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Near Riddhi-Siddhi Circle, Gopalpura Bypass, Jaipur

1. RAJASTHAN AFFAIRS

Constitution of Legislative Assembly Committees for the year 2025-26 in Rajasthan

- Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani has constituted committees for the 16th Rajasthan Assembly for the year 2025-26.

S. No.	Committee	Chairman
1.	Public Accounts Committee	Tikaram Julie
2.	Estimates Committee 'A'	Arjun Lal Jingar
3.	Estimates Committee 'B'	Babu Singh Rathore
4.	Committee on Government Undertakings	Kalicharan Saraf
5.	General Purposes Committee	Vasudev Devnani
6.	Rules Committee	Vasudev Devnani
7.	Question & Reference Committee	Sandeep Sharma
8.	Committee on Welfare of Women and Children	Kalpna Devi
9.	Committee on Welfare of Backward Classes	Kesaram Chaudhary
10.	Scheduled Caste Welfare Committee	Vishwanath Meghwal
11.	Scheduled Tribe Welfare Committee	Phool Singh Meena
12.	Committee on Home and Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions	Harisingh Rawat
13.	Committee on Library and Government Assurance	Jitendra Kumar Gothwal
14.	Petitions & Ethics Committee	Kailash Chand Verma
15.	Committee on Privileges and Subordinate Legislation	Narendra Budania
16.	Committee on Welfare of Minorities and Environment	Dayaram Parmar

- Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma has been made a member of the Committee on General Purposes.

25 schemes including Jal Jeevan Mission included in flagship schemes in Rajasthan

- On 11 April 2025, the state government declared 25 schemes including the Jal Jeevan Mission as flagship programmes.
 - Benefiting new families from NFSA
 - KUSUM Scheme – Component A, B & C
 - Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme - RDSS
 - Lado Protsahan Yojana scheme
 - Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana
 - Prime Minister's Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
 - Karmabhoomi Se Mathrubhumi Abhiyan
 - Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)
 - Swamitva Scheme
 - Chief Minister's Jal Swavlamban Abhiyan 2.0
 - Atal Incubation Centre
 - Chief Minister Shikshit Rajasthan Abhiyaan
 - Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
 - Atal Pragati Path
 - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban
 - Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)
 - Mukhyamantri SVANidhi Yojana
 - PM Vishwakarma Yojana
 - Mission Hariyalo Rajasthan
 - Jal Jeevan Mission
 - AMRUT Scheme
 - Panch Gaurav Scheme
 - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Rural
 - Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Poverty Free Village Scheme
 - Namo Drone Didi, Solar Didi, Lakhpati Didi, Bank Sakhi, Krishi Sakhi & Pashu Sakhi

Green Aravalli Scheme

- Announcement: The Rajasthan Budget 2025-26 announced the "Green Aravalli Scheme" to give impetus to the Aravalli Green Wall project.
- Target year: Implementation of the scheme scheduled by the year 2028-29.
- Targeted afforestation area: Total 1,48,859 hectares, including
 - Udaipur: 18,495 hectares (the highest)
 - Dausa: 2,450 hectares (lowest)
- Budget allotted: ₹250 crore

Key Provisions:

- Spraying seeds with drone technology in inaccessible areas
- Training Program for Drone Operations
- CCTV Cameras – To Monitor Illegal Activities

- Fire Line Construction – To Save Forests from Fire
- Safety measures: Concrete walls, barbed wire, bush fencing, chain links and solar-powered fencing will be installed.

One Time Settlement Scheme – 2025

- Announcement: In Rajasthan Budget 2025-26
- Objective: Relief to the borrowers of Rajasthan Minorities Finance and Development Cooperative Corporation Limited (RM-FDCC)
- **Implemented in two stages:**
 - **Phase 1: May 1 – September 30, 2025**
 - 100% Interest and Penalty waiver on lump sum payment of overdue principal till March 31, 2024
 - **Phase II: October 1 – December 31, 2025**
 - Some discounts on payments till March 31, 2024
- **Monitoring:** Corporation Headquarters
- **Dispute Resolution:** The decision of the Managing Director, RM-FDCC, Jaipur will be final

Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Bhawan renamed

- **New Name:** Punyasloka Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Bhavan
- Venue: Shiksha Sankul, Rajasthan
- Office: Student Service Centre, Vidya Samiksha Centre, Central Assessment etc.

EESL's Energy Efficiency Initiative

- Institution: Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)
- Associate Organization: Rajcomp Info Services Limited (RISL)
- Objective: To inform the general public about energy efficient solutions through the e-Mitra network

Disaster Management Authority for 8 new districts

- Districts: Phalodi, Balotra, Beawar, Salumbar, Deeg, Deedwana-Kuchaman, Khairthal-Tijara, Kotputli-Behror
- Chairman: Collector of the concerned district
- Co-Chairperson: Zilla Parishad Pramukh
- Members: CEO, Zilla Parishad, SP & officials of other departments

Chief Minister Ayushman Adarsh Gram Panchayat Yojana

- Objective: To strengthen the rural health system with people's participation under the concept of Healthy Village, Prosperous Rajasthan.
- Nature: People's participatory health model

- **Key features:**

- One Gram Panchayat will be selected from each block which will record 100% achievement on 10 health indicators.
- Selected panchayat will get certificate, incentive of ₹ 11 lakh
- Evaluator: Officer appointed by the Collector + Specialist of the Medical Department

- **10 Health Indicators:**

- TB-free gram panchayat
- 100% Institutional Delivery
- Antenatal Care – ANC Registration + 4 Checkups
- 100% Immunization of Children
- 100% Hypertension and Diabetes Screening
- All eligible citizens should have MAA scheme and PMJAY card.
- 100% Tobacco Free Panchayat
- Regular check-up of 60+ citizens
- 100% Cataract Detection and Treatment
- Complete vaccination of measles

New Initiatives of Rajasthan Government

- Launch: April 14, 2025 (Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti)
- Venue: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur
- Operations: Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
- **Major Schemes:**
 - Ambedkar Panchtirtha Yojana
 - Allotment of industrial plots to SC/ST entrepreneurs
 - Safety Kit for Cleaners
 - One Time Settlement Scheme for SC/ST Safai Karamcharis
 - Approval of Chief Minister Ayushman Bal Sambal Yojana
 - Launch of De-addiction Centres
 - Electric wheelchairs to be provided to muscular dystrophy sufferers

Niramaya Rajasthan Abhiyan

- Launched: April 07, 2025 (World Health Day)
- Venue: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur
- Motto: "Sarve Santu Niramaya"
- Objective: Launch of multi-pronged initiatives for holistic health improvement in Rajasthan
- **Major Initiatives Launched at the State Level:**
 - Chief Minister Ayushman Adarsh Gram Panchayat Yojana
 - Mission Madhuhari
 - Mission Liver Smile
 - HemoDialysis Ward

- MAA Scheme Mobile App & AYUSH Package
- Eye Based Integrated Monitoring System
- 29 Breastfeeding Management Units
- Eat Right Rajasthan Campaign
- 24 Ram Rath (Mobile Medical Unit)
- 10 Advanced Life Support Ambulances

Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya (MAA) Scheme – New Package

- New Services: Ayurvedic Services and Robotic Surgery included for the first time
- Total new packages: 132, including -
 - 20 Packages: Free Ayurvedic Treatment
 - 39 Package: Robotic Surgery (SMS Hospital, Jaipur only)

Disease-wise Package Classification:

Field	Number of Packages
Geriatric Care	5
Adolescent Mental Health	2
Oral cancer (lips, tongue, etc.)	14
For the Disabled	15
Ayurvedic Services	20
Robotic surgery	39
Neuro Surgery	7
Plastic/skin transplant	3
Cardiovascular Surgery	27

Heatwave Insurance Plan (Temperature Insurance Plan)

- Launch: Relief to women workers in the summer season
- By: Climate Resilience for All (CRA) + Self-Employed Women Association (SEWA)
- Objective: To provide financial assistance in case of inability to work in extreme heat
- Beneficiary women: Women working in the open – fruit/vegetable vendors, agricultural laborers, etc.
- **Scope of Benefits:** 2.5 lakh women from 6 states in 2025
- Rajasthan, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Bihar
- Premium: \$6, with 1/3 of the women paying themselves; The rest is carried by CRA.
- Pilot Project (18–25 May 2024): In Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra
- 50,000 women included, 92% get assistance ranging from ₹400–₹1600

Saras Mayra Scheme

- Launch: April 5, 2025 (Jaipur Dairy completes 50 years)

- Organization: Jaipur Dairy
- Objective: Rural Women Empowerment
- **Benefits:**
 - In the marriage of a maximum of 2 daughters of milk producers' committee members
 - Financial assistance up to ₹21,000
 - Explanation: Based on Jaipur Dairy Model implemented across Rajasthan
- Special Fact: Jaipur Dairy is the only cooperative dairy in the country where more than 80% of the societies are run by women.

