

Recent Appointments

1. Former RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das was appointed Principal Secretary-2 to PM Modi after retiring as RBI chief in Dec 2024 (He had served as RBI Governor since Dec 2018, and previously in Finance Commission and as G20 Sherpa). He succeeds P.K. Mishra (PS-1) and brings economic expertise to the PMO.
2. Kash Patel (Indian Origin): FBI Director (USA)
3. V. Anantha Nageswaran : extended as Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) till Mar 2027
4. Gyanesh Kumar (former Home Secy) assumed charge as 26th Chief Election Commissioner of India in Feb 2025 replacing Rajiv Kumar.
5. Vivek Joshi was appointed as new Election Commissioner, joining Sushil Sandhu on the 3-member EC bench (CEC and ECs have 6-year terms or until age 65)
6. RBI approved Prabdev (P.D.) Singh as the new CEO for India & South Asia of Standard Chartered Bank, effective Apr 1, 2025. He will succeed Zarin Daruwala.
7. Finnish telecom firm Nokia appointed Justin Hotard as its global CEO (effective Apr 1, 2025), succeeding Pekka Lundmark
8. K. Balasubramanian was named India Sub-Cluster Head & Banking Head for Citibank (succeeding Ashu Khullar) in Feb 2025
9. Rekha Gupta (BJP MLA) became the 4th woman and 9th overall Chief Minister of Delhi NCT in Feb 2025 Parvesh Verma was sworn in as Deputy CM after defeating ex-CM Arvind Kejriwal in elections
10. Hisashi Takeuchi was re-appointed as Managing Director & CEO of Maruti Suzuki India for a 3-year term
11. Rajesh Nirwan was appointed Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) in Jan 2025
12. Mining conglomerate Vedanta Resources Ltd appointed Deshnee Naidoo as its first-ever Chief Executive Officer in Jan 2025
13. Tech unicorn Zoho Corp's co-founder Sridhar Vembu announced stepping down as CEO in Jan 2025 Co-founder Shailesh Davey took over as the new Group CEO
14. **Ambassadorial Appointments:**
 - Jitender Pal Singh was appointed India's next Ambassador to Israel in Jan 2025
 - Dr. Neena Malhotra was appointed Ambassador to Sweden (Oct 2024)
 - Dinesh Bhatia named Ambassador to Brazil (Nov 2024)
 - S. Balasubramanian as High Commissioner to Maldives
15. **Corporate Leadership:**
 - Akhil Gupta (Bharti Enterprises VC) became Chairman of Bharti AXA Life Insurance (Jan 2025)
 - Neeraj Parakh took over as CEO & ED of Reliance Power (Jan 20, 2025)
 - Bhavesh Jain became MD & CEO of TransUnion CIBIL (India's credit bureau) in Dec 2024
 - Itaru Otani was appointed Chairman of India Yamaha Motor (Nov 2024)
 - Pranav Chawda became CEO of JP Morgan India (Oct 2024, 3-year term)
 - Sandip Goenka was named CEO of ACKO's new life insurance arm (Oct 2024)
 - Amit Kumar was selected as CMD of AI Asset Holding Ltd (Oct 2024)
16. **High Courts & Judiciary:**
 - Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya became Chief Justice of Delhi HC (Jan 2025)
 - Justice Alok Aradhe was appointed CJ of Bombay HC (Jan 2025)
 - Justice Gurmeet S. Sandhawalia was appointed CJ of Himachal Pradesh HC (Dec 2024)
 - Former SC Judge Madan B. Lokur was appointed Chair of the UN Internal Justice Council (Dec 2024)
 - In BCCI, Justice Arun Mishra became Ombudsman & Ethics Officer (Jan 2025)
17. **International Organizations:**
 - K. Sanjay Murthy (ex-Education Secy) was appointed India's Comptroller & Auditor General (Nov 2024), succeeding G.C. Murmu
 - At INTERPOL, Brazil's Valdecy Urquiza was elected Secretary General (Nov 2024)
 - Australia appointed Chris Evans as its first Anti-Slavery Commissioner (Nov 2024)
 - Amandeep Johl became CEO of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) from Jan 2025
 - Namibia elected its first female President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah (Nov 2024)



JD Vance was announced as US Vice President-elect (Nov 2024)

18. Others:

Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh), Union Minister, launched the 21 st Livestock Census (Oct 2024) and continues as a key figure in agrarian policy

Uber "Moto Women" pilot in Bengaluru is led by a new women-only team under Uber India's safety division (Dec 2024)

19. Banking Appointments:

1. Sanjay Malhotra :26th Governor of the RBI, effective December 11, 2024..

2. Pranav Chawda :CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co's India unit.

3. Rajat Verma:CEO of DBS Bank India, effective March 1, 2024.

4. P.D. Singh :next CEO for Standard Chartered India and South Asia.

5. Rajneesh Karnatak :MD & CEO of Bank of India since 2023.

6. Challa Sreenivasulu Setty :Chairman of State Bank of India on August 28, 2024.

7. M. Rajeshwar Rao, Deputy Governor of RBI, now leads Monetary Policy and Economic Research Departments.

Brand Ambassadors

1. Shikhar Dhwan – MotoGP India

2. Aditya Roy Kapur – Bisleri Limonata

3. PV Sindhu – Greenday's Better Nutrition

4. PV Sindhu – Tobacco Control

5. Shah Rukh Khan – Muthoot Pappachan Group

6. Kareena Kapoor Khan – UNICEF India National Ambassador

7. Ayushmann Khurrana : ambassador for the 25th anniversary celebration of FICCI Frames

8. Salman Khan : brand ambassador for the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2024 (Nov 2024)

9. MS Dhoni : brand ambassador for Euro grip Tyres (Dec 2024)

10. Sonu Sood : Tourism Ambassador for Thailand (Nov 2024)

Targeted Years

By 2025

1. **Eliminate TB** in India.
2. **India to achieve a \$150 billion bioeconomy.**
3. **20% ethanol blending** in petrol.

By 2026

4. **India to become the 3rd largest consumer market** (surpassing other major economies).
5. **Dengue vaccine** expected to be launched.

By 2027

6. **Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis** in India.
7. **Eliminate Leprosy** (zero transmission).
8. **Attain pulses self-sufficiency** (pulses production).
9. **Indian consumer tech** sector to reach **\$300 billion.**
10. **India to become 3rd largest economy** (overtaking Japan and Germany).



