Bank Rate: 5.50%**.
- **FY GDP Growth Estimate:** revised down from **6.9% to 6.6%** (rising crude oil prices,

global tensions); **FY27 real GDP** projected at **6.6%**.

- **Consumer Price Index (CPI)/Retail Inflation** projection raised from **4.6% to 5.1%**.
- **Inflation Target Extension:** Government extended RBI's **4% (±2%)** target for 5 more years (**April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031**).
- MPC Members (RBI): **Sanjay Malhotra, Poonam Gupta, Indranil Bhattacharyya;** (GoI): **Nagesh Kumar, Saugata Bhattacharya, Prof. Ram Singh.**
- Official RBI symbol: **Palm tree and Royal Bengal Tiger.**

## 2. RBI Balance Sheet & Financial Indicators (FY26)

- Balance sheet expanded **20.6%** to **₹91.97 lakh crore** in FY26.
- Asset increments: domestic investments **+44.9%**, gold **+63.8%**, foreign investments **+7.9%**.
- **Bank Fraud** surged **46%** to **₹48,021 crore** (from ₹32,083 crore in FY25); digital banking frauds decreased in volume (23,000 → 10,014) but rose in value by 46% to **₹48,210 crore** — Public Sector Banks accounted for **74% (₹35,000 crore)**.
- **GDP projections:** FY26 actual **7.6%**; FY27 projected **6.9%** with **4.6% inflation**.
- Staff strength dropped **2.2%** (13,520 → 13,220) for the first time in 5 years.
- **Fiscal Deficit:** met at **4.4% of GDP (₹15.19 trillion)**; next year's target **4.3%**.

## 3. RBI Regulatory & Policy Updates (FY 2026-27)

- Priorities: customer protection, strengthened credit ecosystem, early risk detection, data-driven supervision, AI-monitoring, uniform rules.
- KYC: Re-KYC guidelines & Officially Valid Documents (OVDs) being updated; **Video KYC** now available for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) abroad.
- Launched a "**Switch On/Switch Off**" feature and a "**Kill Switch**" to block all debit transactions; "**Mule Hunter AI**" (by RBI Innovation Hub) to track fraudulent accounts.
- New framework to standardize "**Shared Loan Arrangements**"; launching a **Unified Lending Interface (ULI)**.
- **Digital Rupee (CBDC)** expanding into Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) and retail; MoUs signed with **Singapore** and under discussion with the **UAE** for cross-border transactions.

- RBI proposed a **1-hour cooling period** for digital transactions above **₹10,000** (such transactions account for **45% of fraud by volume** and **98.5% by value**).
- **RBI Deposit Interest Rate draft:** "bulk deposit" threshold raised from **₹2 crore to ₹3 crore** for Scheduled Commercial Banks and Small Finance Banks.
- **NOP limit adjustments:** banks may exclude FCNRB swap positions from Net Overnight Position limits; onshore deliverable NOP capped at **\$100 million**.
- RBI eased lending norms for **REITs & InvITs** (effective Oct 1, 2026; **≥80%** assets must be cash/revenue-generating).
- **RBI to evaluate Polymer (plastic) currency notes** (announced by 26th RBI Governor **Sanjay Malhotra**) to reduce counterfeiting; **Australia** introduced polymer notes first, in **1988**.
- **Account Aggregator SRO:** RBI recognized the **Sahamati / Sahi Foundation (CEO B.G. Mahesh)** as the first cross-sector Self-Regulatory Organization (minimum net worth **₹2 crore**; 17 platforms operational).

## 4. Currency & Digital Payments

- Banknotes in circulation rose to **₹41.23 trillion**; **₹500 notes = 85.5%** of total value (also cited as 85% of value, 41.2% by volume); ₹500 circulation grew **11.2%** in FY26 to **7.05 lakh crore pieces**; fake ₹500 detection up **20%**; **₹2000 notes** remain withdrawn; counterfeit **₹20** and **₹50** notes rising.
- **BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money)** transactions surged **301%** in FY26.
- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface) – May 2026:** record **23.2 billion (23,219.3 million)** transactions worth **₹29.90 lakh crore / trillion**; volume **+4% MoM, +24% YoY**; value **+3% MoM, +19% YoY**; daily averages 737.79–748 million transactions (₹84,423–₹96,452 crore); average ticket size fell to **₹1,313 in 2025** (from ₹1,848 in 2021).
- **IMPS (Immediate Payment Service):** 358.10 million transactions worth **₹6.96 trillion**.
- **UPI live in 9 countries:** UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, France, Qatar, and now **Cambodia** (9th, via **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) + Acleda Bank PLC** using the **Bakong KHQR code**).
- **India–Vietnam Cross-Border QR Pact:** RBI signed an agreement with the **State**

Bank of Vietnam for cross-border QR-code UPI payments.

- **BharatPe Flex:** credit-on-UPI launched with **Yes Bank**.
- **Bank of Baroda (BOB) bob Pay:** 3 new UPI features — biometric PIN-free up to ₹5,000, UIDAI Face Authentication, and IoT-based payments.

### 5. Bank Penalties & Regulatory Actions

- RBI levied **₹3.10 lakh** penalty on **CreditAccess Grameen Limited**.
- RBI fined **Canara Bank ₹41.80 lakh** (KYC, unclaimed deposits, inoperative accounts) and **₹2.49 lakh** (delayed currency chest reporting).
- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** imposed **₹1 crore** penalty on **Nissan Renault Financial Services India**.
- RBI imposed a **6-month restriction** on the Mumbai-based **Mogaveera Co-operative Bank Limited** (licence not cancelled; max withdrawal ₹1 lakh; **DICGC** insures deposits up to **₹5 lakh**).
- **Zikzuk Tech** approved as a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) issuer; **Va Fintech / Vona Fintech** received NPCI approval as a biller operating unit on Bharat Connect.

### 6. Insurance Sector

- **Mahindra Manulife Insurance Limited (MMIL):** 50:50 Joint Venture between the **Mahindra Group** and Canada's **Manulife Financial Corp**; received incorporation certificate; total committed **₹3,600 crore**.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** launched the "**New Jeevan Saathi**" joint-life plans (New Jeevan Saathi Single Premium & Limited Premium), effective **June 1**, with minimum sum assured **₹3 lakh**.
- **LIC** raised its shareholding in the **Central Bank of India** from **3.16% to 6.06%**.
- **Canara HSBC Life Insurance** entered bancassurance partnerships with **West Bengal Gramin Bank** (a Regional Rural Bank with 960 branches).
- **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approved **South Africa's Sanlam Group / Sunam Emerging Markets** acquiring a **2.80% stake** in **Shriram Life Insurance**.

### 7. Credit Cards & Banking Products

- **Karur Vysya Bank** launched four premium **Visa** credit cards — **Aura (shopping)**, **Samara (dining/lifestyle)**, **Altura (travel)**, **Eternis (top-tier)**.

- **Bandhan Bank** partnered with **Centrum Finserve Limited** to launch a 3-in-1 (Savings + Demat + Trading) account.
- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)** received an **IFSCA** licence for an **International Banking Unit (IBU)** at **GIFT City, Gujarat**.

### 8. Schemes & Other Financial Approvals

- **Common Lending Portal for Unclaimed Financial Assets** launched on **May 29, 2026** by the **Department of Financial Services (DFS)** under "**Your money, your right**"; available in **23 languages** including **Braille**.
- **Niveshak Shivar (Investor Camp)** by **SEBI & Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)** in **Bhopal, MP** (June 5) — resolves dormant investments over 7 years (previous camps in Bengaluru & Bhubaneswar).
- **Public Sector Banks (PSBs)** returned **₹6,800 crore** unclaimed deposits to **29 lakh claimants** via the **UDGAM portal**; PSB gross NPAs at a historic low **1.983%**, net NPAs **0.39%**.
- **Star NPS** platform launched by **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** (developed by BSE; effective June 4); PFRDA also introduced a regulatory sandbox.
- **Project Shikhar: Meesho + Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** to help MSMEs list on the BSE SME platform.
- **CGS-MFI 2.0** (Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions) extended to **August 31, 2026** or **₹20,000 crore** (facilitated by **NCGTC**); max loan for large NBFC-MFIs raised from ₹300 crore to **₹1,000 crore**; ₹7,700 crore distributed so far.
- **ECLGS 5.0:** issued 1 lakh guarantees covering **₹48,484 crore** (96% by PSBs).
- **Nuvama Wealth Management** received SEBI approval to launch a mutual fund business.
- **REC Limited (Rural Electrification Corporation)** fully merged with **Power Finance Corporation (PFC)** under the Companies Act 2013 (announced in the 2026-27 budget).
- **FPI Reforms:** zero capital gains & interest-income tax on government securities for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), effective **April 1, 2026** (previously 12.5% long-term, 30% short-term); **Fully Accessible Route (FAR)** expanded to 15-, 30-, 40-year G-Secs and sovereign green bonds.