Dairy Rooftop Solar Plant Scheme and Bio-Flexi Plant Scheme

- Launch Organization: Saras Jaipur Dairy (Jaipur District Milk Producers Cooperative Union)
- Objective: To promote green energy, energy conservation and gas production from organic waste
- **Solar Scheme:**
 - Rooftop solar plants will be installed in 3400 committees of Jaipur and Dausa districts
- **Bio-Flexi Plant Scheme:**
 - Free LPG Generation from Domestic Organic Waste
 - Subsidy of ₹5000 per committee
 - Production Capacity: 1.5 Gas Cylinders/Month

Rajasthan Scheme Wise Budget Allocation (FY 2025-26)

- Total Budget: ₹5.37 lakh crore
- Increase: ₹38,337 crore (higher than previous revised estimates)

Schemes with Highest Amount:

Plan	Estimated Amount
Home-Farmer Free Electricity Scheme	Rs. 30,000 crore
Old Age Pension Scheme Closer	Rs. 11,000 crore
Rajasthan Government Health Scheme	Rs. 4,000 crore
Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana	Rs 3,000 crore
Free Medicines and Diagnostic Scheme	Rs. 1,500 crore
Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana	Rs. 700 crores
Palanhar Scheme Scheme	Rs. 800 crores

Amraram Gurjar

- Batch: IFS – 2008
- New Appointment: High Commissioner of India – Malawi (Africa)
- Current post: Deputy Ambassador – Italy

- Formerly: Work in other countries, including Portugal
- From: Pali (Rajasthan)

Mohini Didi – New Chief Administrator of Brahma Kumaris

- Designation: Rajyogini Mohini Didi has been appointed as the 6th Chief Administrator of the Brahma Kumaris Sansthan.
- Prior post: Additional Chief Administrator for 4 years.

Justice Dinesh Maheshwari – Chairman of the 23rd Law Commission

- Announcement Date: 15 April 2025
- Tenure: For 3 years
- Notification: Released on 2nd September 2025
- **Member:**
 - Hitesh Jain (Legal Expert – Civil, Criminal, Commercial, Constitutional Law)
 - Prof. D.P. Verma (was also a member of the 22nd Law Commission)

Profile of Justice Dinesh Maheshwari:

- Born: 15 May 1958 – Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan High Court Judge: September 2, 2004
- President of Rajasthan Judicial Academy
- Chief Justice of Meghalaya and Karnataka HC
- SC Judge Appointment: January 18, 2019
 - Retirement: May 14, 2023

Surendra Singh Gurjar

- Jury member at Khelo India Youth Games 2025
- Event: Khelo India Youth Games, May 2025 – Bhagalpur, Bihar
- Event Dates: May 4–7 (Archery)
- Post: Jury Member (appointed by Archery Association of India)

Ashok Kumar Sharma

- Position: Vice President, Amateur Baseball Federation of India
- Selection: Unopposed

Deependra Singh Khangarot

- Became President of Rajasthan Archery Association
- **Office Bearers (Rajasthan Archery Association):**
 - Chairman: Jawahar Singh Bedham
 - Secretary General: Surendra Singh Gurjar
- Tenure: 4 years (as per Rajasthan Sports Act 2005)

Avinash Tripathi

- Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- Will attend Cannes Film Festival from India (10-day from 13th May 2025)

- Will address African filmmakers, directors, writers
- Specialization: Writing, Story Art, Short Films

Vinay Kumar Dalela

- New Appointment: Chief Town Planner, Government of Rajasthan
- Previous Post: Director (Planning) in Jaipur Development Authority

Rajyogini Dadi Ratanmohini – Passed away

- Post: Chief Administrator – Brahma Kumaris Ashram
- Died: 7 April 2025, Age: 101 years
- Born: 25 March 1925 - Sindh, Hyderabad

Rajasthan's first Pink PHC

- Location: Khandia, Jhalawar District
- Launched: 10 April 2025, by former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje
- **Attributes:**
 - Pink Theme: Buildings, Equipment, Staff Dress Code
 - Female-Centered: The entire staff is women
 - Meaning of Pink PHC: Health center run by female doctor and staff

Air service started in Jhalawar

- Location: Kolana Airport, Jhalawar
- Launch Date: 12 April 2025
- Name: Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Airport
- Runway: Length: 3,120 m, Width: 60 m
- Jumbo Jets like Boeing 747 are also landable.
- Third longest runway in North India (after Jalandhar and Kushinagar)

Krishna Gaman Path – 8 Temples of Rajasthan

- Project: Krishna Gaman Path (Mathura to Ujjain)
- Joint Construction: Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh Government
- Objective: Religious Tourism + Cultural Heritage Conservation

8 Temples of Rajasthan:

1. Shri Bihariji Temple – Bharatpur
 2. Kailadevi (lake enclosure) – Bayana
 3. Jagannath Temple – Kaimri (Karauli)
 4. Madan Mohanji Temple – Karauli
 5. Trinetra Ganesha – Ranthambore
 6. Keshav Rai Ji Maharaj Temple – Bundi
 7. Mathuradhis Temple – Kota
 8. Dwarkadheesh Temple – Jhalrapatan (Jhalawar)
- Rajasthan Heritage Authority Chairman: Omkar Singh Lakhawat

Pushkar Brahma Temple Corridor Project

- Location: Pushkar, Ajmer
- Objective: To develop the Brahma temple area as a major religious tourism center
- Construction period: in three phases, up to 2027-28
- Construction on the lines of Ayodhya and Kashi Corridor
- **Major Functions:**
 - Open Pathway from Brahma Mandir to Brahma Ghat
 - Marble umbrellas at 52 ghats
 - Modernisation of Parikrama Marg as per crowd management

IIT Jodhpur

- Announcement: Rajasthan's first No Vehicle Zone Institute declared
- Beneficiaries: Around 5000 students, staff and faculty use bicycles only
- Objective: To develop a non-motorized and carbon-free campus
- **Important Initiatives:**
 - 1 MW Rooftop Solar System
 - Waste Water Treatment and Recycling System
 - 5-star rating from GRIHA (Green Rating)

AI-based ASTOR Institute launched in Jaipur

- Name: Advanced Engineering Studies, Technical and Research Institute (ASTOR)
- VENUE: Suresh Gyan Vihar University (SGVU), Jaipur
- Rajasthan's first university-based AI-centric institute
- Objective – To prepare future professionals through research, innovation and practical AI use

North Western Railway Zone – Establishment of Kavach 4.0

- Kavach 4.0: Indigenous Train Collision Avoidance System
- Length: 1586 km of track will be on the armour system
- High Risk Zone: Rewari – Jaipur, Ajmer – Palanpur, Ajmer – Chittorgarh – Udaipur, Phulera – Jodhpur – Luni – Samdari
- **Main Functionalities:**
 - Preventing trains from head-on collision
 - Loco pilot alerted if speed limit is crossed
 - Controlling the train by automatically applying brakes when the pilot does not pay attention

Jaipur Metro – Phase II (Sitapura to Sikar Road)

- Length: 36 km
- Route: Sitapura to Todi Mod (Sikar Road)
- 32 km elevated, airport area underground
- Cost: ₹10,000 crore (estimated)
- Station Plan: One station proposed for every km
- **Corridor Details:**
 - From Sitapura to Pinjrapole Gaushala – Elevated
 - Beyond Gaushala – Underground Route

Climate Change Research Centre to be set up in Rajasthan

- Objective: Study of changes in desert climate and its effects
- **Special Study Subjects:** Excessive Rainfall, Drought, Heatwave, Extreme Heat and Cold
- Facility: Research centre with state-of-the-art labs and equipment

State-level museum to be set up in Jaipur

- Institute: Rajasthan Tourism Department
- **Objective:** To showcase the state's heritage, folk art and culture, to promote tourism and cultural awareness.
- This will enable tourists to get acquainted with the rich traditions of Rajasthan

1.3 GW Solar Plant

- in Jaisalmer (Bhinajpura, Pokhran).
- Company: ReNew – Leading Clean Energy Company
- Launch: 17 April 2025
- India's first full-fledged "Make in India" solar plant
- Production: 2490 million units/year

2.3 km long aqueduct on Chambal river

- Project: Modified PKC-ERCP Project
- Location: On Chambal River, from Pipalda Samel village to Gohata village
- **Objective:** To lift water from the Kalisindh river and flow it into the Mej river, improve water management and agricultural irrigation.

Kheda Rasulpur renamed

- Old Name: Kheda Rasulpur
- New Name: Kheda Rampur
- Location: Ladpura Tehsil, Kota District
- Announcement: Notification issued by the Revenue Department

Introduction of Electronic Customs Check System (Gems & Jewellery)

- At Jaipur Airport.

- Launch Date: 1 May 2025
- Facility: Electronic custom processing for individual import/export of gems and jewellery.
- Objective: To make the process easier for merchants, 24 hours prior electronic billing is possible.
- This facility is also applicable at 9 other airports of the country.

Discovery of a rare mineral

- Location: Siwana Hills, Balotra
- Department: Department of Atomic Energy
- Discovery: 1,11,845 tonne Rare Earth Oxides (REO)
- **Objective:** Mineral self-sufficiency for exploration, strategic and technical industries under the Minerals Mission of National Importance.