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By 2029–30

11. India's first privately managed Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

By 2030

12. **WHO target:** Eliminate **Kala-azar** globally (India is a signatory).
13. **Debris-free space missions** (India's plan for minimal space debris).
14. **"Bharat Drone Shakti 2023"** vision: **India to become a global drone hub.**
15. **AAPA:** 5% **Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)** usage.
16. **500 GW** of installed **clean energy** capacity in India.
17. **Net Zero Carbon Indian Railways.**
18. **5 million tonnes** of **green hydrogen** production.
19. **\$2 trillion** in **exports** target.
20. **100 million tonnes** of **coal gasification.**

By 2035

21. India's own space station operational.

By 2040

22. **Indian astronaut on the moon.**
23. **UNEP** goal to **reduce 80%** of **global plastic pollution.**

By 2047

24. **India's economy** to reach **\$30 trillion.**
25. **India's tourism** sector to become a **\$1 trillion** economy.
26. **9%** of **India's electricity** from **nuclear** sources.

By 2050

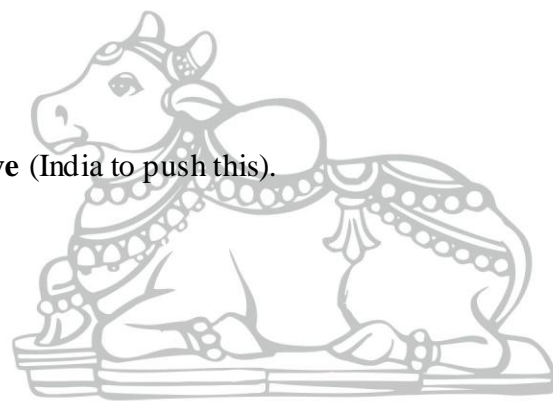
27. **Developed nations** should become **carbon-negative** (India to push this).

By 2070

28. **India** to achieve **net-zero carbon** emissions.

By 2075

29. **India** expected to become the **second-largest economy** (after China), per Goldman Sachs.



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Defence Exercises

Bilateral military exercise is conducted between	Name of the exercise
India and Bangladesh	Sampriti
India and Sri Lanka	Mitra Shakti
India and Thailand	Maitree
India and USA	Vajra Prahar
India and Indonesia	Garuda Shakti
India and France	Shakti
India and Japan	Dharma Guardian
Indian and Nepal	Surya Kiran
India and Singapore	SIMBEX

S.No	Name of the Exercise & Edition	Between Which Countries	Venue/Location	Participants
1	3rd AUSTRAHIND	India & Australia	Pune (India)	Indian Army, Australian Army
2	Exercise CINBAX	India & Cambodia	Foreign Training Node, Pune (India)	Army/defense delegations – tabletop exercise
3	Exercise Cyclone 2025 (3rd ed.)	India & Egypt	Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan (India)	Indian Army Special Forces, Egyptian Special Forces
4	9th India–Indonesia Garuda Shakti 24	India & Indonesia	Jakarta (Indonesia)	Indian Army, Indonesian Army
5	8th India–Kazakhstan KAZIND-2024 (30 Sep 2024)	India & Kazakhstan	Auli, Uttarakhand (India)	Indian Army, Kazakhstan Army
6	Harimau Shakti (2 Dec 2024)	India & Malaysia	Bentong Camp, Pahang (Malaysia)	Indian Army, Malaysian Army
7	13th India–Maldives ‘Ekuverin’ (2–15 Feb 2025)	India & Maldives	Maldives	Indian Army, Maldives National Defence Force (“Ekuverin” means “Friends” in Dhivehi.)
8	Exercise Surya Kiran (18th round) (Dec 31 to Jan 13, 2025)	India & Nepal	Saljhandi, Nepal	Indian Army, Nepalese Army
9	7th India–Oman Air Force Exercise Eastern Bridge (11 Sep 2024)	India & Oman	Masirah, Oman	Indian Air Force, Royal Air Force of Oman
10	5th India–Oman Army Exercise Al NAJAH(13–26 Sep 2024)		Salalah, Oman	Indian Army, Royal Army of Oman
11	India–Oman Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze), 13th ed. (19–24 Nov 2024)		Off Oman Coast	Indian Navy, Royal Navy of Oman



12	31st SIMBEX (23–29 Oct 2024)	India & Singapore	Visakhapatnam, under Eastern Naval Command (India)	Indian Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy
13	Exercise AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024), 13th ed.		Field Firing Ranges, Deolali (Maharashtra, India)	Indian Army, Singapore Armed Forces
14	SLINEX 2024 (17–20 Dec 2024)	India & Sri Lanka	Visakhapatnam, under Eastern Naval Command (India)	Indian Navy, Sri Lankan Navy
15	15th India–US Joint Special Forces Ex Vajra Prahar (2–22 Nov 2024)	India & United States	Orchard Combat Training Center, Idaho (USA)	Indian Army Special Forces, US Army Special Forces
16	20th India–US Joint Ex Yudh Abhyas 2024	India & United States	Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan (India)	Indian Army, US Army
17	Exercise Sahayog-Hop Tac (2nd ed.)	India & Vietnam (Coast Guards)	Off Kochi, Kerala (India)	Indian Coast Guard, Vietnam Coast Guard
18	Exercise Winged Raiders	India (Army & Air Force)	Eastern Theater (India)	Indian Army, Indian Air Force
19	Exercise Devil Strike	India (Army, Air Force, Special Forces)	Northern Borders of India	Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Special Forces
20	Sea Vigil-24 (20–21 Nov 2024)	India (domestic exercise)	Entire Indian Coastline	Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard + Coastal/Maritime agencies
21	11th National Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2024)	India (ICG-led, multi-agency)	Off Kochi, Kerala (India)	Indian Coast Guard, other maritime agencies
22	SAREX-24 (11th ed.)	India (Indian Coast Guard)	Kochi, Kerala (India)	Indian Coast Guard, various national & maritime stakeholders
23	Antariksha Abhyas – 2024	India (tri-services)	(Space/ground-based)	Defence Space Agency, Indian military units
24	International Air Ex Tarang Shakti	India + multiple countries	Tamil Nadu & Rajasthan (India)	Primarily Indian Air Force + invited foreign Air Forces
25	Desert Knight 2025	India, France, UAE (Air Force)	Arabian Sea	Indian Air Force, French Air Force, UAE Air Force
26	21st EX-Khaan Quest 2024	India, Mongolia + other participants	Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)	Possibly Indian Army + Mongolian Armed Forces
27	INS Mumbai (participated) in Exercise La Pérouse (4th ed.)	Multinational (led by France)	Eastern Indian Ocean	Indian Navy (INS Mumbai), French Navy, other participating navies