- **Andhra Pradesh Angel Fund: AP + Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) + Ratan Tata Innovation Hub.**
- **Companies/CSR:** Ministry of Corporate Affairs amended **Schedule VII** of the **Companies Act 2013**; companies may use up to **10%** of CSR funds for **Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP)** instruments on the **Social Stock Exchange** (2% CSR applies to net worth >₹500 cr, turnover >₹1,000 cr, or net profit >₹5 cr).

### 9. Asian Development Bank & Other Partnerships

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and **Standard Chartered** partnered to boost supply-chain finance in India.
- **RITES Limited** partnered with **CRISIL** for data-driven infrastructure solutions.
- **Japan's Development Bank of Japan (DBJ)** made its first Indian real estate investment.
- **National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM)** (under **SEBI**) partnered with **Galgotias University (Uttar Pradesh)**.

### 10. Economic Data & Indicators

- **GST collection (May 2026): ₹1.94 lakh crore** (+3.2% YoY); led by Maharashtra, UP, Karnataka, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu; April 2026 was the highest ever at **₹2.43 lakh crore**.
- **Index of Industrial Production (IIP): 4.9% growth** in April 2026 (new base year 2022-23); manufacturing +6.2%, capital goods +16%; covers 8 core sectors (coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilizers, steel, cement, electricity).
- **HSBC Manufacturing PMI: 55.0** in May; **Services PMI** hit a six-month high of **59.8** (from 58.8) — PMI >50 indicates expansion.
- **Retail Inflation (CPI): 3.93%** in May 2026 (a 16-month high, up from 3.48% in April); Telangana highest at **6.15%**; CPI base year updated to 2024; basket = 358 articles (308 goods + 50 services).
- **GDP (NSO/SBI EcoWrap):** Real GDP growth **7.7%** for FY25-26 (Q4 **7.8%**; 9.9% service-sector growth); FY26 Real GDP **₹323.12 lakh crore**, Nominal **₹346.36 lakh crore**; SBI predicts **12.5–13%** for FY27.
- **GDP forecasts (FY27):** OECD **6.3%** (later 6.3% FY26/6.4% FY28); Fitch lowered to **6.4%** (6.7% FY28); RBI/SBI **6.6%**; RBI 100th Survey of Professional Forecasters lowered FY27 to **6.5%**; **World Bank raised FY27 forecast to 6.6%** (from 6.5%, later 7.2% FY28); **Global Justice Report:** India

to surpass China in global GDP (PPP) share around 2060; current nominal GDP 4th largest at **\$4.15 trillion**.

- **Current Account Deficit (CAD) FY25-26** widened to **\$25.2 billion (0.6% of GDP)** from \$22.9 billion; Q4 surplus of **\$7.1 billion (0.7% of GDP)**.
- **World Bank** downgraded global growth forecast for 2026 to **2.5%** (from 2.9% for 2025).
- **WPI → PPI transition: Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** base year shifted from **2011-12 to 2022-23** (effective June 15); new **Producer Price Index (PPI)** launched (output, input, services); WPI basket expanded from **697 to 957 items**; new PPI: **Output PPI (1,500 items)**, Trial Input PPI, and Service PPI; services = 55% of GDP.
- **District GDP guidelines: MoSPI** updated base year from 2012 to 2022-23.
- **FDI: USA** surpassed **Mauritius** to become India's **2nd largest FDI source** in FY 2025-26 (\$11 billion equity); **Singapore** remains top; computer hardware/software top recipient sector.
- **Seafood exports:** highest-ever **₹73,890 crore** in FY25-26; frozen shrimp top item (~40%); USA largest importer by value, China by volume.
- **Silver:** India is the world's largest silver consumer; silver imports surged to **\$20 billion** in 2025-26; new rules require DGFT authorization and IIBX digital processing.
- **Forbes Richest List: Elon Musk #1 (\$834–\$839 billion)**; later became world's first paper trillionaire crossing **\$2 trillion** valuation via SpaceX); driven by **Google Gemini's** valuation, **Larry Page** 2nd, **Sergey Brin** 3rd, **Jeff Bezos** 4th, **Larry Ellison** 5th; top 10 collectively hold **\$2.9 trillion**.
- **NSE & SUFI MoU:** National Stock Exchange + Steel Users Federation of India for a steel price-risk management framework (target 300 million tonnes by 2030).
- **Digital wallets:** Per the 2025 **Sensor Tower** report, India leads global digital-wallet downloads with **440 million** of 1.8 billion total; **PhonePe** is India's most downloaded app.
- **India is the 3rd largest startup ecosystem** globally (behind USA and China).
- **India's space economy** valued at **\$9 billion**.

## 7. Defence

### 1. Missile Tests & Weapon Systems

- **RudraM-II / Rudram-2 Missile:** DRDO and the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** successfully flight-tested the indigenous **air-to-surface missile** from a **Sukhoi (Su-30 MKI)** at the **Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha**; developed by **Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad**; range **300-350 km**.
- **High-Caliber Conventional Bomb:** DRDO's **Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL)** (Chandigarh) successfully tested at **Ramgarh, Panchkula, Haryana**.
- **Divyastra MK-1 / "dyastra mark 1" Loitering Munition:** AI-powered tactical loitering munition successfully tested by the **Indian Army** in **Jodhpur, Rajasthan**; developed by Lucknow-based startup "**Hoverit**"; features AI swarm capability, **5-hour endurance, 500 km range, 300-400 km/h speed, 15 kg payload**.
- **S-400 Triumph:** India received the **4th squadron** of the Russian **S-400 Triumph** surface-to-air missile (designated "**Sudarshan**" in the IAF); India signed for **5 squadrons** in 2018; DRDO is developing the indigenous counterpart "**Project Kusha**".

### 2. Defence Deals, Drones & Dialogues

- **India** sent a **Letter of Request to France** to purchase **114 Rafale fighter aircraft**.
- **AUKUS alliance (Australia, UK, USA)** launched an underwater drone program. **AUKUS Pillar I:** nuclear-powered submarines for Australia by **2040** (second-hand US subs in 2030). **AUKUS Pillar II:** launched at the **Shangri-La Dialogue, Singapore**, to develop Advanced Uncrewed Undersea Vehicle (UUV) tech, hypersonic missiles, undersea robotics, and AI by **2027**.
- **2nd India–Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue** in New Delhi (**Rajnath Singh & Australia's Richard Marles**).
- **29th India–US Army-to-Army Staff Talks** in **Hawaii** (India led by **Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai**; USA by **Lt Gen Joel Vowell**); discussed the **TRUST (Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technologies)** initiative launched February 2025.
- First-ever **Joint Defence Committee meeting** between **India and Zimbabwe** held in New Delhi (chaired by **Amitabh Prasad** (India) and **Aaron Daniel** (Zimbabwe)).

### 3. Army & Air Force Technology

- **Indian Army** launched "**Q Force**" (digital app) and "**Kautilya**" (AI command intelligence chatbot).
- **IAF & IIT Bombay** signed three contracts to create an **AI digital twin model** and AI health monitoring for the **SU-30 MKI**.

### 4. Defence Infrastructure & Events

- **Nausena Shaurya Vatika** (open-air naval museum) inaugurated in **Lucknow** by **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** and **UP CM Yogi Adityanath**.
- **Defence solar project:** 250 MW project with Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) on 850 acres of defence land in **Sitapur, UP**, implemented by **NTPC**; **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated a defence complex in **Shirui**.
- **Commemorative Book on Operation Sindoor: Operation Sindoor** (launched May 7, 2025, in response to the **Pahalgam attack**); Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** released a commemorative volume documenting testimonies of **100 armed forces personnel**.
- Indian Navy's **Talwar-class frigate INS Tarkash** arrived at **Port Victoria, Seychelles**; **Indian Coast Guard** commissioned fast patrol vessel **ICGS Achel** in **Goa**; **INS Sagar Dwani** visited **Cam Ranh**; **INS Sharda** made a port call in **Colombo, Sri Lanka** (SAGAR mission).
- **AFSPA:** The Union Home Ministry announced the **removal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA)** from further areas in Northeast India (AFSPA enacted in 1958 under the Ministry of Home Affairs).
- Indian government warned citizens to leave **Iran, Israel, and Lebanon** immediately.
- **ITBP Mount Everest Ascent:** A **14-member all-women team** from the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** summited **Mount Everest** via the **South Col route** in Nepal (first-ever all-women Everest expedition).