Arun Hasija

- Honored with the Elites Smart Government Excellence Award.
- Category: Smart e-Governance through Digital Infrastructure
- Reason: For IT-based e-governance improvement and digital work efficiency
- Post: CEO – Jaipur Smart City, Commissioner – Heritage Municipal Corporation

Vipra Goyal

- Awarded the Dr. B.M.L. Munjal Social Impact Award.
- Achievement Areas: Rain Water Conservation
- **Important Contributions:**
 - Kukas: 10 crore litres of groundwater recharge capacity, 200 acres irrigated
 - Chareda (Dausa): 30 crore litres recharge capacity, 312.5 acres irrigated

Nirmala Rawat

- Honours: Sahamaitreyi Medal, World Para Throw Ball Championships – Cambodia
- Post: President, World Para-Throw Ball Association
- Reason: Notable contribution to para sports

Jaipur Rugs

- Elle Deco International Design Awards was given.
- Jaipur Rugs is the only one from India to receive this international award.
- Category: Floor Coverings – Best Design
- Jaipur Rugs – India's leading carpet manufacturer

Diya Kumari

- Got a spot on the cover of Tycoon Global Magazine.
- On the cover page in the March 2025 issue
- Post: Deputy CM, Rajasthan
- Presentation Topic: Journey from Royal Heritage to Modern Reign

Roop Kumar Rathore

- Ustad Gulab Khan Achievement Award was given.
- Famous Bollywood Ghazal Singer
- Award: ₹1 lakh cash, shawl, shreephal, trophy, citation and safa

MoU for Financial Literacy

- Between Public Financial Management and Training Institute (PFMATI) and Centre for Investment Education & Learning (CIEL)
- Objective: To increase literacy among government officials on subjects such as financial discipline, investment, tax, audit etc.
- Benefits: Fostering transparent, efficient and informed financial governance.

RCDF and National Commission for Women – Agreement

- Date: 5 April 2025
- Objective: Empowerment of Women Milk Producers of Rajasthan
- Major Initiatives: Special training programmes, promotion of women-centric innovation

Vaibhav Suryavanshi

- Scored the fastest century in men's T20 cricket . (Age: 14 years) (35 balls)
- Team: Rajasthan Royals
- Venue: Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur
- Old record: Yusuf Pathan – century in 37 balls (2010, against Mumbai Indians)
- Note: Fastest century of IPL – Chris Gayle (30 balls)

Yashvir Singh

- Asian Athletics Championships selection in javelin throw
- Selection: Indian Team – Asian Athletics Championships (Venue: South Korea)
- Recent performance: Senior Federation Athletics Championships, Kochi – Silver medalist

Hridan Saraogi

- Junior Golf World Championships Qualified
- Selection Basis: Outstanding Performance in US Kids Golf India Tour
- Representation: India

Manini Kaushik

- Gold medal in shooting
- Competition: Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship, Delhi
- Event: 50m Rifle Prone (Women's)
- Sifat Kaur – Silver, Surbhi – Bronze
- Previous Achievement: Silver Medalist at Asian Games (China)

Rajasthan – 3 medals in Indian Open Relay Competition

- Location: Chandigarh
- Competition: 2nd Indian Open Relay Championship

Competition	Medal	Participant (Team Member)
4×100m Relay (Girls Category)	Silver	Kritika Rathod, Sonu Rawat, Poonam, Ankaar Chaudhary
4×100m Mixed Relay	Bronze	Harshika, Neetu Chaudhary, Nitesh, Dharmaraj Jakhar
4×100m Relay (Boys Category)	Bronze	Saurabh Tank, Gaurav Yadav, Rajkumar, Anant Winner

Ranjit Gurjar

- Won a bronze medal in the World Para Throwball.
- He is from the village Kaimri, District Karauli.

Fazal Ahmed

- Rajasthan Carrom Championship Winner
- Event: Singles Final
- Against: Ansar (Tonk)
- Score: 25-6, 25-11

7th Youth Men & Women National Boxing Championship (Greater Noida, UP)

- Men's Category (Team Gold): SSCB (Services Sports Control Board)
 - Medals: 6 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze
- Women's Category (Team Gold): Haryana
 - Medals: 3 gold, 5 silver

Team Rankings:

1. Haryana
2. Delhi
3. Rajasthan

68th National School Games – Boxing Competition (Delhi)

Team Rankings:

1. Delhi
2. Haryana
3. Rajasthan

Rajasthan Medal Winners:

- Sahil Chaudhary: 50 kg – Gold
- Aniraj Chaudhary: 38 kg – Silver
- Jayant Dhandhi: 36 kg – Silver
- Utkarsh Sharma: 42 kg – Bronze

Jaipur Open Classical FIDE Rated Chess Tournament (2nd Edition)

- Winner: Arun Kataria (Udaipur, Rajasthan)
- Best Women's Player: Vedika Pal (Rajasthan) – 6 points
- Senior Men's Player: GB Joshi (Delhi)
- Rajasthan's best player: Raj Kapoor

7th Youth Women's Boxing Championship – Noida (Uttar Pradesh)

- Rajasthan team medals: 5 medals (2 gold, 3 bronze)
- Team Rankings: 3rd position
- **Gold Medal Winners:**
 - Suman Kumari – 48 kg
 - Nisha – 54 kg
- **Bronze Medal Winners:**
 - Sannu Kumari – 51 kg
 - Anisha – 80 kg
 - Priyal – +80 kg
- Rajasthan Boxing Association President:- Dharendra Singh

Muskan Kothotya – Silver Medal in Taekwondo

- Competition: All India Open National Taekwondo Championships 2025 (WTCA)
- Location: Ahmedabad
- Category: 47kg

Lakshita – Bronze medal in Discus Throw

- Competition: South Asia Under-18 Athletics Championship
- Location: Saudi Arabia

All India Brahmaputra Open Squash Tournament – Guwahati

- Rajasthan's Avlokith Singh won the silver medal in the boys' under-19 category at the 5th All India Brahmaputra Open Squash Championship held in Guwahati on April 22.
- In the Boys' U-13 category, Dhairya Gogia won bronze.
- In the Girls' U-13 category, Rashi Chaudhary won bronze.

Under-20 National Wrestling Championship

- Venue: Kota (Rajasthan)
- In this, Haryana stood first with 16 gold medals.
- Apart from this, Delhi finished second with 6 gold medals and Uttar Pradesh with 3 gold medals.
- Rajasthan won 1 gold and 7 bronze medals.

National Youth Basketball Championship – Puducherry

- Edition: 40th National Youth Competition
- Date: 9–16 April 2025
- Basketball Federation of India and Puducherry
- **Rajasthan's performance:** Silver medal.
 - Men's Final: Loss to Tamil Nadu (85–96)
- Best Scorer: Armaan Matoria (Rajasthan)

MoU for Water Polo Cup

- Between Mayo College and the Swimming Federation of India.
- **Non-aggression pact:**
 - Organizing Under-21 Water Polo Cup for 3 years
 - Local & Technical Expenses: Mayo College
 - Teams' lodging expenses: Swimming Federation of India

Ojasvini Saraswati

- Won the 6th National title at Kensville Golf Course (Ahmedabad).
- Won all 5 national golf titles in the year 2024
 - IGU Maharashtra Ladies & Junior Girls Championship – Pune
 - IGU All India Ladies & Junior Girls Championship – Visakhapatnam
- **International Performance:**
 - US Kids World Championship 2024 (Pinehurst, North Carolina): 2nd place
 - Asian Junior Masters 2024 (Thailand): Title Winners

Vatsal Mehta

- Vatsal Mehta won the gold medal in weightlifting in the under 17 age group at the 68th School National Games organised by SGFI in Manipur.
- Vatsal lifted a total of 263 kg in the 81 kg weight category, including 115 kg in snatch and 148 kg in clean and jerk.

Cadet European Judo Cup 2025

- Two players from Rajasthan have been selected for the Cadet European Judo Cup to be held in Tbilisi, Georgia from 12-13 April 2025.
- Tania Rathore (40kg) and Babnoor Singh Brar (100kg) from Rajasthan represented India in the above category.
- Selection Criteria: 1st position in National Cadet Judo Competition at Pune in January 2025

Khelo India Women's National Ranking Archery Championship (2nd edition)

- Date: 18–19 April 2025
- Venue: Shooting Range, Jagatpura, Jaipur
- Organizers: Rajasthan Archery Association

Rajasthan Wushu Team won 9 medals

- Competition: Khelo India Women's League (Gandhinagar)
- Total Medals: 9 medals (1 gold, 3 silver, 5 bronze)
- Event: Wushu Federation of India & SAI

Medal Winners:

- **Gold Medal:** Almas Ali.
- **Silver medals:** Priyansha Chaudhary, Khushi Sharma, Sunita
- **Bronze medals:** Mittal, Payal Bhati, Chitrakshi Chauhan, Aaradhya, Himangi Negi.

Prakriti Sharma

- Selected in Cadet Fencing World Championship (China)
- Age Group: Under-17
- Location: China, April 2025

Mukesh Choudhary

- Won the gold medal in World Cup Wushu (China).
- Competition: 10th World Cup Wushu Competition
- Location: Jiangyan, China
- Category: 75 kg Weight Category

Aaradhya Mishra

- Under-10 Tennis Champion
- Competition: Pro Tennis Under-10 Championship
- Location: Jaipur
- Organizer: AITA & Professional Tennis Club
- Won his second consecutive Under-10 title.