Sports Awards

Major Dhyana Chand Khel Ratna Award 2024

- 1 Shri Gukesh D - Chess
- 2 Shri Harmanpreet Singh - Hockey
- 3 Shri Praveen Kumar Para-Athletics
- 4 Ms. Manu Bhaker - Shooting

Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games 2024

- 1 Shri Subhash Rana Para -Shooting
- 2 Ms. Deepali Deshpande -Shooting
- 3 Shri Sandeep Sangwan -Hockey

Arjuna Awards (Lifetime) for Outstanding Performance in Sports 2024

- 1 Shri Sucha Singh - Athletics
- 2 Shri Murlikant Rajaram Petkar - Swimming

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar

- Physical Education Foundation of India

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2024

- 1 Overall Winner University - Chandigarh University
- 2 1st Runner Up University - Lovely Professional University, (Punjab)
- 3 2nd Runner Up University - Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Arjuna Awards for Outstanding Performance in Sports 2024

- 1 Ms. Jyothi Yarraji - Athletics
- 2 Ms. Annu Rani -Athletics
- 3 Ms. Nitu - Boxing
- 4 Ms. Saweety - Boxing
- 5 Ms. Vantika Agrawal - Chess
- 6 Ms. Salima Tete - Hockey
- 7 Shri Abhishek - Hockey
- 8 Shri Sanjay - Hockey
- 9 Shri Jarmanpreet Singh - Hockey
- 10 Shri Sukhjeet Singh - Hockey
- 11 Shri Rakesh Kumar Para-Archery
- 12 Ms. Preeti Pal Para-Athletics
- 13 Ms. Jeevanji Deepthi - Para-Athletics
- 14 Shri Ajeet Singh - Para-Athletics
- 15 Shri Sachin Sarjerao Khilari - Para-Athletics
- 16 Shri Dharambir - Para-Athletics
- 17 Shri Pranav Soorma - Para-Athletics
- 18 Shri H Hokato Sema - Para-Athletics
- 19 Ms. Simran - Para-Athletics
- 20 Shri Navdeep - Para-Athletics
- 21 Shri Nitesh Kumar - Para-Badminton
- 22 Ms. Thulasimathi Murugesan - Para-Badminton
- 23 Ms. Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan - Para-Badminton
- 24 Shri Sajan Prakash - Swimming
- 25 Shri Aman - Wrestling
- 26 Ms. Manisha Ramadass - Para-Badminton
- 27 Shri Kapil Parmar - Para-Judo



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- 28 Ms. Mona Agarwal - Para-Shooting
- 29 Ms. Rubina Francis - Para-Shooting
- 30 Shri Swapnil Suresh Kusale - Shooting
- 31 Shri Sarabjot Singh - Shooting
- 32 Shri Abhay Singh - Squash

Awards

1. Deepak Kumar Kedia: 'CA in Public Service' award by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).
2. Noel Tata: The University of Sussex has conferred an honorary doct rate.
3. Chandrika Tandon: First Grammy Award in the 'Best New Age Album, Ambient or Chant Album category'
4. Sachin Tendulkar: BCCI's Lifetime Achievement Award 2024 (31st)
5. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha: Maharaja Hari Singh Award
6. Kiran Rao's directorial feature 'Laapataa Ladies': Nomination for a Japan Academy Film Prize
7. Uttar Pradesh's tableau, based on the theme 'Mahakumbh 2025 - Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas': Best tableau award at the Republic Day Parade
8. Christine Carla Kangaloo, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago: Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award from India
9. Indian short film 'Anuja': Nominated for 'Best Live-Action Short Film' at the 97th Academy Awards 2025
10. City Union Bank (CUB): Indian Banks Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards in seven categories
11. Michael Clarke (Former Australian cricket captain) : Australian Cricket Hall of Fame
12. Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS): Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2025 under Institutional Category
13. Prof. Urbasi Sinha: Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025
14. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Eminent Director Aparna Sen: Singapore's highest honor for non-citizens, the Honorary Citizen Award
15. Kappad beach in Kozhikode and Chal beach in Kannur, Kerala: Blue Flag certification
16. India's Neeraj Chopra: Best javelin thrower of 2024 by American publication Track and Fields News
17. Late Chaman Arora (for Ik Hor Ashwathama in Dogri): Sahitya Akademi Award 2024
18. Tarun Das (Former DG of Confederation of Indian Industry) :Singapore' Honorary Citizen Award
19. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) :14th PSE Excellence Awards by ICC
20. Veronica Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile: has been honoured with the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development 2024.
21. India : has been awarded the ISSA Good Practice Award for Asia-Pacific 2024.
22. The 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) came to a close in Goa on 28 November 2024, with the Lithuanian film "Toxic" winning the Golden Peacock for Best Film. The Golden Peacock carries a cash prize of Rs 40 lakh.
23. Indian Chemical Council : conferred with 2024 OPCW The Hague Award.
24. Kerala : receives the Best Marine State award at World Fisheries Day 2024.
25. Orbital, a story set in space: won the prestigious literary prize, Booker prize 2024, for the British author Samantha Harvey was awarded the Booker Prize trophy and £ 50,000 in prize money.
26. Rodri and Aitana Bonmati of Spain: won football's most prestigious Ballon d'Or award for the best male and female footballer, respectively.
27. Odisha: has bagged the best state award in the 5th National Water Awards 2023.
28. **Time Woman of Year 2025** – Purnima Barman (Assam)
29. Hariman "Apple Man" Sharma (Himachal farmer who bred HRMN-99 tropical apples) was awarded Padma Shri for agricultural innovation
30. **BBC Indian Sportswomen Awards 2024:**
Shooter Manu Bhaker won BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2024 for her Olympic medals and performances.
Avani Lekhara (Paralympic gold medalist shooter) won Para Sportswoman of the Year
Mithali Raj received Lifetime Achievement (cricket)
Sheetal Devi (youngest Paralympic medalist archer) was Emerging Athlete



31. 67th Grammy Awards (Feb 2025):

Indian-American singer Chandrika Tandon won her first Grammy (Best New Age Album) for “Triveni” at the 67th Grammys held Feb 2, 2025 in LA

Major Grammy winners: Album of the Year – Beyoncé (Cowboy Carter); Record & Song of the Year – Kendrick Lamar (“Not Like Us”)

32. Republic Day Parade 2025 Awards:

Uttar Pradesh won Best Tableau (theme: Mahakumbh 2025 – Swarnim Bharat)

Tripura and Andhra Pradesh placed 2nd and 3rd

In the popular choice category, Gujarat won (theme similar to UP's), with UP 2nd and Uttarakhand 3rd

Indonesia's President was Chief Guest

33. SKOCH Award 2024 (Forestry):

The Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) won a SKOCH Award in 2024 for excellence in forest conservation

This Japan-assisted project was recognized for community-based sustainable forestry.