## 8. International

### 1. India's Bilateral Agreements & Diplomacy

- **India–Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** came into force on **June 1, 2026**.
- **India–Myanmar:** PM **Narendra Modi** met **Myanmar President Min Aung Hlaing** (visited India **May 30–June 3**); focus on the **Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project**, the **India–Myanmar–Thailand Trilateral Highway**, and increasing

**Mekong-Ganga ICCR scholarships** for Myanmar students from **36 to 100**.

- **India–Bangladesh** border: **4,096 km**, guarded by the **Border Security Force (BSF)**.
- **India–Nepal**: linked India's **UPI** with Nepal's **National Payment Interface (NPI)** on **June 6** for cross-border remittance; **MoU** via Digital India Bhashini Division & **Kathmandu University** for an AI multilingual platform; Nepal's Foreign Minister (**Shishir Khanal / Shashir Kansal**) visited India (**June 5–7**).
- **India–Venezuela**: Acting President **Deley Rodriguez Gomez** visited India (**June 3–7**), met PM Modi at **Hyderabad House**, visited Reliance's **Jamnagar refinery**; **Venezuela** became India's **3rd largest crude supplier** in May 2026.
- **India–Finland**: EAM **S. Jaishankar** attended the **14th Kultaranta Talks** in Helsinki; Finland is the world's happiest country for the 9th year.
- **India–UK**: launched the **Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory** in New Delhi.
- **India–Brunei**: discussions to strengthen bilateral & parliamentary ties.
- **PM Modi's France & Slovakia Tour (June 13–19)**: met President **Emmanuel Macron**, jointly launched "**Bharat Innovates 2026**" in Nice, declared 2026 the "**Year of Innovation**"; visited **Bratislava, Slovakia**.

## 2. United Nations

- **81st UNGA** session to be held in **September 2026 in New York**, headed by **Khalilur Rahman** of Bangladesh.
- **UN Security Council (UNSC) – 5 new non-permanent members** for Jan 1, 2027 – Jan 1, 2028: **Kyrgyzstan (1st time ever), Austria, Trinidad and Tobago, Portugal, Zimbabwe**; replacing **Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, Somalia**. (UNSC = 5 permanent + 10 non-permanent; India has served 8 times.)
- Indian UN representative **P. Harish** announced **\$2.5 million** funding to **UNRWA** for the Gaza crisis.
- **79th World Health Assembly** concluded in **Geneva, Switzerland**.

## 3. Other International Developments

- **Saudi Arabia** joined the **International Big Cat Alliance**.
- **Malaysia** implemented a social-media ban for under-16s from **June 1, 2026**; **Canada** introduced legislation banning social media

for under-16s (joining Australia, Brazil, Indonesia).

- **Anthropic's Project Glasswing**: India joined the initiative, gaining access to "**Mythos AI**", a cybersecurity/security-auditor model used to identify software vulnerabilities.
- **University of Liverpool (UK)** opened a campus in **Alambic City, Whitefield, Bengaluru** (UGC approval by Chairperson **Dr. Vineet Joshi**); second UK university in India after the **University of Southampton**.
- Three foreign universities approved campuses in India: **University of Bristol (UK)** and **University of York (UK)** in **Mumbai**, and **University of New South Wales (Australia)** at **Manyata Business Park, Bengaluru**.
- **NASSCOM** launched its **11th InnoTrek (UK 2026)** in London for Indian deep-tech startups.
- **8th India–Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting** held in New Delhi.

## 9. Meetings

### 1. Summits Hosted/Attended by India

- **4th India-Africa Forum Summit** held in **New Delhi** — theme: 'India-Africa Strategic Partnership for Innovation, Resilience, Inclusive Transformation'.
- **11th Quad meeting** of foreign ministers (India, US, Japan, Australia) held in **New Delhi**, led by **EAM S. Jaishankar**.
- **13th BRICS Urbanization Forum** hosted by India in **New Delhi** (June 11–12, 2026) — theme: 'Cities for People'; India's 4th time hosting (since 2013); India is BRICS chair (theme: 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability'). BRICS now has **11 members**; India to host the main **BRICS Summit 2026** and BRICS Culture Working Group in Varanasi.
- **Blue India 2026** conference/expo on the blue economy held in **Kochi, Kerala** (Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies) — theme: 'Blue Research, Blue Innovation, and Blue Future'.
- **8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting** held in New Delhi.
- **SAPLING Dialogue 2026** in **Ahmedabad** (Ministry of Food Processing + World Bank; Minister Chirag Paswan) — theme: 'Unlocking Value' (SAPLING = South Asian Policy

Leadership for Improved Nutrition and Growth).

- **RISE Conclave 2026 in Bengaluru** — theme: 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship Driven Growth for Viksit Bharat 2047' (RISE = Research, Industry, Startups, Entrepreneurship).
- **Indian Pharmacopoeia 2026 Scientific Conclave** by the IPC in Haridwar.

## 2. Governance & Review Meetings

- **PM Modi chaired the 51st PRAGATI Meeting** (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation; ICT platform launched 2015), reviewing seven infrastructure projects worth ~₹30,000 crore.
- **11th NITI Aayog Governing Council Meeting** chaired by PM Modi in New Delhi — theme: 'Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047'; four pillars (human capital, future-ready skills, productive employment, health/nutrition).

## 3. Global Conferences

- **52nd G7 Summit** held in Évian, France (June 15–17); G7 members: France, USA, Japan, Italy, UK, Germany, Canada.
- **Bonn Climate Conference 2026** (SB 64 under UNFCCC) in Bonn, Germany (June 8–18), preceding COP 31 in Turkey; COP pipeline: COP 30 Belem (Brazil), COP 31 Turkey, COP 32 Ethiopia, COP 33 Australia.
- **114th International Labour Conference (ILC)** in Geneva — India represented by Shobha Karandlaje (ILO HQ: Geneva, est. 1919).
- **NASSCOM InnoTrek UK 2026** — 11th edition launched in London for Indian deep-tech startups.

# 10. Miscellaneous

## 1. Important Days & Themes — May

- **May 25–31:** International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories.
- **May 28:** World Hunger Day ('The End of Hunger is in Our Hands'); International Day of Action for Women's Health; World Menstrual Hygiene Day ('Together for a period friendly world').
- **May 29:** 78th International Day of UN Peacekeepers ('Invest in Peace'); World Digestive Health Day; International Everest Day (1953 Hillary ascent); 3rd UN International Day of Potato.

- **May 30:** Hindi Journalism Day (200th anniversary of Hindi print media — 1826 'Udant Martand').
- **May 31:** World No Tobacco Day ('Unmasking the appeal — countering nicotine and tobacco addiction').

## 2. Important Days & Themes — June

- **June 1:** Global Day of Parents ('Together for parents'); World Milk Day (FAO, est. 2001 in Rome; 2026 theme 'Celebrating Women Farmers'; honored Dr. Verghese Kurien); Project Udayak (BRO) 37th Raising Day (est. 1990, celebrated in Doomdooma, Assam).
- **June 2:** International Sex Workers Day (since 1975); Telangana Formation/Statehood Day (29th state, 2014).
- **June 3:** World Bicycle Day ('Cycling for a greener future').
- **June 4:** International CV Day; International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.
- **June 5:** World Environment Day ('Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future.'). host Azerbaijan; International Day vs Illegal/Unreported/Unregulated Fishing; International Level Crossing Awareness Day; World Day Against Speciesism.
- **June 6:** Russian Language Day (Pushkin's birth anniversary); World Pest Day ('Defending Health Across the Borders').
- **June 7:** World Food Safety Day ('From burden to solutions — safe food everywhere'; slogan 'Food Safety Everyone's Business').
- **June 8:** World Brain Tumor Day ('A Closer Look'; grey ribbon); World Oceans Day ('Reimagine beyond the world we know'; SDG 14; first celebrated 2008; oceans cover 70% of Earth).
- **June 9:** World Accreditation Day ('Innovation, Trust, and Sustainability'; ILAC, first 2008); International Archives Day ('#archives for justice rights memory and future').
- **June 10:** International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations (UNGA, 2024; 2nd observance).
- **June 11:** International Day of Play (UNGA 2024; 'Protect Play, Protect Childhood').
- **June 12:** World Day Against Child Labour ('Red card to child labour: Fair play for children and decent work for adults'; ILO est. 1919, Geneva).
- **June 13:** International Albinism Awareness Day ('Proudly in my skin — celebrating all skin tones').
- **June 14:** World Blood Donor Day ('One drop of humanity — give blood, save life').