Rajasthan Girls Handball Team won bronze medal

- Competition: 47th Junior National Girls Handball Championships
- Event: In Lucknow.
- Rajasthan and Maharashtra – Joint 3rd position
- In this, host Uttar Pradesh became the champion and Himachal secured second position.

Rajasthan Girls Kabaddi Team Wins Gold Medal

- Competition: 34th Sub-Junior National Girls Kabaddi Championship
- Location: Gaya, Bihar
- Beat Haryana in the final.

Rajasthan won 6 medals in judo

- Junior National Judo Championship (Dehradun)
- Medals Total: 6 medals (2 Silver + 4 Bronze)

Medal	Player	Category
Silver	Himanshi Vishnoi	Women – 44 kg
Silver	Yash Yadav	Men – 100 kg
Bronze	Balraj Singh	Men – 66 kg
Bronze	Aaradhya Chopra	Women – 90 kg
Bronze	Saajan	Men – 90 kg
Bronze	Vishnu Sharma	Men – 100 kg

Siddhant Jaiswal

- Bronze medal in National Equestrian Championship
- Competition: Senior National Equestrian Championship
- Venue: RVC Centre, Meerut
- Category: One Star Category

Rajasthan Gramin Bank – Newly Formed Banking Unit

- Start Date: 1 May 2025
- Merger: Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank, Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- Region: Whole of Rajasthan
- Branches: Total 1593 Branches
- Chairman: Mukesh Bhartia (appointed by SBI)

India's Largest Book

- Location: Shri Jinshasana Teerth Kshetra, Ajmer
- Book Dimensions: 36 feet long × 24 feet wide (18 pages)
- Topic: Biography of Jain Acharya Vidyanand Maharaj
- Recognition: Recorded in the World Book of Records

Country's first e-tax officer module – Rajasthan Commercial Tax Department

- System: Integrated Tax Management System (ITMS)
- Innovation: e-Tax Officer Module–only for SGST
- Benefits: Taxpayers will be able to communicate digitally with the merchant department and will facilitate information review and correction.

Constitution of Vedic Sanskar and Education Board

- Announcement Date: 16 April 2025
- Objective of the Board: To run the state-run Ved Vidyalayas, Ved Pathshalas and Gurukuls.
- Syllabus determination and conduct of examination system.
- Management of newly established Adarsh Veda Vidyalayas at division level
- First Chairperson: Prof. Ganeshi Lal Suthar
- Board Members (6): Prof. Rajendra Prasad Mishra, Dr. Kailash Chaturvedi, Prof. Narpat Singh Rathore, Naresh Chand Sharma, Bhawani Shankar Sharma and Prof. Hareshwar Chhipa

Constitution of State Level Cooperative Society

- Implementation of the activities of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025.
- President: Chief Minister.
- Member Convener of the Committee: Chief Secretary
- Objective: Implementation and coordination of cooperative activities in the state
- **Members (Minister level):** Minister of Agriculture and Horticulture, Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Minister of Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs, Minister of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Minister of Cooperatives, Minister of Urban Development and Self Government
- **Administrative Officer Member:** Additional Chief Secretary of Finance and Rural Development Department, Government Secretaries of various departments

State Level Steering Committee constituted for "Developed Rajasthan 2047"

- Chairman: Chief Secretary, Rajasthan
- Objective: To prepare a vision document for a developed Rajasthan by 2047, monitor the progress
- The 45 departments of the state have been classified into 14 major sectors.
- In the State Budget 2024-25, 10 resolutions were presented for "Developed Rajasthan".

State Cricket Steering Committee

- Formed by Rajasthan State Sports Council
- Objective: To monitor, conduct and guide cricket activities in the state.
- In this committee, former Rajasthan captain Rohit Jhalani, Vinod Mathur, Deepak Jain, Kuldeep Mathur, Gagan Khoda, Sanjay Vyas and Megha Gaur have been included.
- **Chairman of Rajasthan Sports Council:** Neeraj K. Pawan.

"Self-Empowerment Through Inner Awakening" National Dialogue

- Inauguration: Union Home Minister Amit Shah – 17 April 2025
- Location: Shantivan, Brahma Kumaris Headquarters, Abu Road (Sirohi)
- **Aim:**
 - To provide peace to the mind, soul and body of the security forces.
 - Dialogue Program for Inner Power and Balance

MLAs allowed to donate up to Rs 25 lakh to trusts/NGOs

- Under MLA Local Area Development Scheme (MLALAD).
- First Limit: Increased → ₹10 lakh: ₹25 lakh
- **Condition:**
 - The Institution/Trust will have to contribute 30% of its own share in the project
 - 70% assistance will be given from MLA fund
 - Annual Fund: MLAs get a total of ₹5 crore per annum

Creation of 'Senior Lecturer' post in Senior Secondary Schools

- Previous post ended: Vice Principal (created in 2022)
- New Post: Senior Lecturer
- Pay Level: Level-14
- Announcement: Order issued by the Department of Education

Increase in monthly allowances of local body heads

- Mayor: ₹33,396
- Municipal Council Chairman: ₹20,038
- Municipality Chairman: ₹12,524

Committee constituted for restructuring of administrative units

- Chairman: Former IAS Lalit Panwar
- Objective of the Committee: Restructuring of Revenue Units (Village, Sub-Tehsil, Tehsil)
- Tenure: 6 months
- **Member:** Principal Secretary (Revenue), Revenue Divisional Registrar, Ex-RAS Rajnarayan Sharma

'Jodhpur Jeera-1': Indigenous Variety of Cumin

- Rajasthan got indigenous cumin variety for the first time.
- Approval: By Central Seed Committee (CSC)
- Developer: Scientist from Jodhpur Agricultural University
- **Attributes:**
 - 22.7% higher production (compared to GC-4 variety)
 - Increased resistance to diseases such as Uktha and Kalia
 - High Yielding & Durable Variety

7 new posts created for town planning in DLB

- Jaipur: Seven new posts including Chief Town Planner have been temporarily created in the Self Government Department for planned development of urban bodies in Rajasthan.
- There will be one post each of Additional Chief

Town Planner, Deputy Town Planner and two posts each of Assistant Town Planner and Senior Drafter.

- These posts have been created for the period up to February 28, 2026.

'Run for Equality 6' – Race for de-addiction and equality

- Organizer: Ekta Navnirman Trust
- Objective: Anti-drug awareness, message of equality in society
- Category: 21 kilometers, 10 kilometers, 5 kilometers

World Health Summit (WHS) 2025

- Date: 25–27 April 2025
- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- Host Institutions: **NIMS University Rajasthan**, Ashoka University, Manipal Academy of Higher Education
- Key Theme: Increasing access to health equity

Cow-based Global Summit – Jaipur (30 May–2 June 2025)

- Theme: Promotion of Cow-Based Entrepreneurship, Organic Farming and Modern Animal Husbandry
- **Objective:** To financially empower cow shelters, cow rearers, and cow entrepreneurs.
- Partners: State Governments, Research Institutes, Scientists, Farmers and Startups

Highest per capita milk consumption in India: Rajasthan

- The average per person consumption per day in Rajasthan is 459 grams.

State-wise average milk consumption (per capita)

kingdom	Consumption (g/day)
Rajasthan	459
Punjab	427
haryana	400
Gujarat	375
Andhra Pradesh	350

- India's Global Contribution: Over 25% of Milk Production
- Total Production: 230.58 million tonnes (highest in the world)

Rajasthan 1st in Poshan Pakhwada 2025

- Campaign: Government of India's "Poshan Abhiyan"
- Objective: To make nutrition improvement a mass movement through public awareness.

Comparison of Performance of States:

Rank	State	Number of Districts	Total Entry
first	Rajasthan	33	1.18 crore
second	Chhattisgarh	33	1.09 crore
third	Maharashtra	36	67 Lakh

District Level Performance in Rajasthan:

Rank	District
First	Churu
Second	Sriganganagar
Third	Hanumangarh
Fourth	Tonk
Fifth	Bikaner

Rajasthan in Malaria Eradication: Category-1 State

- Announced By: Union Ministry of Health
- Category: "Category-1" at the national level

Hanumangarh district leads in family welfare

- In family welfare, Hanumangarh district ranks first in terms of the number of people who undergo sterilization after two children.
- In Hanumangarh district, 121% of the work has been done more than the set target.
- Jhalawar district is second with 118.7% and Baran is third with 112.2% target.

Rajasthan ranks 3rd in National Highway Network

- Maharashtra ranks first in terms of National Highway Network (18,462 km).
- Uttar Pradesh (12,123 km) is second and Rajasthan (10,733 km) is third.
- Uttar Pradesh ranks first and Rajasthan second in toll collection in the country.