34. International Honours:

Nita Ambani received the Massachusetts Governor's Citation for philanthropy across education, healthcare, sports, arts, culture, women's empowerment (awarded during her US visit in Dec 2024)

Also, Tamil writer Chaman Arora (Dogri language) was posthumously honored with the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 for his short story collection Ik Hor Ashwathama

35. BAFTA Film Awards 2024:

(78th BAFTAs) – Best Film: Conclave

Best Director: Brady Corbet (The Brutalist)

Best Actor: Adrien Brody (The Brutalist)

Best Actress: Mikey Madison (Anora)

(Indian connect: The film Bad Girl by Indian-origin director Varsha Bharath won the NETPAC Award at Rotterdam IFFR 2025)

36. Sustainability & Business Awards:

Hindalco topped the Dow Jones Sustainability Index in Aluminum sector for 5th year (as noted in Nov 2024)

TCS won the IEEE Spectrum '24 Award for quantum computing innovation

RINL (Vizag Steel) won a Gold Award at AP State Energy Conservation Awards 2024 for energy saving in steel sector

37. Sports Honours (ICC Awards 2024):

India's Jasprit Bumrah won the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of 2024 and was also ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year

Smriti Mandhana was ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2024

Arshdeep Singh won ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2024

New Zealand's Melie Kerr won the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy (ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year)

38. Military Honours:

The Indian Army conferred Nepal's Chief of Army Staff Gen. Prabhu Ram Sharma with honorary rank of General of Indian Army in Nov 2024 (continuing a tradition of reciprocity)

In Australia, ex-India captain Michael Clarke was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in Jan 2025

Hollywood star Tom Cruise received France's Grande Médaille by Aero-Club de France for aviation advocacy (2025)

J&K LG Manoj Sinha received the Maharaja Hari Singh Award in Oct 2024 for public service

Pankaj Advani continued his cue-sports dominance, winning the 2025 Asian Snooker Championship (his 14th Asian title) and 2024 National Billiards & Snooker championships (36th and 10th titles respectively)

Padma Vibhushan Awardees

1. Duvvuri Nageshwar Reddy – Medicine (Telangana)
2. Justice (Retd.) Jagdish Singh Khehar – Public Affairs (Chandigarh)
3. MT Vasudevan Nair (Posthumous) – Literature and Education (Kerala)



4. Osamu Suzuki (Posthumous) – Trade and Industry (Japan)
5. Sharda Sinha (Posthumous) – Art (Bihar)
6. Kumudini Lakhia – Art (Gujarat)
7. Lakshminarayana Subramaniam – Art (Karnataka)

Award winning Books and Authors

1. Pulitzer Prize (Fiction) 2024 - Night Watch by Jayne Anne Philips
2. National Book Award (Fiction) 2024 - Percival Everett for James
▪2023 = Justin Torres for Blackouts
3. Women's Prize for Fiction 2024 - VV Ganeshanathan for Brotherless Night
▪ Demon Copperhead - Barbara Kingsolver (2023)
4. International Booker Prize 2024 - Michael Hofmann (Translator) & Jenny Erpenbeck for Kairos
▪Georgi Gospodinov - For Time Shelter
5. National Book Critics Circle Award (fiction) 2023 - Lorrie Moore for I Am Homeless if This is Not My home

WEB Portals

1. SEBI's MITRA Platform:

The Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant (MITRA) is a new digital platform by SEBI. It helps investors track and reclaim inactive or unclaimed mutual fund folios.

2. Railways 'SwaRail' Super App (Feb 2025):

The Ministry of Railways launched 'SwaRail', an integrated app for seamless railway services. Features: Single portal for reserved/unreserved ticket booking, parcel & freight inquiry, live train status, PNR status, food ordering on trains, and complaint management (Rail Madad). Developed by CRIS.

3. IRDAI's Bima Vahak Portal (Insurance, Feb 2025):

IRDAI prepared to launch the Bima Vahak portal by Apr 2025.

Bima Vahak is a women-centric insurance sales force in the "Bima Trinity" (with Bima Vistaar & Bima Sugam) aiming to expand insurance in underserved areas.

The portal will enable these agents to onboard clients and service policies digitally, as part of India's push for insurance inclusion. (Bima Vistaar: composite insurance product; Bima Sugam: upcoming insurance market portal).

4. Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan App (Jan 2025):

A battlefield tourism app launched by the Defence Minister on Army Day 2025.

Developed by MoD with Ministry of Tourism, it showcases India's iconic battlefields through virtual tours, historical info, and interactive content.

Aim: promote tourism and socio-economic development in border regions while educating users on India's military history.

5. Finvasia-Yes Bank "Jumpp" App (Jan 2025):

Fintech firm Finvasia, with Yes Bank, launched "Jumpp", an AI-driven super app for personal finance.

It integrates banking, payments, savings, investments, and borrowing into one platform to streamline personal financial management.

6. Dunzo & Swiggy Pyng Updates (Jan 2025):

Hyperlocal delivery app Dunzo (Reliance-backed) temporarily went offline following the CEO's exit (he joined Flipkart).

Food-tech giant Swiggy launched "Pyng", a standalone app to offer professional services on-demand (lawyers, astrologers, therapists, etc.), diversifying beyond food delivery.

7. SEBI's iSPOT Portal (Jan 2025):



The Integrated SEBI Portal for Technical Glitches (iSPOT) was introduced to streamline reporting of technical outages by stock exchanges, clearing corps, and depositories

It provides a unified web platform for market infrastructure institutions to report and manage tech issues in real time, improving oversight and response.

8. MoSPI's e-SAKSHI Portal (Jan 2025):

The Ministry of Statistics launched e-SAKSHI, an end-to-end portal for fund flow monitoring under the MPLADS scheme

Purpose: Ensure transparent implementation of MPLADS (Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme)

It provides a digital workflow for sanctioning and tracking MPLADS funds. (Under MPLADS, ₹5 cr per MP per year is allotted for local assets; the portal helps enforce guidelines like 15% funds for SC areas, 7.5% for ST areas)

9. e-Shram Portal Multilingual Upgrade (Jan 2025):

The e-Shram portal (a national database for unorganized workers) was upgraded with 22 Indian languages using AI (Bhashini project)

Formerly only in English, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, it now covers all 22 scheduled languages

e-Shram is the world's largest unorganized worker database.