- **June 15:** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day ('Beyond Awareness: Making Elder Abuse Prevention Work'; adopted 2011, WHO/INPEA); Global Wind Day ('Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration').
- **June 21 (upcoming):** Yoga Day theme — 'Yoga for One Hour and One Health'.

### 3. Exports, Records & Other

- **First mango export to UK:** APEDA handled 1.5 MT of GI-tagged **Amrapali mangoes** from Jharkhand to London.
- **First Tezpur Litchi export to Dubai:** APEDA facilitated GI-tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam (10% price premium). Assam's Joha rice was previously exported to UK and Italy.
- **Record wheat procurement (2026-27 Rabi):** 35 million tonnes (5-year high; all-time high 43.43 MT in 2020-21); MSP ₹2,425/quintal.
- **Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)** platform set a Guinness World Record for 'most users taking an online quiz in one week' (Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026); cert received by Mansukh Mandaviya.
- **Shigellosis outbreak** reported in Kerala.

### 4. Books & Authors

- **'Operation Sindoor'** — a commemorative volume released by Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**, featuring documented testimonies from **100 armed forces personnel** involved in the mission (Operation Sindoor launched May 7, 2025 after the Pahalgam attack).
- **'India's First Olympic Gold: Hockey Triumph at Amsterdam'** — authored by hockey historian **K. Arumugam**; released by **PT Usha** and **Dr. Dilip Tirkey**.
- **'Better Never Stops: Leadership Ignites from Light Constructed Movements'** — released by **Shyam Srinivasan**, former CEO of **Federal Bank**.
- **'When Audit Matters'** — edited by former **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Vinod Rai**; released by Vice President **CP Radhakrishnan**.
- **'The Voice that Bridged Worlds'** (about **Zubeen Garg**) — authored by **Prasenjit Nath**.
- **'Giorgia's Vision'** — authored by Italian PM **Giorgia Meloni**.
- **'China's War'** — a new book authored by **Vijay Gokhale** (former Foreign Secretary).
- **'The Second Orbit'** — released by **Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla** (from Lucknow).

### 5. Natural Disasters

- **7.8 magnitude earthquake** struck **Manila, Philippines**, triggering tsunami warnings (effects expected in Indonesia, Thailand).

- **Typhoon Jangmi** hit **Miyazaki, Japan (Kyushu)**, damaging ~17,000 homes (Japan on the 'Ring of Fire').

## 11. MoUs

### 1. Technology & Research Partnerships

- **Bajaj Finserv & IIT Bombay** partnered to launch **'Finserv Intelligence'** — a Joint Research Center on AI, Cybersecurity, Quantum Technologies, and Physical Retail.
- **BSNL & IIT Kanpur** signed an MoU to develop next-generation telecom — **5G/6G and LiFi** technologies.
- **Bhashini & DPIIT** signed an MoU (investment ecosystem initiative).
- **India & Nepal** signed an MoU (Digital India Bhashini Division + Kathmandu University) for an AI-powered multilingual platform; Bhashini supports 36 text, 23 voice, 35 international languages, and unveiled the **Vyoma Innovation Challenge** (₹80 lakh prize).
- **Andhra Pradesh** partnered with **SIDBI** and the **Ratan Tata Innovation Hub** to launch a specialized **Angel Fund**.

### 2. Business & Industry JVs / Partnerships

- **Mahindra Group & Canada's Manulife** formed a 50:50 JV (**Mahindra Manulife Insurance Limited**) for AI-native digital insurance.
- **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** inaugurated its 3rd global fragrance R&D facility (and Global Fragrance R&D Centre) at the **IIT Bombay campus, Mumbai** (others in UK, USA) — part of a €1,000 million digital fragrance investment.
- **ADB & Standard Chartered** partnered to boost supply chain finance in India.
- **RITES Limited** partnered with **CRISIL** for data-driven infrastructure solutions.
- **NSE & SUFI** (Steel Users Federation of India) signed an MoU for a steel/commodity price risk management framework (target 300 MT by 2030).
- **Meesho & BSE** partnered to launch **'Project Shikhar'** to help MSMEs list on the BSE SME platform.
- **NLC India Limited** signed an MoU with **CSIR-CECRI** (Karaikudi, TN) to extract critical minerals/rare earths from mining waste.

### 3. Government & State MoUs

- **GoI (Petroleum Ministry), Assam & Nagaland** signed a tripartite MoU for domestic mineral oil exploration in boundary areas

(Assam holds 22% of India's crude oil reserves, 15% natural gas).

- **Assam & European Union** signed an MoU (between AIDC and FEBI) for the '**Blue Valley Cluster**' in Guwahati — strengthening bioeconomy, AYUSH, flavors/fragrances.
- **National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI)** partnered with **Assam Rifles** to supply dairy products to Northeast military establishments.
- **National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)** signed an anti-doping research pact with Gurugram's **SGT University**.
- **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** signed a 3-year MoU with Japan's **University of Tsukuba** for sports science.
- **NISM** (under SEBI) partnered with **Galgotias University (UP)** for financial training.

## 12. National

### 1. PM Modi — Longest Continuously Serving Elected PM

- On **June 10, 2026**, PM **Narendra Modi** completed **4,399 consecutive days** in office, surpassing **Jawaharlal Nehru's** elected tenure of **4,398 days**.
- Including non-elected tenure, **Nehru** remains India's overall longest-serving PM at **6,131 days**; **Indira Gandhi** served 4,078 days.
- Modi is the first PM post-Nehru to win three consecutive Lok Sabha elections. **Pawan Kumar Chamling** (ex-Sikkim CM, 8,930 days) is the longest-serving head of government in India; **Nitish Kumar** is Bihar's longest-serving CM.

### 2. Laws, Rules & Governance

- **Assam** became the **first Northeastern state** to pass the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** bill (banning polygamy, regulating live-in relationships).
- A Northeast state mandated registration of marriages and live-in relationships within **60 days**; legal marriage age standardized at **18 (women)** and **21 (men)**; non-compliance — 3 months imprisonment + ₹10,000 fine.
- **West Bengal** became the **33rd state** to adopt the **National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)** ('One Nation One Application', Digital India 2015, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs) — making its assembly paperless.
- **MHA** updated **Visa & Immigration Rules 2026** — extensions before expiry (180-day window), 30-day online appeal mechanism, removed mandatory child-birth registration rule if one parent is an Indian citizen.

- **Union Home Ministry** announced **removal of AFSPA** (Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958) from further areas in Northeast India.
- **Edible Oil Packaging Standardization:** standard packs (500ml, 1L, 2L) prescribed for palm/soybean/mustard; packs under 200ml exempt; 3-month transition.

### 3. State Developments — Inaugurations & Launches

- **President Droupadi Murmu** visited **Sikkim** (May 26–28) for its **50th statehood celebration**, flagged off 'Pink City Runner' vehicles for women in Gangtok. **Sikkim** declared a fully literate state under the **ULLAS** initiative — the **5th** after Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh.
- **CP Radhakrishnan** inaugurated the **Siri Mathrushree Industrial Park** in Belthangady, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka.
- **PM Modi** inaugurated a new terminal at **Namo Airport, Daman** and a **Namo Hospital**.
- **Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena** laid the foundation for Ladakh's first model border village at **Chumur**.
- **UP CM Yogi Adityanath** & Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's **8th Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC)** in **Lucknow**; the **7th RMC** opened in **Jammu** (covers J&K, Ladakh, HP).
- **Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav** & Delhi CM **Rekha Gupta** inaugurated **18 Namu Oxygen Parks** in Delhi under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (target 15 lakh trees in 2026).
- **PM Modi** inaugurated India's **first PM MITRA Park** in **Warangal, Telangana**.
- **UP CM Yogi Adityanath** launched '**Project Ganga**' (rural internet) from Lucknow with the **Hinduja Group** — to connect 57,000 gram panchayats, 20 lakh families, 1 lakh jobs.
- **Tamil Nadu** introduced a 24/7 online document registration system; **GeM portal** celebrated its incorporation day; **UIDAI** extended free Aadhaar document updates until **June 2027**.