Rajasthan first in the country in farmer registry

- Central Government Scheme: AgriStack Project
- Objective: Linking farmers' land with Aadhaar

and creating a unique farmer identity

- Progress in Rajasthan: 81.13% work completed
- Special Central Assistance (SCA) of ₹562 crore to the State
- Madhya Pradesh is second, Andhra Pradesh third, Maharashtra fourth and Gujarat fifth in farmer registration.
- Deedwana ranks first in Rajasthan in the Farmer Registry.
- Deedwana Kuchaman district of Rajasthan has achieved 104.25 percent, Nagaur 103.48 and Kotputli Behror 101.34 percent target respectively and secured first, second and third position respectively.
- Lowest Performance: Bikaner – 48.27%
- Each farmer will get an 11-digit unique ID number
- This ID will become the basis for land ownership, crop insurance, beneficiary identification etc

Rajasthan: Tourism Statistics – Year 2024 (As per Government Data)

Top 5 Foreign Tourist Cities		Top 5 Cities with Domestic Tourists	
2024		2024	
City	Tourists	City	Tourist
Jaipur	6, 23,534	Sikar	2,76,61,349
Udaipur	4, 83, 109	Chittorgarh	2,41,94,865
Jodhpur	2,07,490	Ajmer	2,25,89,808
Jaisalmer	1,61,884	Jaisalmer	2,24, 16, 810
Ajmer	1,01,321	Sawai Madhopur	1, 43,06,561

- 28.56% decline in Jaipur (Compared to 2023 – 2,49,353 tourist decrease)
- Foreign tourist arrivals in Udaipur increased by 126.52% and Jodhpur by 57.11%

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Supreme Court Decides on Legislative Process of Governor and President

- The Supreme Court laid down clear timelines under Article 200 while interpreting the decision on bills by the Governor 'as expeditiously'.
- If the Governor does not adhere to the time limit, a judicial review of his inaction will be possible.
- The court issued the direction in exercise of its prerogative under Article 142.
- It was clarified that the Governor does not have the power of an "absolute veto" or "pocket veto".
- If the bill sent for reconsideration is passed again without any change, then the Governor will have to give its assent to it.
- The Governor has to act on the advice of the State Council of Ministers and not at his discretion.

Time limit for decision on bills reserved by the President

- In the case of State of Tamil Nadu vs. Governor of Tamil Nadu (2023), the Supreme Court for the first time set a deadline of 3 months to the President under Article 201.
- It said the President cannot indefinitely defer a decision and use his full veto.
- They will have to make a decision in 3 months and if there is a delay, it will be mandatory to inform the state about the reasons for the same.

Caste census to be conducted in the country

- For the first time since Independence, a caste-based census will be conducted.
- On 30 April 2025, the Union Cabinet approved it.
- It will be conducted along with the original census, which was postponed in 2021 due to COVID-19.
- The Census Act 1948 provides for counting of only SC-STs; Amendments will be made for caste enumeration.
- In 2011, during the Manmohan Singh government, a socio-economic and caste survey was conducted, but the data was not made public.
- The first caste census was conducted in 1881 under British rule, which remained regular till 1931. The figures were not made public in 1941.

Tamil Nadu forms new committee on Centre-State relations

- On 15 April 2025, the Tamil Nadu government constituted a 3-member committee to review Centre-state relations.
- Chairman – Former Supreme Court Judge Kurian Joseph.
- Members – Former IAS officer Ashok Vardhan Shetty and former Deputy Chairman of State Planning Commission M. Naganathan.
- Earlier, in 1969, Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi had constituted the Rajamannar Committee on this subject.

Government of India's decision after Pahalgam terror attack

- On April 22, terrorists killed 28 tourists in Pahalgam, Kashmir.
- The Resistance Front (TRF) claimed responsibility for the attack; This organization is associated with Lashkar-e-Taiba.
- On 23rd April 2025, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) took 5 important decisions:

5 Major Decisions of Government of India:

1. The Indus Water Treaty (1960) was temporarily suspended.
2. All visas under the SAARC Visa Waiver Scheme (SVES) suspended.
3. Defence and military advisors were expelled from the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi.
4. Reduction of staff strength in High Commissions from 55 to 30 (Effective Date – 1st May 2025).
5. The Attari check post was closed.

Supreme Court orders on child trafficking cases

- Directs to complete trial of all cases related to child trafficking within 6 months.
- Directions: Justice J.B. Released by a bench of Justices R. P. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan.
- All High Courts were asked to order speedy trials of their subordinate courts.
- Warning of contempt action on disobedience of order (under Articles 129 and 215).

First state to implement Scheduled Caste sub-categorisation

- Telangana became the first state in India to implement SC sub-categorization.
- On 14 April 2025, the 'Telangana Scheduled Castes (Rationalisation of Reservation) Act, 2025' came into force.

- The Act was passed by the Assembly on 18th March 2025 and received the assent of the Governor on 8th April 2025.
- The basis of the decision is the Supreme Court's 1 August 2024 judgment, which allowed for SC sub-categorisation.
- The 15% reservation is divided into 59 sub-castes and classified into three groups.
- Basis of Classification: Population, Literacy, Employment, Education, Financial Aid, Political Participation.

India's First International Quantum Strategy – ITES-Q (2025)

- The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser released the ITES-Q (International Quantum Tech Engagement Strategy) on 14th April 2025.
- The policy was published on the occasion of World Quantum Day and IQST (International Year of Quantum Science and Technology 2025 (UN declared year).
- It is India's first international strategy that focuses on quantum science, technology and innovation.
- The strategy aims to boost India's National Quantum Mission (NQM) with global collaboration.
- **Objective:** To promote research and innovation, to adopt quantum techniques in key areas, to strengthen quantum security for strategic independence.

Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 comes into force

- Effective Date: Effective 8 April 2025.
- Lok Sabha passed: April 3 (288 in favour, 232 in opposition).
- Passed in Rajya Sabha: April 4 (128 in favour, 95 against).
- Objective: To increase transparency, protect Waqf properties, and improve governance.

Key Provisions:

- The Waqf Board will no longer be able to make arbitrary claims on any property.
- Court challenge in disputed cases possible.
- Only a person who has been following the religion of Islam for the last 5 years will be able to waqf the property.
- Properties in tribal areas will not be declared waqf.
- It is mandatory to appoint non-Muslim members and two women members in the Waqf Board.
- Verification mandatory before declaring property waqf.
- The District Collector will conduct a survey and determine the ownership of the Waqf property.
- Representation of all sections (Pasmandas, backward Muslims, women) in the decision-making process.
- Contribution from Waqf institutions reduced from 7% to 5%.
- Audit of institutions with income of more than ₹ 1 lakh mandatory.

Tribhuvan Co-operative University Bill 2025

- Parliament has passed the Tribhuvan Cooperative University Bill 2025.
- It aims to set up the country's first co-operative central university at Anand in Gujarat.
- This university will cater to the needs of education and training of the cooperative sector.
- The Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), which was established in 1979 at Anand, will now be named Tribhuvan Cooperative University.

3. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) – 2025

- Launched: 2025, by Government of India
- **Aim:**
 - To ensure the supply of minerals required for technologies such as solar energy, wind energy, EV, batteries etc.
 - Promoting domestic mineral exploration
 - Reducing dependence on imports
- **Operations:** By the Geological Survey of India (GSI), in coordination with the Ministry of Mines
- The expert committee formed in 2022 made a list of 30 important minerals.
- Out of these, 24 minerals were added to Schedule-I (Part D) of the MMDR Act, 1957.
- Major minerals: Lithium, cobalt, REEs, nickel, tungsten, tellurium, silicon etc.

India's First Indigenous Macro-Language Model (LLM)

- Developer: Sarvam AI, Bengaluru-based startup
- Timeframe: Build the model in 6 months
- **Attributes:**
 - Entirely built in India, with Indian engineering and infrastructure
 - Based on data from several Indian languages and cultures
 - Capable of voice-based tasks and logical analysis
 - The model will evolve along the lines of GPT-3, GPT-4 and Meta's LLaMA
- **Macro Language Model (LLM):** It is an artificial intelligence-based system that is capable of understanding, analyzing, and generating language.

India AI Mission

- Start: March 7, 2024
- Duration: 2024–2029 (5 years)
- Total Budget: ₹10,300 crore
- **Objective:** To promote AI research and innovation in India, develop indigenous AI solutions.

Urban River Rejuvenation – Action Plan 2025

- Announcement: 25 April 2025, by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).
- Initiatives: Under the River Cities Alliance (RCA)
- Associated Ministries: Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- Goal: Strengthen river rejuvenation in urban planning
- So far, 145 cities have joined the RCA.

Key Focus Areas:

1. Training of River-Sensitive Master Planning (RSMP)
2. Formulation of Urban River Management Plans (URMPs)
3. Development of technical tools, case studies, expert guidance and knowledge sharing platform

Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme of India (GHCI) – 2025

- Launched: 29 April 2025, New Delhi
- Implementing Agency: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- Nodal Agency: Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
- Objective: To establish a certification framework for green hydrogen production in India
- **Main goal:** Transparency, confirmation of source, trust in the market and ensuring quality.
- Support: The scheme is operated under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

Rapido-Ministry of Labour Agreement (MoU) – 2025

- Date: 29 April 2025
- Partnership: Ministry of Labour & Employment and Rapido
- Medium: National Career Service Portal (NCS)
- **Aim:**
 - Creating 50 lakh livelihood opportunities in 1-2 years
 - 5 Lakh Opportunities Reserved for Women, thereby Promoting Women Participation in Logistics Sector

National Zero Measles-Rubella Eradication Campaign – 2025-26

- Launched: 24 April 2025, by Government of India
- Target: To make India measles and rubella free by 2026
- Partnerships: State Governments and Health Organizations
- **Vaccination age groups:** 9–12 months and 16–24 months old.
- Dosage Provided: Two Free Doses
- **January-March 2025 data:** No measles cases in 332 districts, no cases of rubella in 487 districts.
- Achievement: In the year 2024, the Ministry of Health received the 'Measles-Rubella Champion Award'.