10. BHARATPOL Portal (Jan 2025):

Launched on Jan 7, 2025, BHARATPOL is a portal to streamline INTERPOL requests in India

Developed by CBI, it will manage all international assistance requests (Red Notices, etc.) from Indian law enforcement

11. Baanknet Portal (Dec 2024):

In late 2024, GoI launched the revamped 'Baanknet' portal to streamline e-auctions of attached properties of public sector banks

It serves as a one-stop portal listing all properties up for auction by PSBs (residential, commercial, land, vehicles, etc.)

12. BHASHINI Platform Collaboration (Dec 2024):

Tripura became the first NE state to sign an MoU with MeitY's BHASHINI platform for multilingual governance

BHASHINI (Bhasha Interface for India) is India's AI-led language translation platform, launched under National Language Translation Mission

13. SEBI's "When-Listed" Platform (Dec 2024):

SEBI is developing a 'when-listed' platform for trading shares of companies that have completed IPOs but are not yet listed on exchanges

This aims to curb gray-market trading by providing a regulated market for the interim period (T+3 days between IPO close and listing)

Rankings

1. Time "Women of the Year 2025":

Assamese wildlife biologist Dr. Purnima Devi Barman was named among Time Magazine's Women of the Year 2025 (one of 13 global honorees)

Achievement: She won Whitley Gold Awards in 2017 & 2024 for conserving the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork (Hargila) by mobilizing local women ("Hargila Army")

2. Forbes Billionaires (Women) 2025:

Savitri Jindal & family (India's richest woman) featured on the global women billionaires list 2025

3. FutureBrand Index 2024:

Reliance Industries ranked #2 globally (behind Samsung) in the FutureBrand Index 2024, becoming the first Indian firm in the top 3

It leaped from 13th (2023) to 2nd (2024), reflecting strong brand purpose and customer experience

Top 5: Samsung (1), Reliance (2), Apple (~3), Nike, Walt Disney

4. Corruption Perception Index 2024:

India ranked 96th out of 180 countries (score 38/100)

Denmark (90) topped for the 7th year; South Sudan (8) worst

5. LEED Green Buildings 2024:

India ranked 3rd globally in LEED green building certifications in 2024

6. Global App Downloads (2024):

Indian startup Zepto became the world's 2nd most downloaded Food & Drink app in 2024, only behind McDonald's (USA). Indian food apps Zomato (#5) and Swiggy (#9) also made the top 10

7. QS World Future Skills Index 2025:

India is Rank 25 globally (score 76.6) and categorized as a "Future Skills Contender"

Top countries: US, UK, Germany, Australia, Canada (all "Pioneers")

India emerged 2nd in "Future of Work" sub-index (99.1, just behind the US) indicating strong adoption of emerging industry skills

8. Global Fire power Index 2025:

India is ranked 4th (PowerIndex ~0.102) in GFP 2025, behind the US (1), Russia (2), China (3), and followed by South Korea (5)

9. Henley Passport Index 2025:

India's passport is ranked 85th (allows visa-free access to 57 countries)

Singapore is 1st (most powerful passport), Afghanistan 106th (last)

10. Brand Value 2025:

The Tata Group was declared India's most valuable brand in 2025 at \$31.6 B (world #60)

Top global brands: Apple (#1), Microsoft (#2), Google (#3)

11. Logistics Ease (LEADS) 2024 (6th edition):

Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, TN were top "Achievers" among coastal states

Haryana, Telangana, UP, Uttarakhand led landlocked states

Assam, Arunachal were top in Northeast

Chandigarh & Delhi topped UTs

It ranked Indian states on logistics performance pillars (Infrastructure, Services, Operating Environment, Sustainable Logistics)

12. Network Readiness Index 2024:

India ranked 49th in the NRI 2024 (by Portulans Institute/Oxford)

Top 5: US, Singapore, Finland, Sweden, S. Korea

13. Global City Brand Index 2024:

London remained #1 city brand globally

Dubai rose to #5 (highest in ME&Africa)

(Indian cities didn't feature in top 10 of Brand Finance's Global City Index 2024, but Dubai's jump and London/NYC/Paris dominance were noted)

14. QS Asia University Rankings 2025:

Three Indian IITs (Delhi #44, Bombay #48, Madras #56) made the top 50 in Asia for the first time

Top 3 in Asia: Peking Univ (China), Univ of Hong Kong, NUS (Singapore), reflecting improving regional standing.

In total, 10 Indian universities (mostly IITs and IISc) featured in Asia's top 110

15. Rule of Law Index 2024:

India ranked 79/142 countries in WJP's Rule of Law Index (score ~0.51)

Top 5: Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Germany

In South Asia, India was 3rd (behind Nepal #69 and Sri Lanka #75)

Summits & Conferences

1. India Chairs BOBP-IGO (Feb 2025):

India assumed the Chairmanship of the Bay of Bengal Programme – Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) from Bangladesh

The handover took place at the 13th Governing Council Meeting in Malé, Maldives



2. 8th Indian Ocean Conference (Feb 2025, Muscat):

The Indian Ocean Conference 2025 was held Feb 16–17, 2025 in Muscat, Oman

Theme: “Voyage to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership”

3. World Government Summit 2025 (Dubai):

The 12th World Government Summit convened Feb 10, 2025 in Dubai

Theme: “Shaping Future Governments”

4. 14th Asian Fisheries Forum (Delhi, Feb 2025):

India hosted the 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum at ICAR, New Delhi (Feb 12–14, 2025)

Theme: “Greening the Blue Growth in Asia-Pacific,” focusing on sustainable fisheries.

5. AI Action Summit (Paris, Feb 2025):

PM Narendra Modi co-chaired an AI Action Summit in Paris on Feb 11, 2025 with French President Emmanuel Macron

6. 1st BIMSTEC Youth Summit (Gujarat, Feb 2025):

The inaugural BIMSTEC Youth Summit 2025 was held in Gandhinagar, Feb 7–11, 2025, organized by India’s MEA and Youth Affairs Ministry.