### 4. State-Specific Schemes & Operations

- **Chhattisgarh** launched the **₹200 crore Adarsh Shahar Samridhi Yojana**.
- **West Bengal** launched **Annapurna Yojana** (replacing Lakshmir Bhandar) — **₹3,000/month** to women aged 25–60 (non-government, no pension/income tax); enrollment from June 1, 2026.
- **Himachal Pradesh** launched the **Safai Mitra Scheme** (CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu) and the **Krishak Bakri Palan Yojana** (60% subsidy for goat farming).

- **Madhya Pradesh's 'Jal Ganga Samvardhan Abhiyan'** gained international acclaim; **'Kith/Khet Bachao Abhiyan'** launched by Shivraj Singh Chouhan; a rare **Caracal** spotted in **Kuno National Park**.
- **Kerala** launched **'Hawk' (Hostile Activity Watch Kernel)** — India's first fully digitized, judiciary-integrated wildlife offense management system; launched **Aswas 2026** (100-day OTS scheme, June 1–Aug 31).
- **Delhi** launched the **Pink Saheli Card** allowing transgender individuals free bus services.
- **Gujarat Police** launched **Operation Milap** (reunited 1,470 missing persons in a month) and **Operation Delta Hunt** (against illegal Bangladeshi nationals).
- **Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhama** launched the **Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) Policy**.
- **Railway allocation** of ₹2,911 crore for Himachal Pradesh (2026); ₹15 lakh trees target referenced for Delhi.
- **Meghalaya border-fencing protests**: villagers in Lyngkhong fear being placed outside the fence near the 'Zero Line'.

### 5. Environment & Wildlife

- **India's 100th Ramsar Site: Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary** (Surha/Suraha Taal, an oxbow lake of the Ganga) in **Ballia, UP**, declared on **World Environment Day (June 5)** by Minister **Bhupender Yadav**; 99th was **Sheikha Jheel (UP)**; it's the 13th Ramsar site in UP; Tamil Nadu has the most (20); India ranks 1st in Asia, 3rd globally (2,595 sites worldwide; UK has the most).
- A rare **Melanistic Tiger and three cubs** spotted in **Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha**.
- **31 Gharials** released in the **Gandak River, Bihar**.
- **NZP Saathi (Saathi) app** launched for the **National Zoological Park, New Delhi** (smart guide, UPI payment, four tour formats).

### 6. Foreign University Campuses Approved in India

- Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** approved campuses for **three global universities**.
- **University of Bristol (UK)** — Mumbai campus offering arts, finance, and data science.
- **University of York (UK)** — its first overseas campus, in Mumbai, focusing on finance, computer science, and AI.
- **University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia** — campus at Manyata Business Park, **Bengaluru** by August.

- Separately, the **University of Liverpool (UK)** received UGC approval (Chairperson **Dr. Vineet Joshi**) to open a campus in Whitefield, **Bengaluru** by August 2026 — the **2nd UK university** in India after the **University of Southampton**.

## 13. Persons in News

### 1. Obituaries

- **KP Dhanapalan (76)**: senior Congress leader, former Kerala MP, passed away in Ernakulam.
- **Raja Randhir Singh**: renowned Indian shooter, five-time Olympian, 1979 Arjuna Awardee.
- **Dhanendra Kumar**: first Chairman of the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**.
- **Suman Kalyanpur (89)**: veteran playback singer and Padma Bhushan awardee, passed away in Mumbai.
- **Marcia Lucas (80)**: Oscar-winning film editor for Star Wars (born California, 1945).
- **Yogesh Patel**: former Gujarat Minister and BJP MLA (Manjalpur).
- **Dr. Bashir Badr**: noted Urdu poet, Padma Shri, Sahitya Akademi awardee (Urdu, 1999).
- **Subhash C. Kashyap (97)**: constitutional expert; former Lok Sabha Secretary General (1983–1990); 'One Nation, One Election' committee member.
- **Pahlaj Nihalani (76)**: veteran film producer & former CBFC Chairman.
- **Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal (Baba Dhaliwal) (67)**: shotput player; 10-time National Champion; 1982 Asian Games bronze; 1987 Arjuna Awardee.
- **Salim Kumar (56)**: National Award-winning Malayalam actor (Best Actor for 'Adaminte Makan Abu'), passed away in Kochi.
- **Bharathiraja (84/85)**: veteran Tamil filmmaker, 2004 Padma Shri awardee, passed away in Chennai.
- **Jaspal Rana (49)**: pistol shooting legend, coach to Olympian Manu Bhaker; from Uttarakhand (b. 1976); Arjuna Award (1994), Padma Shri (1997/2002), Dronacharya Award (2020); passed away in Delhi.
- **Gavri Devi (98)**: Rajasthani "Maand" folk singer, voice behind "Kesariya Balam Padharo Mhare Desh".

- **Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol** (47): UN goodwill ambassador from Thailand, passed away in Bangkok.

## 2. Other Persons in News

- **R. Pragganandhaa**: first Indian to win the **Norway Chess Tournament 2026**.
- **Shubhanshu Shukla**: astronaut from Lucknow, released book "The Second Orbit".
- **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** (15 years, 71 days) from Bihar: youngest player selected for the Indian Men's Cricket Team (T20 squad for Ireland, England, Asian Games 2026 tours).
- **Kami Rita Sherpa**: climbed Mount Everest a record **32nd time**; Everest saw a single-day record of 274 summiting climbers.
- **Rahul Dravid**: became owner of the **Dublin franchise** in Europe's first ICC-approved T20 league.

# 14. Ranks & Reports

## 1. Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI) & Sagar Anklan Awards

- The **Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI)** is based on the **Sagar Anklan Framework**; launched by Union Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** during the **37th foundation day of the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)**; assesses dry bulk, liquid bulk, and container cargo.
- **Dry Bulk: Paradip Port Authority** (Odisha) topped (>5 million tonnes; also 3rd in container).
- **Liquid Bulk: Sikka Port and Terminals Limited** (Jamnagar, Gujarat) ranked 1st; **Visakhapatnam Port** 2nd (>5 million tons).
- **Container Cargo: Mundra Port (Gujarat)** ranked first (>0.5 million TEUs / 4–5 million TEU); **Deendayal Port Authority (Kandla, Gujarat)** won the under-0.5 million TEU category; **JNPA** secured 2nd position among major container ports.
- **Total Cargo: JNPA** processed **102 Million Metric Tons**.

## 2. Container Port Performance Index 2025

- Published by the **World Bank** and **S&P Global**; **JNPA (Maharashtra)** was India's best-performing container port, **22nd worldwide**; **Gujarat's Pipavav Port** ranked 2nd in India, **28th globally**.

## 3. State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) 2026 Report

- Released by the **Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)**; **India ranks 4th**

**globally in AI performance**; jumped from **8th to 5th** in the Global Digital Economy rankings; AI measured via the **CHIPS framework** (Connect, Harness, Innovate, Protect, Sustain).

- India ranked the world's **5th most digitalized economy** (trailing USA, China, Singapore, UK).

## 4. Global Stock Market Rankings

- **South Korea** overtook India to become the **6th largest stock market** (\$5 trillion, driven by Samsung & SK Hynix); India fell to **7th** (\$4.8 trillion). **Taiwan** later became the **5th largest**, surpassing India. Top markets: USA (\$78 trillion), China (\$15 trillion), Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, India, South Korea.

## 5. World Bank Carbon Pricing Report

- The **World Bank** released the **13th edition** of "**State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2026**"; India ranked among the top major economies; in voluntary carbon credit generation India is historically in the top 5 (~100 million credits/year).

## 6. 10th National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates (2020–23)

- Released by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)**.
- **Government Health Expenditure (GHE)** as % of GDP rose from **1.15% (2013-14) to 1.43% (1.48% new series)**; Per-capita GHE grew 2.7× from **₹1,042 to ₹2,786**; GHE share in general govt expenditure rose 3.78% → 4.89%; GHE in total health expenditure rose 28.6% → 43.7%; **Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE)** fell 64.2% → 43.4%; social security 6% → 9.9%; private health insurance 3.4% → 9.2%.