India's Smartphone Exports in FY 2024-25

- Smartphone exports worth over ₹2 lakh crore. (Highest level ever)

- Increase over the previous year: 54%.
- **Major Contribution:** Apple's iPhone supply chain accounted for 70% of total exports .

US becomes India's largest trading partner

- In FY 2024-25, the United States has become India's top trading partner for the fourth time in a row.

Top 3 Trading Partners of India

Rank	Country	Bilateral Trade in 2024-25 (in US Dollars)
1.	United States (USA)	\$131.84 billion
2.	China	\$127.7 billion
3.	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	\$100.5 billion

India's Top Export Destinations (FY 2024-25)

Rank	Country	Export Value (in billion dollars)	Growth Rate (%)
1	America	86.5	11.59%
2	United Arab Emirates	36.6	2.84%
3	Netherlands	22.7	1.75%
4	United Kingdom	14.5	12%

India's Top Import Sources (FY 2024-25)

Rank	Country	Import Value (in billion dollars)	Growth Rate (%)
1	China	113.45	11.52%
2	Russia	63.8	4.39%
3	United Arab Emirates	63.4	32%
4	America	45.3	7.44%

- India's trade deficit with China increased by 17% to USD 99.2 billion.

Consolidation of Regional Rural Banks (Notification issued on 8th April 2025)

- The central government announced the integration of 15 RRBs in 11 states.
- From 1st May 2025, each state will have only one Regional Rural Bank.
- The number of RRBs will be reduced from 43 to 28.
- This step has been taken under the 'One State – One RRB' policy to make the banking system more efficient and simple.

Rajasthan:

- Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank will be merged with Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank to form Rajasthan Gramin Bank.

- Headquarters: Jaipur, Sponsor: State Bank of India.

RBI's Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Review (7-9 April 2025)

- Chairperson: RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
- New decision: Repo rate cut by 0.25%, now new repo rate – 6%
- The repo rate was reduced for the second time in a row

Current Key Rates:

Type of Rate	New Rate (%)
Policy Repo Rate	6.00
Reverse Repo Rate	3.25
Standard Deposit Facility (SDF)	5.75
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)	6.25
Bank Rate	6.25
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4.00
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18.00

India's Defence Exports – FY 2024-25

- India's defence exports reached ₹23,622 crore in FY 2024-25, an increase of 12.04% over the previous year (FY 2023-24: ₹21,083 crore).
- The government has set a target to take it to ₹50,000 crore by 2029.
- This year the exports of DPSUs increased by 42.85% and the total contribution was as follows:
 - Private Sector: ₹15,233 crore
 - DPSU: ₹8,389 crore

4,991 villages declared as model villages under PM-AJAY

- In the financial year 2024-25, 4,991 villages were declared model villages under the PM-AJAY scheme.
- This centrally sponsored scheme was launched in 2021-22 for the socio-economic development of Scheduled Caste communities.
- The plan consists of three major components:
 - Adarsh Gram Vikas
 - Grants for State/District Level Projects
 - Hostel Facility
- The former Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (2009-10) was subsumed in PM-AJAY in the year 2021-22.
- Villages with more than 40% Scheduled Caste population and 500 or more total population are eligible.

Vibrant Village Programme-II approved

- On 4th April 2025, the Union Cabinet approved the Vibrant Villages Programme-II.

- The duration of the scheme will be from 2024-25 to 2028-29 and its budget is ₹6,839 crore.
- It is 100% funded by the Central Government and will be implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The scheme is complementary to the Vibrant Villages Programme-I (2023).
- It covers 17 States/UTs: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.

4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

New continent discovered in Davis Strait

- Discoverer: Scientists from Sweden and Canada
- Location: Davis Strait located between Greenland and Canada
- Name: **Davis Strait Proto-Microcontinent**
- **Key features:**
 - About 19 km thick
 - Semi-divided
 - Submerged microcontinent in the ocean
- **Geological Significance:** Helpful in understanding the plate tectonics and geological evolution of the North Atlantic region.
- This plot was formed at the time of the dissolution of Pangaea in the Mesozoic era (145–66 million years ago).

President Droupadi Murmu's Foreign Visit (April 2025)

1. Visit to Portugal (7-8 April 2025):

- President Droupadi Murmu embarked on an official visit to Portugal.
- She became the second Indian President to visit Portugal (First visit: President K.R. Narayanan, 1998).
- The city of Lisbon awarded him the "Key of Honor" honors and honorary citizenship. It is the city's highest honor.

2. Visit to Slovakia (9-10 April 2025):

- This was the first visit by an Indian President to Slovakia in 29 years.
- Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, Slovakia, awarded him an honorary doctorate, 'Honoris Causa'.

Mauritius First African Country to Sign ISA Country Partnership Framework

- Signatories: Mauritius and International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- The first country in Africa to sign the CPF.
- Fourth country at the global level (previously: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cuba)
- Objective: To strengthen ISA-Mauritius cooperation in the solar energy sector.
- CPF: The long-term strategic document developed by the ISA, which sets out the goals and direction of the energy partnership.

World's first 3D-printed railway station – Japan

- Location: Hatsushima Station, Arida City, Wakayama Prefecture (Japan)

- Construction Organization: JR West (West Japan Railway Company)
- **Fabrication technology:** 3D printed, prefabricated components, developed by Serendix company
- Build time: less than 6 hours

India's assistance to Persons with Disabilities in Sierra Leone

- Aid amount: USD 990,000
- **Objective:** To promote economic self-reliance of rural Persons with Disabilities, empowerment through training and resources.
- Sponsor: India-United Nations Development Partnership Fund.
- Implementation Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Project Title: "Enabling Economic Self-Sufficiency for Specially-Abled Individuals in Sierra Leone".

Liberal Party wins election in Canada

- Liberal Party leader Mark Carney will become the new Prime Minister of Canada.
- This will be the Liberal Party's fourth consecutive government in Canada.
- In the recently concluded general elections, the party won 169 out of 343 seats, just three short of the 172 seats required for a majority.
- The main opposition Conservative Party could win only 144 seats. Its leader, Pierre Polivar, lost his seat.

India-Nepal Transmission Agreement (2025)

- Date: 22 April 2025
- Partnership: Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between PGCIL (India) and NEA (Nepal)
- **Objective:** To ensure uninterrupted transmission of electricity from Nepal to India, promote cross-border infrastructure development.
- Two joint venture companies will be set up in both countries.
- The agreement will give impetus to India-Nepal energy cooperation.

UNESCO declares 16 new global geoparks

- Announcement: 17 April 2025
- There are now 229 Global Geoparks located in 50 countries.
- Total area: about 8,55,000 sq km (equivalent to Namibia)

- Location: Asia, Europe, Africa, Latin America
- **Attributes:**
 - Volcanoes, ancient rocks, mountains, fossil sites, desert areas
 - Recognition for unique geological heritage

PM Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia

- Date: 22–23 April 2025
- **Major Events:**
 - Second meeting of India-Saudi Strategic Partnership Council
 - Establishment: During Modi's visit of 2019
 - Host: Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman
 - There will now be two new committees, a total of four committees in this council.

New Committees	Already active committees
Ministerial Committee on Defence Cooperation	Political, Consumer and Security Cooperation Committee
Committee on Tourism and Cultural Cooperation	Committee on Economy, Energy, Investment and Technology

Signing of 4 Major Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)

- Cooperation in the Space Sector – between the Space Agencies of the two countries.
- Collaboration in health services.
- Anti-Doping Cooperation – Between India's NADA and Saudi Anti-Doping Agency.
- Cooperation in Postal Services – For Inward Surface Parcel Services.
- **Note:** The Prime Minister ended the visit midway after the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 and returned to India.

Project Cheetah: 8 new cheetahs to be brought to India from Botswana

- Transfer country: From Botswana
- Destination: Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary, Mandasaur, Madhya Pradesh
- Area Development: 8,900 hectare area developed
- Implementing Agency: National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
- **Proce:**
 - Transfer in two phases
 - 4 Cheetahs in the first phase in May 2025

Background of Project Cheetah:

- Launch: 17th September 2022, by PM Modi

- Location: Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh
- Speciality: World's First Cheetah Restoration Project
- Goal: Translocation of 50 cheetahs in 5 years
- Conducted: Union Ministry of Environment & NTCA

Visit of US Vice President J.D. Vance to India (2025)

- Dates: 21–24 April 2025
- **Key Activities:**
 - Meeting with PM Modi – 21st April, New Delhi
 - He was accompanied by his Indian-origin wife Usha Vance and children.
 - April 22: Visit to Amer Fort in Jaipur.
 - Address at Business Seminar at RIC, Jaipur.
 - Visit to Taj Mahal (Agra) too.