Theme: “Youth as a bridge for intra-BIMSTEC exchange”

Also, India hosted a BIMSTEC expert meeting on cybersecurity in New Delhi on Jan 21, 2025

7. SOUL Leadership Conclave (Delhi, Feb 2025):

PM Modi inaugurated the first SOUL (Spirit of Unity, Leadership) Leadership Conclave at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on Feb 21, 2025

8. WEF Davos 2025 (Jan 20–24, 2025):

The 55th World Economic Forum Annual Meeting took place in Davos with theme “Collaboration for the Intelligent Age”

WEF also announced India will host the Conference of Speakers & Presiding Officers of Parliaments (CSPOC) 2026 in Delhi

9. Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2025 (Bhubaneswar):

The 18th PBD Convention is scheduled for Jan 8–10, 2025 in Bhubaneswar, Odish

Theme: “Diaspora’s Contribution to a Viksit Bharat”

The President of Trinidad & Tobago, Christine Kangaloo, will be chief guest

10. World Maritime Technology Conference (Chennai, Dec 2024):

India will host WMTC 2024 in Chennai, Dec 4–6, 2024– a global meet on marine technology and shipbuilding.

11. Grameen Bharat Mahotsav (Delhi, Jan 2025):

PM Modi inaugurated the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav in New Delhi on Jan 4, 2025

Theme: “Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2024” – focusing on rural development initiatives.

12. National Children’s Science Congress (Bhopal, Dec 2024):

The 31st National Children’s Science Congress opened in Bhopal, inaugurated by MP’s Education Minister

Theme: “Understanding Ecosystems for Health and Well-Being.”

13. North Eastern Council Plenary (Agartala, Dec 2024):

HM Amit Shah chaired the 72nd NEC Plenary in Agartala, Tripura

14. Developing-8 (D-8) Summit (Egypt, Dec 2024):

The 11th summit of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation was held in Egypt’s new capital (Kazan)

15. National Conference of Chief Secretaries (Delhi, Dec 2024):

PM Modi convened the 4th Chief Secys’ Conference on Dec 13, 2024 to discuss governance best practices and implementation of central schemes.

16. World Ayurveda Congress (Dehradun, Dec 2024):

The 10th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo opened in Dehradun on Dec 12, 2024

Theme: “Digital Health – an Ayurveda Perspective”

17. India Maritime Heritage Conclave (Delhi, Dec 2024):

The 1st India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024 concluded in New Delhi on Dec 12, 2024

18. India–UK 2+2 Dialogue (Delhi, Dec 2024):



The second India–UK 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue (Foreign & Defence) was held in New Delhi on Dec 3, 2024

19. UNCCD COP-16 (Riyadh, Dec 2024):

The 16th UN Convention to Combat Desertification Conference of Parties commenced in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (theme “Our Land. Our Future.”)

20. Asian Buddhist Summit (New Delhi, Nov 2024):

India hosted the 1st Asian Buddhist Summit on Nov 5–6, 2024

President Droupadi Murmu was chief guest

Theme: “Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia”

Organized by MoCulture and International Buddhist Confederation, it saw delegates from across Asia fostering cultural and spiritual ties.

21. Climate & Health Africa Conference (Harare, Nov 2024):

The 1st Climate and Health Africa Conference (CHAC 2024) was held in Harare, Zimbabwe

22. India–Saudi PSSC Meeting (Delhi, Nov 2024):

The 2nd India–Saudi Political, Security, Social and Cultural (PSSC) Committee ministerial meeting took place in New Delhi on Nov 13, 2024

23. SATRC-25 Telecom Regulators’ Meeting (Delhi, Nov 2024):

India hosted the 25th South Asian Telecommunication Regulators’ Council meeting on Nov 11–13, 2024

Inaugurated by Comm Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia

24. Intl Ancient Arts Festival (Delhi, Nov 2024):

The 8th International Ancient Arts Festival & Symposium was held Nov 8–10, 2024 in New Delhi (IGNCA)

25. Indian Roads Congress (Raipur, Nov 2024):

Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 83rd Indian Roads Congress in Raipur, Chhattisgarh

26. Indian Military Heritage Festival (Delhi, Nov 2024):

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan opened the 2nd Indian Military Heritage Festival 2024 in New Delhi on Nov 8, 2024

27. BRICS Summit 2024 (Kazan, Oct 2024):

Russia hosted the 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan on Oct 22–24, 2024

Theme: “Strengthening Multilateralism for Fair Global Development and Security”

PM Modi attended, and Brazil was confirmed to host BRICS 2025

28. ITU WTSA & India Mobile Congress (Delhi, Oct 2024):

India co-hosted the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024 (WTSA-24) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from Oct 15–24, 2024

Alongside, the 8th India Mobile Congress (IMC 2024) ran Oct 15–18 at the same venue with theme “The Future is Now”

29. Urban Mobility India Conf (Gandhinagar, Oct 2024):

The 17th Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo 2024 was held Oct 25–27, 2024 in Gandhinagar

Theme: “Standardization and Optimization of Urban Transport Solutions”

Highlights: Bhubaneswar won “Best Public Transport System” city award; Srinagar won “Best Non-Motorized Transport System”

30. ITU Kaleidoscope Academic Conf (Delhi, Oct 2024):

The ITU Kaleidoscope 2024 academic conference on ICT began in New Delhi alongside WTSA-24

Theme: “Innovation and Digital Transformation for a Sustainable World”

31. ISA Assembly (Delhi, Oct 2024):

The 7th International Solar Alliance Assembly took place in New Delhi Nov 3–6, 2024

Focus: boosting global solar adoption (ISA now includes 120+ nations).

32. APMCDRR 2024 (Manila, Oct 2024):

The Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2024 was held in Manila, Philippines (Oct 2024)

Theme: “Surge to 2030: Enhancing ambition in Asia-Pacific to accelerate DRR”

33. Miscellaneous (Oct 2024):

The BRICS Summit 2024 gifts: PM Modi gifted world leaders Indian handicrafts (e.g., Jharkhand’s Sohrai painting to Putin, a Mother-of-Pearl vase to others) to showcase India’s culture

21st Livestock Census was launched Oct 25, 2024 (to Feb 2025) with ₹200 cr budget



India celebrated one year of Nammo Bharat (RRTS) trains in Oct 2024 – demonstrating success of regional rail connectivity

Agreements & MOUs

1. India–Qatar Agreements (Feb 2025):

During Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim's visit (Feb 17–18, 2025), India and Qatar signed 5 MoUs and 2 agreements

About Qatar: Doha (capital), Riyal (currency).

2. India–USA Trade & Defense Framework (Feb 2025):

India and USA agreed to more than double bilateral trade to \$500 B by 2030

Additionally, the U.S.–India “T.R.U.S.T.” initiative was launched to spur joint industry/academic projects in space, energy, and emerging tech.