## 7. National Family Health Survey 6 (NFHS-6)

- Released by **MoHFW** (nodal: **International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai**); conducted 2023-24; ~**6.79 lakh households** across **715 districts** (all states/UTs except Manipur); health insurance coverage rose 41% → **60.2%**; full child vaccination (12-23 months) rose 83.8% → **87.1%**.

## 8. SIPRI 2026 Report (Yearbook)

- By the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**.
- Global nuclear weapons inventory: **12,187**; Russia **5,459** (max), USA **5,177**, China **620**, then France & UK; **India: 190** (up from 180; 12 deployed on missiles; "No First Use" policy); **Pakistan: 170**.
- Global military expenditure hit **\$2.9 trillion**; **India ranks 5th** (\$91.2–\$92.1 billion; 3.2% of global spending, 8.9% growth); Top

spenders: USA (\$954 billion), China, Russia, Germany; India is the **2nd largest arms importer** (behind Ukraine); top exporters: USA, France, Russia, Germany, China.

### 9. Global Peace Index 2026

- **20th edition** by the **Institute for Economics and Peace**; India ranked **127th of 163** (score 2.409); **Iceland** topped (19th year), then New Zealand, Switzerland, Slovenia, Ireland; least peaceful: Russia (163), Sudan (162), Israel (159), Ukraine; **Bhutan (16th)** most peaceful in South Asia; Afghanistan 157th; South Asia recorded the largest regional deterioration.

### 10. Other Reports & Rankings

- **RBI Survey on Payment Behavior**: strong household preference for cash despite UPI growth.
- **RBI Rural Consumer Confidence Survey**: 8,813 respondents; weakened current sentiments; Future Expectations Index optimistic at 119.3.
- **Third Advance Estimates of Major Crops (2025-26)**: record food grain **376.563 million tonnes**; Rice 154.024 MT, Wheat 120.657 MT, Maize 55.093 MT, Tur 3.592 MT, Gram 12.514 MT, Lentil 1.762 MT; Oilseeds 43.059 MT (Groundnut 13.074, Soybean 12.596, Rapeseed & Mustard 13.768); Sugarcane 5.063 MT, Cotton 29.024 million bales, Jute 9.176 million bales.
- **Horticulture Production Estimates 2024-25**: total horticulture +1.9% to **3,777 lakh tons** (301.5 lakh hectares); fruit +3.25% (1,214 lakh tons); vegetables +7.9% (118.79 lakh tons); onion +2.13%.
- **Record Wheat Procurement (2026-27 Rabi)**: 5-year high of **35 million tonnes** (target 34.5 MT); MSP **₹2,425/quintal** (+₹150); all-time high remains 43.43 MT (2020-21).
- **IBC 10-Year Milestone**: the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)** completed 10 years; of **8,987** admitted cases, **7,102** closed; banks recovered **~₹1.05 lakh crore** at a **52% recovery rate**.
- **India's Social Security Coverage (ILO)**: grew from 19% (2015) to **64.3% (2025)**; India ranks 2nd globally (behind China); over **94.3 crore** people covered.
- **India 100th Ramsar Site**: see Science & Tech / Static News.
- **India: world's 2nd largest solar growth market** (IRENA) and **3rd largest solar producer** (see Science & Tech).

## 15. Schemes and Initiatives

### 1. PM SVANidhi (6 Years) & Welfare

- **PM SVANidhi** (Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi), launched **June 1, 2020** by MoHUA during COVID; marked its **6th anniversary**; extended to **March 31, 2030**.
- Provides collateral-free working capital with a **7% interest subsidy**; tranches: **₹15,000 (12 months)**, **₹25,000 (18 months)**, **₹50,000 (36 months)**; 1.12 crore loans worth ₹17,800 crore approved.
- **SVANidhi se Samridhhi** links beneficiaries to 8 central welfare schemes; second-tranche repayers get a **UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card** (limit ₹30,000).

### 2. Energy & Fuel Schemes

- **ATF Price Stabilization Fund**: Union Cabinet approved **₹10,000 crore** one-time support (36-month interest-free revolving loan fund) as ATF prices surged from ~₹60 to ₹142/litre.
- **Commercial Fleet Modernization Scheme**: 2-year, **₹9,585 crore** scheme to replace 2.07 lakh old BS4 trucks/buses in Delhi NCR with EVs (5% interest subvention, ₹4,800 fuel vouchers).
- **PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana**: launched Feb 13, 2024 (**₹75,021 crore**); target 1 crore households by March 2027 (interim 75 lakh by Dec 2026); subsidies up to ₹78,000 (3kW); 300 free monthly units; 33 lakh installations by May 2026. India is 3rd largest solar producer (125 GW).
- **PM KUSUM**: world's largest clean-energy farmer initiative — solarize 35 lakh pumps (10,000 MW plants; 20 lakh standalone pumps; 15 lakh grid-connected pumps).
- **PM Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)**: subsidized LPG refills cut from 9 to 4 **per year**; subsidy stays ₹300 per 14.2 kg cylinder.
- **E20 fuel** (20% ethanol) rolled out April 1, 2026; **E85** (85% ethanol) planned for Delhi NCR, Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur (₹20 cheaper than E20).

### 3. Rural Employment & Skilling

- **VB-GRAM (Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission, Gramin)** replaces MGNREGA effective **July 1, 2026**; guaranteed workdays raised 100→125; covers 2.6 lakh panchayats; total framework **₹1.25 lakh crore** (₹95,692 crore new + ₹30,000 crore transition). Funding: NE/Himalayan states 90:10, general 60:40, UTs 100% central.
- **PM SETU** (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs): ₹60,000 crore to upgrade 1,000 ITIs; **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel**

(AMNS) first approved company — ₹200 crore ITI cluster in **Visakhapatnam, AP**.

- **Skill India** marked its **12th anniversary**; ITIs grew 9,766 (2014)→13,888; 30 Skill India International Centres planned.
- **Navachar Mantra Initiative** launched at **IIT Delhi** by Minister **Jayant Chaudhary** — year-long support for Tier-2/3 grassroots innovators (₹80 lakh prize).

#### 4. Health & Food Security Schemes

- **Sarthak PDS umbrella scheme**: approved by CCEA with **₹25,530 crore** to prevent food-grain misuse under PMGKAY (operational until March 31).
- **West Bengal** became the **36th and final State/UT** to implement **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY** (₹5 lakh cover per family); PM-JAY launched 2018 in Ranchi.
- **PMSMA** (Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan, launched June 2016) completed **10 years ('A Decade of Care')** on June 9, 2026 — free antenatal care on the 9th of every month; ₹75 coin and ₹5 stamp released; J.P. Nadda launched the celebration.
- India's 12-year health transformation: 44 crore families covered, 44.14 crore Ayushman cards, 12.03 crore hospitalizations, 1.86 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, 47 crore telemedicine consultations; 14-digit **ABHA ID**; malaria elimination targeted by 2027.

#### 5. Industrial, Tribal & Other Schemes

- **BHAVYA Portal** (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana) launched by **Piyush Goyal** (developed by **NICDC**) — 100 'plug-and-play' industrial parks over 6 years; **₹33,660 crore**; 51:49 Centre-State model.
- **UDAN scheme** (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik, 2016) extended 10 years (2026-27 to 2035-36) with **₹28,840 crore** outlay; 100 new airports, 200 helipads, 441 aerodromes O&M support.
- **PM MITRA** (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel, 2021-22 Budget): textile parks in 7 states; outlay **₹4,445 crore**. **Textile PLI** (March 2020, DPIIT): 96 companies approved.
- **National SC/ST Hub Scheme** (Oct 18, 2016, by NSIC under MSME): 25% capital subsidy up to ₹25 lakh.
- **Antyodaya tribal welfare: PM JANMAN** (Nov 2023, ₹24,104 crore, 75 PVTGs), **PM Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan** (Oct 2024, 17 ministries), Van Dhan Vikas Kendras, **EMRS** (1.56 lakh students in 499 schools). Janjatiya Gaurav Divas: Nov 15.
- **Aatmanirbhar Panchayat Outreach** launched under **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)** in Gandhinagar.

- **Support for Rural Women Entrepreneurs**: the **Ministry of Rural Development** announced **700 C-Marts** and **1,000 District Fulfillment Centers** to assist rural women entrepreneurs such as **Self Help Groups (SHGs)** and **Lakhpati Didis**.
- **Rah Veer / Raahveer Yojana**: road-safety scheme by MoRTH (with **Rapido**) — ₹25,000 reward + immunity for saving accident victims in the 'Golden Hour'.
- **VINIMAY** — Land Port Management System launched by Home Minister **Amit Shah** (developed by **LPAI**, est. 2012; operates 15 land ports). LPMS also called 'Vinimay'.
- **Bhavya Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana** (Piyush Goyal): 100 industrial parks; ₹33,660 crore over 6 years; ₹1 crore/acre support.