International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) Agreement

- Date: 17 April 2025
- IBCA's Headquarters and Secretariat to be established in India
- Government of India's Contribution:
 - ₹150 crore from 2023–24 to 2028–29
 - Fund Creation & Infrastructure
- **Objective:** To take global leadership in the conservation of big cat species (e.g. tiger, lion, cheetah, leopard etc.).

UAE Gets Chairmanship of Interpol Governance Committee (2025)

- Election Date: 11 April 2025
- Location: Interpol Headquarters, Lyon, France
- Newly appointed President: Lieutenant Colonel Dana Humaid Al Marzouqi (UAE)
- He received 67% of the votes from Interpol member countries.
- The UAE assumed the chairmanship of the Interpol Governance Committee, which plays a key role in the organization's administrative oversight and policymaking.

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla addressed the 150th meeting of IPU (Tashkent, Uzbekistan).
- It is a global organization of parliaments that promotes parliamentary diplomacy, democracy, peace and sustainable development.
- Founded: 1889
- Members: 182 full-time + 15 associate members
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Brazil's Global Climate Council Resolution (before COP30)

- Proposal: Establishment of a Global Climate Change Council
- Objective: Expedient implementation of the decisions of COP meetings and coordination of climate action
- Reference: UN COP30 Conference, November 2025, Belem, Northern Brazil
- Structure: Proposed body under the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)

India elected member of ISAR (UNCTAD)

- Selection: India was elected a member of the United Nations' ISAR (Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting).
- Tenure: 2025 to 2027
- Organization: ISAR operates under UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development).
- Objective: To promote global accounting standards, bring financial stability and transparency in investments.

Visit of the Crown Prince of Dubai to India (8–9 April 2025)

- Person: Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed (Crown Prince, UAE)
- First official visit to India.

Key announcements and agreements:

- IIM Ahmedabad's overseas campus in Dubai (Launched: September 2025)
- IIFT's International Centre at India Pavilion in Dubai
- Ship Repair Facility between Cochin Shipyard and Drydocks World (UAE) (Kerala & Gujarat)
- India-UAE Friendship Hospital (100-bed) in Dubai
- India Mart: Built by UAE's DP World – Global Connectivity for Indian Business

Hungary announces withdrawal from International Criminal Court (ICC)

- Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban announced on 3 April 2025 that his country had separated from the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- He took this decision, calling it a "political weapon".
- The announcement came during the official visit of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, against whom the ICC has issued an arrest warrant for war crimes in Gaza.

6th BIMSTEC Summit 2025

- On 4 April 2025, the 6th BIMSTEC Summit was held in Bangkok.
- The theme of the conference was: "BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open".
- It was presided over by Thailand's Prime Minister Patongtarn Shinawatra.
- Leaders of India, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Thailand participated.
- The Bangkok Vision 2030 was approved and the next chairmanship of BIMSTEC was entrusted to Bangladesh.

Highlights of Prime Minister Modi's address:

- Centres of excellence will be set up in India for disaster management, traditional medicine, sustainable maritime transport and agricultural research.
- Proposal to establish BIMSTEC Chamber of Commerce and Annual BIMSTEC Business Summit in India.
- Launch of BIMSTEC Energy Centre in Bengaluru and announcement of a Human Resource Programme named "Bodhi".

Visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Thailand (3–4 April 2025)

- PM Modi held bilateral talks with the Thai PM.
- The two countries signed 6 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) related to digital technology, MSME, handloom, IT and maritime heritage.
- It was also agreed to cooperate in the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal in Gujarat.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Sri Lanka

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid an official visit to Sri Lanka from 4 to 6 April 2025.
- In Colombo, the two leaders discussed enhancing cooperation in areas such as defense, energy, trade and connectivity.
- Several bilateral agreements, including in the defence and energy sectors, were signed in the presence of the Prime Minister.
- The two countries also virtually laid the foundation stone of the Sampur Solar Power Project.
- On 5 April 2025, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the 'Mitra Vibhushan', the country's highest state honour**, by the Sri Lankan government in Colombo.
- This honor is given only to foreign heads of state/government.

5. SPACE & DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY

Space Technology

Shubhanshu Shukla to leave for ISS under Axiom-4 Mission

- Date: 29 May 2025
- The first Indians to reach the ISS
- He will be the second Indian astronaut after Rakesh Sharma (1984).
- Mission Operations: Axiom Space Inc (US)
- Launch vehicle: SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket, capsule: Crew Dragon
- Duration: 14 days – Scientific experiments and research focused.
- Backup passenger: Group Captain Prashanth Balakrishnan Nair (India)

Crew:

1. Peggy Whitson – Mission Commander (Former NASA Astronaut)
2. Slawoz Uznanski-Wisniewski – Poland
3. Tibor Kapuas – Hungary
4. Shubhanshu Shukla – India

Project Kuiper – Amazon's Broadband Satellite Mission

- Launch Date: April 28, 2025, Cape Canaveral, Florida
- Launch Vehicle: Atlas V rocket (by ULA)
- **Goal:** High-speed internet in remote areas.
- Deployment of 3,236 satellites in LEO (Low Earth Orbit).
- Competition: Will challenge SpaceX's Starlink.
- First Phase: Successful launch of the first 27 satellites.

NASA's Quantum Gravity Sensor – QGGPF

- Name: Quantum Gravity Gradiometer Pathfinder (QGGPF)
- Developed by: NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)
- Collaboration: With private companies and educational institutions
- Sponsorship: NASA's Earth Science Technology Office (ESTO)
- **Key features:**
 - Use of Rubidium Atoms, Extreme Cooling & Quantum Interferometry Techniques
 - 10 times more sensitive than conventional sensors
- **Usage:** Gravity Mapping, Climate Change, Water Resources Management, Seismic Monitoring, Geophysical Structure Analysis.

NISAR Satellite Mission (NISAR)

- Full Name: NASA–ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar
- Launch: June 2025
- Developer: Joint mission of NASA and ISRO
- **Key Feature:**
 - World's first dual-frequency SAR satellite
 - Monitoring of subtle and slow changes on the Earth's surface
- **NASA's contribution:** L-band radar, GPS system, data collection system, reflector antenna.
- **ISRO's contribution:** S-band radar, GSLV launch vehicle, spacecraft.

54th country to join Artemis Treaty

- **Bangladesh** became the 54th country.
- It became the second South Asian country after India (27th).
 - India signed on: 21 June 2023
- **Artemis Agreement:**
 - Founded: 13 October 2020, in collaboration with NASA and the US Department of State.
 - Objective: To promote exploration, cooperation and peace-based activities in the Moon and deep space.

Indigenous Nozzle Divergent by ISRO (2025)

- Date: 18 April 2025
- Engine Part: Useful for the fourth stage of PSLV.
- Material: Satellite alloy – this is cheap and efficient alternative to imported columbium (C-103).
- **Attributes:**
 - Able to withstand 1100°C+ temperatures.
 - Thrust production and direction control.
 - Up to 90% more affordable.
 - Rockets play an important role in stability and guidance.

Blue Origin's NS-31 space flight

- **Launch:** 14 April 2025
- Company Name: Blue Origin (American company owned by Jeff Bezos)
- Mission Name: New Shepard - NS-31
- Launch Point: Western Texas, US
- **Speciality:**
 - An all-female space crew of six women.
 - The rocket carried across the Kerman Line 100 kilometers above the Earth's surface.
 - This is the first such mission since the flight of Valentina Tereshkova in 1963, in which only women went into space.

Women involved in the mission:

1. Katy Perry – American singer
2. Gail King – Television Anchor
3. Kerianne Flynn – Filmmaker
4. Aisha Bowe – Former NASA aerospace engineer
5. Amanda Nguyen - Social activist and founder of the Campaign Against Sexual Violence
6. Lauren Sanchez – Former journalist

SpaceX's Fram2 Mission launch

- On March 31, 2025, SpaceX launched the Fram2 mission via Crew Dragon Resilience (Falcon 9).
- It is the first human space mission to go into Earth's polar orbit, in which four civilian astronauts participated.
- The mission focused on a 3- to 5-day voyage in a 90-degree polar orbit at an altitude of 267 miles.
- The mission aims to advance human space research and includes 22 scientific experiments, including X-ray testing and growing mushrooms in microgravity.