3. India–Oman Tax Treaty Update (Feb 2025):

India and Oman signed a protocol to amend their Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), and agreed to expedite negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

Oman's capital Muscat, currency Rial.

4. TRIFED Partnerships (Feb 2025):

Tribal cooperative TRIFED formed strategic alliances with Meesho, IFCA (Indian Federation of Culinary Associations), and MGIRI to expand marketing of tribal products and cuisines.

5. India–Argentina Lithium MoU (Feb 2025):

India inked an MoU with Argentina for lithium exploration

6. IIITDM–ERNET IoT Lab (Feb 2025):

IIITDM Kancheepuram and ERNET India signed an MoU to establish a Joint Research Lab for IoT (Internet of Things)

7. India–EFTA Trade Desk (Feb 2025):

India and the EFTA states (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) launched an India–EFTA Desk to deepen trade collaboration

8. IICA–CMAI MoU on Carbon Markets (Feb 2025):

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs and the Carbon Market Association of India signed an MoU to develop India's carbon credit market and decarbonization efforts

9. India–Indonesia MoUs (Jan 2025):

During Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto's visit as R-Day chief guest, India and Indonesia signed 5 MoUs (Jan 26, 2025)

1) Health Cooperation, 2) Maritime Safety & Security (Coast Guards agreement renewal), 3) Traditional Medicine & Quality Standards (between India's Pharmacopoeia Commission and Indonesia's FDA), 4) Digital Development, 5) Cultural Exchange Program 2025–28

10. India–Nepal S&T MoU (Feb 2025):

India's CSIR and Nepal Academy of Science & Tech (NAST) signed an MoU on Feb 18, 2025 to collaborate in science and technology research

11. India–Marine Aids (IALA) Victory (Feb 2025):

India was elected Vice-President of IALA (International Assoc. of Marine Aids to Navigation) at its GA in Singapore

12. Clean Ganga – Dolphin Ambulance (Nov 2024):

The National Mission for Clean Ganga announced a special “Dolphin Ambulance” service for rescue of injured Gangetic dolphins

13. Bodoland Mohotsav (Nov 2024):

An agreement to institutionalize the Bodoland Festival annually was reached between Bodo Territorial Region authorities and the central Ministry of Culture.

PM Modi inaugurated the first Bodoland Mohotsav on Nov 15, 2024 in Delhi with theme “Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat”

14. India–OPEC+ (Feb 2025):

Brazil announced joining OPEC+ as an observer (Feb 2025)

India is world's 3rd largest oil consumer

15. UNESCO “Women in Science” Campaign (Feb 2025):

UNESCO launched a campaign “Imagine a World with More Women in Science” for the 10th Intl Day of Women & Girls in Science (Feb 11)

16. Philippines–Bangladesh Ops:

Bangladesh launched “Operation Devil Hunt” in early 2025 targeting extremists, in which India offered intel support via an MoU on counter-terror cooperation

17. DPIIT–Korea MoU (Feb 2025):

India’s DPIIT and Korea Transport Institute signed an MoU to collaborate on logistics and infrastructure development

18. Miscellaneous (2024):

Israel–ADB: Israel formally joined the Asian Development Bank as its 69th member in Oct 2024

Moldova–ISA: Moldova signed the ISA Framework to join the International Solar Alliance in Dec 2024

UK–CPTPP: The UK signed accession protocol to CPTPP trade bloc in Dec 2024

China–Peru Port: China’s COSCO sealed agreements with Peru for the \$1.3 B Chancay megaport (Nov 2024)

India–Japan Space Debris: ISRO and JAXA signed an MoU in Dec 2024 on joint research to mitigate space debris

International Affairs

1. Dan Bongino : new Deputy Director of the FBI.
2. Where is Mount Dukono which was erupted recently? Ans: Indonesia
3. Which country announced its decision to join OPEC+ as an observer? Ans: Brazil
4. India and Nepal signed a new MoU between CSIR (India) and NAST (Nepal) to strengthen scientific collaboration
5. India was elected as Vice President of the International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA) during its inaugural General Assembly in Singapore.
6. UNESCO launched the “Imagine a world with more women in science” campaign to mark the 10th anniversary of International Day of Women and Girls in Science (Feb 11).
7. PM Narendra Modi’s US visit focused on trade, defense, and security, with a goal to double bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030.
8. The Hellenic Parliament elected Constantine Tassoulas as the new president of Greece.
9. Jotham Napat : was elected Prime Minister of Vanuatu.
10. Tulsi Gabbard became the first Hindu to lead the US intelligence community as the Director of National Intelligence (DNI).
11. President Donald Trump announced a 25% tariff on all steel and aluminum imports (effective March 4, 2025), eliminating previous country-specific exemptions.
12. The 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14AFAP), themed “Greening the Blue Growth in Asia-Pacific,” took place Feb 12-14, 2025, at ICAR Convention Centre, New Delhi.
13. DPIIT (India) & Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) signed an MoU for Logistics & Infrastructure Growth.
14. Bangladesh launched “Operation Devil Hunt,” targeting loyalists of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
15. US President Donald Trump recognized February 9 as “Gulf of America Day,” renaming the Gulf of Mexico.
16. India and Nicaragua signed an MoU to implement Quick Impact Projects (QIPs).
17. The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) will launch the Lord Buddha Trination Triservices Expedition, uniting the armed forces of India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.
18. Pakistan’s SUPARCO partnered with China’s CNSA for the Chang’e-8 lunar mission (launch in 2028).