#### 6. E-Governance & AI Tools

- **'Samadhan/Samvad Samadhan Didi'** — first-of-its-kind AI-enabled **CPGRAMS** voice chatbot launched by **Dr. Jitendra Singh** (developed by **DARPG & Bhashini**), operating in 12 scheduled languages.
- **NeSDA 2025 Portal** launched by **DARPG** for National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment.
- **CHIRAG Initiative** (Centre for HR Information System, Research and Analytics in Governance) inaugurated at the Zonal Railway Training Institute, Moula Ali, Telangana.
- Portals launched: **PM AA Portal** (Virendra Kumar, SC welfare); **ANRF Portal** (scientific innovation); **Star NPS Platform** (PFRDA/BSE, NPS onboarding, effective June 4); **'Bhavya' portal** for industrial parks.

#### 7. Water Conservation Initiatives

- **MAHA-Water Mission** (Mission for Advancement in High Impact Areas) — ₹200 crore over 5 years (Ministry of Jal Shakti + ANRF; up to ₹20 crore per consortium); **BHARAT-WIN** platform launched.
- **Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil** launched **Phase 3 of 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari'**; Ministry partnered with **ISRO** for satellite-based water management.
- **Krishi/Khet Bachao Abhiyan** (Save the Farm) — month-long national campaign (June 1–30) launched by Agriculture Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** from Raisen, MP.

#### 8. Other Initiatives

- **Mizo Taxi** ride-booking app to launch July 1, 2026 in **Aizawl** (₹600 annual operator fee).
- **Mission Senehjori/Sneha Jori** (Assam, 2026-2028, ₹396–411 crore) by Jyotiraditya Scindia & Himanta Biswa Sarma — to boost GI-tagged **Muga Silk** (target 2,000 kg/year).

- **Tripura Mission Queen Pineapple** — ₹236 crore (Q2 FY2026–Q4 FY2028) by Jyotiraditya Scindia & CM Manik Saha (Queen Pineapple is Tripura's GI-tagged state fruit).
- **Tobacco Free Educational Institution (ToFEI) App** launched by Health Secretary **Punya Salila Srivastava** ahead of **No Tobacco Day (May 31)**; piloted in Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Rajasthan (no tobacco within 100-yard radius).
- **Air India 'Easy Connect'** hub-and-spoke model — Varanasi the first of 17 destinations; local check-in/customs for returning Indians.
- **'Yoga Andhra', Bonn**, etc., covered in respective categories.

## 16. Science and Technology

### 1. Weather, Space & Aviation Tech

- **Skycast** weather and aviation monitoring system — developed under **Mission Mausam**, inaugurated by **Dr. Jitendra Singh** at **Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi**; offers up to **3 hours** advance forecasting; makes India the **19th country** to operate such a setup; a second to be deployed at **Jewar Airport, UP**.
- **Lunar Ice Discovery**: scientists from **PRL, Ahmedabad** found water-ice deposits in the moon's **Doubly Shadowed Craters (DSC)** at the lunar south pole using **Dual-Frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar (DFSAR)** (25 Kelvin preserves subsurface ice).
- **Mission SANA**: Vijayawada-based **Red Balloon Aerospace** launched India's first indigenous high-altitude super-pressure balloon (from Indira Gandhi Stadium) — placing India among the top 5 nations (US, France, Japan, China) with this capability.
- **NASA** announced a **\$20 billion**, three-phase plan for a permanent **Moon base**; launched **'Solar-1'** mission to study the Sun; announced **Artemis 3** crew (Andre Douglas, Frank Rubio, Reid Wiseman, Luca Parmitano) — docking demo late 2027.
- **ISRO** partnered with the **Department of Atomic Energy** to develop a 'Lunar Artificial Heating System'.

### 2. AI, Data Centres & Telecom

- **India joined Anthropic's 'Project Glasswing'**, gaining access to **'Claude Mythos AI'** — a cybersecurity/automated security auditor model to identify software vulnerabilities.

- **Chandigarh University (Punjab)** became India's first private university to establish a dedicated **AI lab**.
- **Avatar AI** launched India's first distilled video AI model, **'Varya'**.
- **'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra'** — India's first WhatsApp-based AI advisory, by **ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad**.
- **India AI Mission** and **Saurabh Vijay (CEO)** referenced.

### 3. Research Institutions & Discoveries

- **150th Anniversary of IACS** (Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, founded 1876 by **Dr. Mahendra Lal Sarkar**) — where **Sir C.V. Raman** did his Raman Effect research (India's first Nobel in Science, 1930).
- **IIT Madras** launched a **Circulating Water Tunnel** at its Discovery campus (Thaiyur, Chennai); **IIT Kanpur** established India's first **DORIS** ground beacon.
- **New lizard species Mesalina bishnoii** discovered in Bikaner, Rajasthan (genus Maselina).
- **New mushroom species** — pear-shaped **'Yellow Puffball Mushroom' (Bovista colorata)** discovered by ICAR in Longding district, Arunachal Pradesh — a first for the state.

### 4. Energy & Industry Tech

- **Khavda Solar Park** (Rann of Kutch, Gujarat) expanding with **60 million solar panels** to produce **30 GW**; India's total installed solar capacity crossed **150 GW**.
- **IRENA**: India is the world's **2nd largest solar growth market** (added 37 GW in 2025, bypassing US; capacity 2.8 GW in 2014 → 155 GW in 2026, a 55-fold rise); MNRE positions India as 3rd largest solar producer.
- **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** — launched 2021 (₹76,000 crore); aims for **\$110 billion** market by 2030 (industry led by Taiwan).
- **Maruti Suzuki WagonR** launched as India's first flex-fuel passenger vehicle (by Hardeep Singh Puri).
- **ICMR** hosted an 'Innovators to Industry' (Medical Innovation Patent Mitra) connect event in New Delhi.

## 17. Sports

### 1. Cricket

- **IPL 2026 (19th edition)**: **Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)** beat **Gujarat Titans** by five wickets at the

Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad; **Vaibhav Suryavanshi** won Orange Cap, MVP, Emerging Player, Super Striker, Super Sixes; **Kagiso Rabada** won the Purple Cap.

- **ICC Rule Changes (effective Oct 1)**: pink-ball trial for bad light, coaches on-field at drinks, mandatory 15-minute drink breaks in T20Is, Hawk-Eye data for suspect bowling actions.
- **ICC Men's ODI Rankings**: India #1 (118 pts), New Zealand (113), Australia (109).
- **ICC Women's World Cup**: won by India (captain **Harmanpreet Kaur**); **Men's T20** team (captain **Suryakumar Yadav**) also won.
- **Zimbabwe** hosting the **South Africa Women's cricket team** for a series.
- Spinner **Manav Suthar** signed with **Warwickshire County Cricket Club**.

## 2. Football

- **SAFF Women's Championship 2026 (8th edition)**: India ("Blue Tigresses", captain **Sangita Basfore**) won their **6th** title, defeating **Bangladesh 3-1** at **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Margao, Goa**; MVP **Sanfida Nong / Sanfita Namrom**; top scorer **Aea/Aveka/Awika Singh (4 goals)**; best goalkeeper **Panthoi Chanu**; Fair Play Award **Nepal**; **Grace Dangmei** announced retirement. (Previous titles: 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019.)
- **FIFA World Cup 2026 (23rd edition)**: kicked off June 12 at **Estadio Azteca, Mexico City**; co-hosted by **USA (11 cities), Mexico (3), Canada (2)**; 48 teams, 104 matches; mascots **Maple the Moose (Canada), Clutch the Bald Eagle (USA), Zayu the Jaguar (Mexico)**; official song "Dai Dai" by **Shakira** and **Burna Boy**; Indian men's team did not qualify.
- **David Beckham** awarded a Hollywood Walk of Fame star ahead of the World Cup.

## 3. Hockey

- **Under-18 Asia Cup Hockey 2026**: Men's — India won **gold** (3rd title) beating **Japan 4-1** in **Kakamigahara** (hat-trick by **Ashish Purti**; captain **Ketan Kushwaha**; Pakistan bronze); Women's — India won **bronze** (3-0 over South Korea; China gold).