19. Gujarat's 'Gharchola' handicraft received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, taking the state's total GI tags to 27 (23 for handicrafts).
20. China's AI chatbot, DeepSeek AI, gained global attention and controversy, initially billed as China's answer to ChatGPT.
21. Panama withdrew from China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), realigning its geopolitical stance.
22. Argentina withdrew from the World Health Organization (WHO), mirroring a previous decision by the United States under President Donald Trump.
23. President Donald Trump signed the "No Men in Women's Sports Executive Order," prohibiting transgender women and girls from competing in female sports.
24. Soweto-born Tshego Gaelae became the first Black woman to win the Mrs World 2025 title in Las Vegas.
25. The UK became the first country to criminalize AI-generated child sexual abuse material (CSAM).
26. WHO announced that Niger is the first African country to eliminate river blindness (onchocerciasis).
27. UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan declared 2025 as the "Year of Community," under the slogan "Hand in Hand."
28. Chinese AI startup DeepSeek surpassed ChatGPT as the most-downloaded free app in the U.S. on Apple's App Store.
29. Alexander Lukashenko secured a seventh term as President of Belaru
30. Micheál Martin was re-elected as Ireland's leader (Taoiseach/Prime Minister).
31. Thailand became the first Southeast Asian nation to legalize same-sex marriage.
32. Nepal's Yala Glacier is projected to vanish by the 2040s due to climate change.
33. Nigeria was admitted as a partner country of the BRICS bloc.
34. President Donald Trump initiated the US's second withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement.
35. President Donald Trump signed an executive order withdrawing the US from the WHO and suspending all foreign aid for 90 days.
36. Donald Trump was sworn in as the 47th President of the United States on January 20, 2025
37. TikTok faced a brief shutdown in the US over national security concerns
38. India is projected to overtake Japan as the world's fourth-largest economy by 2026 (PHDCCI report).
39. India and Spain declared 2026 as a "dual year" to celebrate cultural, tourism, and AI collaborations.
40. NPCI partnered with UAE fintech Magnati to enable UPI transactions for Indian travelers in the UAE.
41. Singapore awarded the Honorary Citizen Award to Tarun Das, former CII Director General, for enhancing Singapore-India relations.
42. Nicolás Maduro (46th President of Venezuela) was sworn in for a third six-year term.
43. Mount Ibu, in North Maluku (Indonesia), erupted on January 11, 2025.
44. India plans to sign an MoU with Mongolia on geology and exploration, aiming to enhance resource security.
45. Sister Inah Canabarro Lucas from Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil), aged 116, was confirmed as the world's oldest living person by LongeviQuest.
46. Tomiko Itooka (Japan), also 116, recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest person, passed away in January 2025.
47. Hanoi, Vietnam, was identified as the world's most polluted city (PM2.5 levels reaching 266 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).
48. Mike Johnson (Republican from Louisiana) was re-elected Speaker of the US House of Representatives in a tense vote.
49. China introduced the CR450, the world's fastest high-speed train prototype, with test speeds of 450 km/h (surpassing the 350 km/h CR400 Fuxing trains).
50. The 18th Elephant and Tourism Festival took place in Sauraha, Chitwan (Nepal).

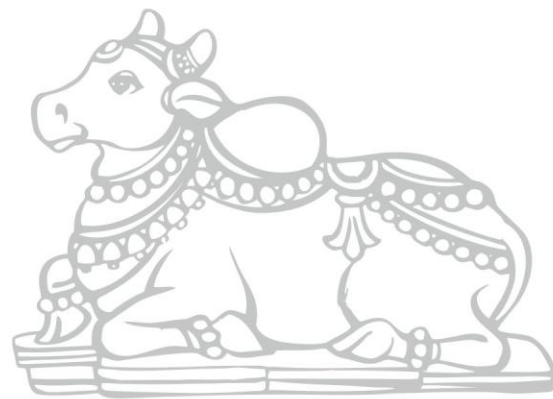


51. Two UK universities (Queen's University Belfast & Coventry University) will establish campuses at GIFT City, Gujarat (India).
52. China approved constructing the world's largest dam on the Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) in Tibet, near the Indian border.
53. President-elect Donald Trump named Indian-American Sriram Krishnan as Senior Policy Advisor for AI at the White House.
54. The Gadhimai Festival took place in southeastern Nepal, held every five years.
55. Moldova joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA), signing the Framework Agreement in New Delhi.
56. The UK officially became the first European nation to join the CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership).
57. The US successfully tested its Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW), "Dark Eagle," signaling a major advancement in modern warfare.
58. Mount Semeru in East Java (Indonesia) erupted on December 15.
59. Mikheil Kavelashvili (former footballer) was elected president of Georgia.
60. Switzerland suspended the 'Most Favoured Nation' (MFN) clause in its tax treaty with India.
61. French President Emmanuel Macron appointed François Bayrou as Prime Minister of France.
62. Time magazine named Donald Trump as its Person of the Year for 2024 (he was also named in 2016).
63. President Droupadi Murmu honored Nepal's Army Chief, General Ashok Raj Sigdel, with the honorary rank of "General of the Indian Army."
64. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah ("NNN") became Namibia's first female president.
65. Super Typhoon Man-yi ("Pepito") made a second landfall in the Philippines.
66. Tokyo-based Scarecrow Incorporated acquired the world's first patent for its animal supplement, Pinfenon (S)(R).
67. President-elect Donald Trump chose Republican Rep. Elise Stefanik as US Ambassador to the UN, his first Cabinet pick for his second term.
68. Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki erupted in eastern Indonesia (November 7).
69. Australia is set to ban social media access for children under 16 starting in November.
70. Zimbabwe launched its second satellite, ZIMSAT-2, from Russia's Vostochny Cosmodrome, enhancing the nation's space programme.
71. Switzerland will enforce its "burqa ban" from January 1, 2025, following a 2021 referendum.
72. Trump clinched victory in Wisconsin, securing 276 electoral votes, surpassing the 270 needed.
73. James David Vance (Republican) will serve as the new Vice President of the United States.
74. Kemi Badenoch (44) became the first Black woman to lead the UK's Conservative Party, succeeding Rishi Sunak.
75. Israel joined the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as the 69th member (20th non-regional).
76. Egypt was declared "malaria-free" by WHO, becoming the third country in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (after UAE and Morocco) to achieve this.
77. Vietnam's parliament elected army general Luong Cuong as the new state president.
78. Justice Yahya Afridi was selected as Pakistan's next Chief Justice.
79. The IMF reported world public debt is set to exceed \$100 trillion for the first time.
80. Hurricane Oscar made landfall in the Bahamas before crossing eastern Cuba.
81. During her three-nation tour (Algeria, Mauritania, Malawi), President Droupadi Murmu received an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science from Sidi Abdellah Science & Technology Pole University in Algiers.
82. Abu Dhabi was declared the world's richest city in terms of sovereign wealth funds, with \$1.7 trillion in capital.



83. India became the second-largest supplier of restricted critical technologies (microchips, circuits, machine tools) to Russia, after China.
84. The UN General Assembly elected 18 new members to the 47-member Human Rights Council for 2025–2027.
85. India participated in the 44th session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) in Dresden, Germany (Oct 2–6, 2024).
86. Nima Rinji Sherpa (18, Nepali) became the youngest person to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks.
87. President Kais Saied won a second five-year term as Tunisia's president.
88. Nepal's President Ramchandra Paudel appointed Prakash Man Singh Raut as the new Chief Justice.
89. Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) formed a joint venture, BEL IAI AeroSystems Pvt Ltd, to support MRSAM systems.
90. Claudia Sheinbaum was sworn in as Mexico's first female president.

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