## 4. Chess

- **Norway Chess 2026**: Indian GM **R. Praggnanandhaa** won (first Indian ever), defeating World No. 1 **Magnus Carlsen** and **Vincent Keymer**; **Wesley So** 2nd, **Alireza Firouzja** 3rd; women's title won by **Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kazakhstan)**.

- **27th Women's Asian Individual Chess Championship (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)**: **IM Savitha Shri B (19)** won gold (7.5/9); India's 13th title; qualified for the **2027 FIDE Women's World Cup**; Uzbekistan silver, China bronze; open section won by China's **Kong Xiangrui**. (FIDE est. 1924, HQ Lausanne.)

## 5. Tennis

- **French Open 2026 (125th edition, Roland Garros)**: Men's Singles — **Alexander Zverev (Germany)**, his first Grand Slam (first German man since **Boris Becker, 1996**), defeating **Flavio Cobolli (Italy)**; Women's Singles — **Mirra Andreeva (Russia, 19)**, her first Grand Slam (youngest since **Monica Seles, 1992**; first Russian woman since **Maria Sharapova, 2014**), defeating **Maja Chwalińska**; Women's Doubles — **Katerina Siniakova & Taylor Townsend**; Men's Doubles — **Marcel Granollers & Horacio Zeballos**.
- **Italian Open 2026**: **Jannik Sinner** won the men's category.
- **Wimbledon 2026** announced record prize money of **£64.2 million (\$85.74 million)**; singles champion gets **£3.6 million**.

## 6. Wrestling

- **Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship (Da Nang, Vietnam)**: Indian women won **10 medals (2 Gold, 3 Silver, 5 Bronze)** — 100% podium; Gold **Diksha (43 kg), Garima (73 kg)**; Silver **Nikita, Antra/Antara, Tania/Tanya**; Bronze **Palak, Anamika, Akshara, Sakshi, Tanya**.
- **U-23 Asian Championship (Da Nang, Vietnam)**: India won **27 medals** (9 Men's Freestyle, 10 Women's, 8 Greco-Roman); gold medalists included **Akshay, Vicky Hooda, Muskan**.
- **Ulaanbaatar Open Wrestling (Mongolia)**: India won **17 medals (8 Gold, 9 Bronze)**; golds **Deepak, Sagar, Dinesh, Manisha, Neha, Kajal, Sunil Kumar, Nitish Kumar**.

## 7. Athletics

- **Asian Athletics hosting rights**: **Asian Relays 2027** awarded to **Chandigarh**; **Asian Indoor Athletics Championship 2028** to **Bhubaneswar (Kalinga Stadium)**.
- **22nd Asian U-20 Athletics Championships (Hong Kong)**: India runner-up with **19 medals (10 Gold, 5 Silver, 4 Bronze)**, behind **China (25)**; golds included **Nitin Gupta (5000m race walk), Pooja Singh (women's high jump, national record 1.93m), Mugali Venkatram (100m)**.

- **New Taipei City Athletics Open (Taiwan):** India won 4 medals; **Shaili Singh** gold (women's long jump, 6.58m), women's relay gold; **Tejas Shirse** silver (110m hurdles); **Animesh Kujur** silver.
- **Rome Diamond League:** Sri Lankan **Rumesh** became the 4th Asian to cross 90m (92.62m national record).

### 8. Shooting

- **ISSF World Cup (Munich, Germany):** **Esha Singh** won gold in **Women's 25m Pistol**.

### 9. Badminton

- **Singapore Open 2026:** **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** became the first Indian men's doubles pair to win the title.

### 10. Boxing

- India ranks **3rd globally** overall, **2nd in women's boxing**; **Jaismine Lamboria** World No. 1 (57 kg); **Minakshi Huda** World No. 1 (48 kg); India won **27 medals (9 gold)** at the **Asian Boxing Under-15 Championship**.

### 11. Other Sports

- **Yoga: First World Yogasana Championship** at EKA Arena, **Ahmedabad (June 4-8)**; India dominated with **114 medals (102 Gold, 9 Silver, 3 Bronze)**; Nepal 2nd, Japan 3rd, Argentina 4th; mascot "**Veera/Veer the Lion**".
- **Monaco Grand Prix: Andrea Kimi Antonelli (Italy, Mercedes)** became the youngest winner, ahead of Lewis Hamilton and Isack Hadjar.
- **Formula 1 Barcelona/Spanish GP: Lewis Hamilton** earned his first victory for Ferrari.
- **FIBA 3x3 World Cup (Warsaw, Poland):** Latvia won Men's (beat Germany); USA won Women's (beat Australia). (FIBA est. 1932, HQ Switzerland.)
- **Asian Weightlifting Championship** held in **Gujarat**.
- **Archery Premier League 2026:** 2nd edition in **Hyderabad** in October (6 teams, e.g., **Mighty Marathas, Rajputana Royals**).
- **Mount Everest:** single-day record of 274 summiting climbers; **Kami Rita Sherpa** climbed a record 32nd time.
- **National Sports Governance Rules 2026** notified (Sports Boards Rules + Sports Tribunal Rules).
- **Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences** awarded to **Daniel A. Spielman**.

## 18. Static News

### 1. Yamuna River

- The **1,376 km Yamuna River** originates from the **Yamunotri glacier (Uttarakhand)** and flows through 5 states (Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, UP) before joining the Ganga at **Prayagraj**; tributaries: **Chambal, Tons, Ken, Betwa, Sindh**; cities on its banks: Noida, Agra, Mathura, Firozabad, Prayagraj, Hamirpur, Etawah, Kalpi.

### 2. Assam Static GK

- National Parks: Manas, Raimona, Orang, Kaziranga, Nameri, Dehing Patkai, Dibru-Saikhowa.
- Wildlife Sanctuaries: Pobitora, Hoollongapar Gibbon, Chakrashila, Sonai Rupai, Laokhowa, Bura Chapori, Amchang, East Karbi Anglong.
- Ramsar Site: **Deepor Beel**.
- GI Tags: Muga Silk, Joha Rice, Boka Chaul, Kaji Nemu (Assam Lemon), Assam Orthodox Tea, Assam Gamosa.
- Assam holds **22% of India's crude oil reserves** and **15% of natural gas reserves**.

### 2. Karnataka Static GK

- National Parks: Bandipur, Bannerghatta, Kudremukh, Nagarhole.
- Bicameral legislature: 224-seat Legislative Assembly; hosts the **RBI Innovation Hub** and India's first **Space Tech Center of Excellence** in Bengaluru.

### 3. Kerala National Parks

- **Pampadum Shola** (smallest in Kerala, "Snake Dance Forest"), **Eravikulam, Silent Valley, Anamudi Shola, Mathikettan Shola; Periyar Tiger Reserve; Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary**.

### 4. Uttarakhand State Profile (Swadesh Darshan)

- Formed **Nov 9, 2000** (from UP); renamed from Uttaranchal in 2007; borders China and Nepal; known as 'Devbhoomi'.
- Chhota Char Dham: Yamunotri, Gangotri, Badrinath, Kedarnath (on the Mandakini river).
- Capitals: Dehradun & Gairsain; Seats: 70 Assembly, 5 Lok Sabha, 3 Rajya Sabha; languages: Hindi, Sanskrit; festival: Phool Dei.
- State symbols: Rhododendron (Tree), Musk Deer (Animal), Monal (Bird).

### 5. Other Static Facts

- **Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS):** founded **1876** by **Dr. Mahendra Lal Sarkar; Sir C.V. Raman**

discovered the **Raman Effect** here, earning India's first **Nobel Prize in Science (1930)**; 150th anniversary celebrated (attended by Dr. Jitendra Singh in Kolkata).

- **Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu:** merged into a single UT in 2020; Capital Daman; Administrator **Praful Khoda Patel**; features Satmaliya Deer Park, Vasona Lion Safari, Fudam Bird Sanctuary.
- **GI tags:** managed by DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade), valid 10 years; **Darjeeling Tea** was India's first GI tag.
- **AFSPA** enacted 1958 under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Antyodaya:** concept popularized by **Deendayal Upadhyay; Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on November 15** (Birsa Munda's birthday).
- **ILO** headquartered in Geneva, established **1919**.
- **NeVA** part of the Digital India programme (2015), under the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- **CCI**(Competition Commission of India) formed in 2003 under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs; Chairperson **Ravneet Kaur**.
- **SpaceX** founded 2002; **Tesla** 2003



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