Mission Crew:

- Chun Wang – Maltese Crypto Entrepreneur
- Janike Mikkelsen – Norwegian film director
- Rabia Roge – German robotics researcher
- Eric Phillips – Australian polar explorer

Biomass Satellite Mission (ESA, April 2025)

- Launch Agency: European Space Agency (ESA)
- Rocket: Vega-C
- Programme: Seventh Series of Earth Exploration Satellite Mission (under Climate and Earth System Programme)

Key Objectives:

- Monitoring the biomass content of forests and the carbon cycle with the help of radar from space.
- 3D mapping of global forests and the study of changes over time.
- **Highlights:**
 - Use of P-Band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) (70 cm wavelength)
 - Giant radar antenna for scanning forest canopy and ground biomass composition
 - Monitoring of carbon emissions/absorption; Understanding the Climate Feedback Loop
 - Monitoring of tropical and boreal forests, snow caps and terrain
 - Sun-synchronous orbit (altitude: 666 km) – measurements possible in still light

Defence Technology

Russia launches nuclear submarine "Perm"

- Russia launched the new nuclear-powered submarine "Perm" of the Yasen-M class, equipped with the Zircon hypersonic cruise missile.
- Launch location: Severodvinsk, Russia (Sevmash Shipyard)
- Expected date of joining service: Year 2026 (in Pacific Fleet)
- The submarine will be multi-role and capable of striking land and sea targets.

China successfully tests non-nuclear hydrogen bomb

- China has developed a hydrogen bomb device that generates powerful explosions without nuclear material.
- The bomb is based on chemical reactions and does not use nuclear fission/fusion like conventional nuclear bombs.
- It uses magnesium hydride (MgH₂), which releases hydrogen gas through thermal decomposition.
- Extreme temperature fireballs are produced by the reaction of hydrogen and atmospheric oxygen.
- **Attributes:**
 - Weight: 2 Kilograms
 - Temperature: More than 1000°C (more than TNT explosion)
 - It can fit into small arms systems (such as missile warheads).

India-France Rafale marine deal

- The agreement was signed on 28 April 2025 in New Delhi.
- Under this, India will buy 26 Rafale Marine (Rafale-M) aircraft from France.
 - 22 Single Seater Fighter Aircraft
 - 4 Double Seater Trainer Aircraft
- It can be equipped with state-of-the-art weapons including nuclear strike capability.
- About Rs 63,000 crore (the biggest defence deal ever from France)
- Supplies to India: From 2028-29 to 2031-32.
- Deployment Sites: INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant
- Manufacturer: Dassault Aviation (France)
- **Technical Features:**
 - Maximum speed: 2205 km/h
 - Maximum Altitude: 52,000 feet
 - Range of attack: 3700 km

- Fuel Capacity: 11,202kg
- Weight: 15,000kg
- Length: 50.1 feet
- **Special Abilities:**
 - Anti-ship missiles, capable of air-to-air and air-to-ground attacks
 - Anti-submarine radar system
 - Flight recording system of up to 10 hours

Successful test firing of 'Gaurav' glide bomb by DRDO (8-10 April 2025)

- Test site: Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter aircraft
- Bomb Type: Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB)
- Range: About 100 kilometers
- Accuracy: Hits the target with a high degree of accuracy
- Warhead combination: Tested with different types of warheads; The island-based land target was also targeted.
- **Developer units:**
 - DRDO 's Research Centre building at Chandipur
 - Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE)
- **Industry Partnerships:** Adani Defence, Bharat Forge, and MSMEs development-production partners.

Successful Long Term Test of Scramjet Combustor by DRDO (25th April 2025)

- Test site: Scramjet Connect Test Facility, Hyderabad
- **Technique:** Scramjet subscale combustion, actively cooled design.
- **Importance:**
 - A milestone for India's hypersonic cruise missile programme.
 - Big progress compared to the previous test (January 2025 – 120 seconds)
 - Performance time: more than 1000 seconds
- **Attributes:**
 - The scramjet engine is an airborne propulsion system.
 - It is used in hypersonic cruise missiles with Mach 5+ (more than 6100 km/h) speeds
 - It has no moving parts and maintains supersonic combustion

Google's new chip: Ironwood TPU

- Generation: It is Google's seventh-generation Tensor Processing Unit (TPU).
- Type: Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC)
- ASICs are chips that are designed for specific

tasks, such as AI and machine learning.

- **Objective:** To make AI models run faster.
- It functions like the processing unit of the computer, which is considered the "brain" of the computer.

India successfully test-fires laser-based weapon system

- India demonstrated a 30 kilowatt laser-based Directed Energy Weapon (DEW) system for the first time.
- India became the fourth country to do so. (After the US, Russia and China)
- Developer: DRDO unit CHES, Hyderabad
- Test site: Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- System used: Vehicle-mounted DEW MK-II(A)
- **Specialty:** Capable of disabling fixed-wing aircraft, missiles, and swarm drones.

Meta launches LLaMA-4 model series

- Announcement Date: 6 April 2025
- Company: Meta (formerly Facebook)
- **मॉडल सीरीज़:** LLaMA-4 (Large Language Model Suite)
- **Major Models:**
 - Scout: The most capable multimodal model (text, image, audio processing)
 - Maverick: state-of-the-art AI assistant, said to be better than GPT-4o and Gemini 2.0
 - Behemoth: The Most Powerful AI "Teacher Model" – Other Models to Train
- Availability: Scout and Maverick are available free of charge on Meta's website.

Exercises

Exercise 'Aakraman'

- Organizer: Indian Air Force.
- Reason: After the Pahalgam terror attack
- Partnership: Eastern, Western and Central Air Force Commands
- Objective: Evaluate the quick response capability in various combat scenarios

Exercise Desert Flag-10

- The Indian Air Force participated in the multinational Air Force Exercise Desert Flag-10.
- It took place in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from April 21 to May 8, 2025.
- The Desert Flag is organised by the UAE Air Force.

Operation Atlanta

- Recently the European Union Naval Forces (EUNAVFOR) has proposed to the Indian Navy to conduct a joint naval exercise.
- The exercise is proposed to be conducted in late May 2025, under 'Operation Atlanta' in the Western Indian Ocean and Red Sea region.

India-Africa Maritime Partnership Exercise (IAMEX) – 2025

- Host Country: Tanzania
- Period: 13–18 April 2025
- **Phases:**
 - Harbour Phase (13–15 April): Table Top Exercises, Command Post Exercises
 - Sea Phase (16–18 April): Maritime Security Exercise

Dustlik-2025

- India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise.
- Version: Sixth

- From 16–28 April 2025 at Aundh, Pune (Foreign Training Node of the Indian Army).

Tiger Triumph Exercise 2025

- The tri-service humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise is a partnership between India and the US.
- Its fourth edition was held in Visakhapatnam from 1 to 13 April 2025.

Indra-2025

- The bilateral naval exercise INDRA-2025 between India and Russia was conducted from 28 March to 2 April 2025.
- **Two phases of the exercise:**
 - Harbour Phase (Chennai): Exchange of Experts, Ship Tour, Sports
 - Sea Phase (Bay of Bengal): Tactical Manoeuvres, Air Defence Operations, Helicopter Landing, etc.

6. SPORTS

Mohun Bagan Super Giants – ISL 2024–25 Champions

- Final: 12 April 2025 in Kolkata.
- Winner: Mohun Bagan Super Giants. (Beat Bengaluru FC 2–1)
- This was the team's second ISL title (the first being ATK Mohun Bagan in 2022–23)
- Became the second team to win the ISL Winners' Shield and title together in 2024–25.
- ISL 2024–25 Award Winners:**
 - Golden Boot: Alaaeddine Ajarai (North East United FC) – 23 goals
 - Golden Glove: Vishal Kaith (Mohun Bagan Super Giants)
 - Golden Ball: Alaaeddine Ajarai
 - Emerging Players: Brison Fernandes (FC Goa)

Cricket included in Los Angeles Olympics 2028

- Announcement Date: 9 April 2025, by IOC
- Format: T20 cricket in both men's and women's categories
- Team number: 6–6 teams in each class
- History: Return of cricket for the first time since the 1900 Paris Olympics (after 128 years)

2nd Asian Yogasana Sports Championship 2025

- Events: 25–27 April 2025
- Venue: Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi
- Organizer: Yogasana India, in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- India's performance:** Total 87 medals (83 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze)

Medal tally (top 5 countries)

Position	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medals
1	India	83	3	1	87
2	Japan	3	3	4	10
3	Mongolia	1	11	6	18
4	Oman	1	3	7	11
5	Nepal	0	27	12	39

Manush Shah and Diya Chitale won mixed doubles title at WTT Contender Tunis 2025

- Indian table tennis players Manush Shah and Diya Chitale won the mixed doubles title at the WTT Contender Tunis 2025.
- This is the second Indian pair to win the title in this competition.

- Note:** Manika Batra and Sathiyan Gnanasekaran won the mixed doubles title at the WTT Contender Budapest in 2021.
- In the final of the competition held in Tunis from 22–27 April 2025, they defeated the Japanese pair of Sora Matsushima and Miwa Harimoto.

Joshua Cheptegei and Sarah Chelangat win TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2025 title

- The TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2025 was held on 27 April 2025 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The race was part of the World Athletics Label Road Race series.
- This was the 17th edition of the competition.

Winner

International Elite	Indian Elite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Category: Joshua Cheptegei (Uganda) Women's category: Sarah Chelangat (Uganda) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Category: Abhishek Pal Women's Category: Sanjeevani Jadhav

Brazil to host FIFA Women's World Cup 2027

- Tournament Edition: 10th
- For the first time, a South American country hosted the FIFA Women's World Cup.
- Brazil previously hosted the men's FIFA World Cup in 1950 and 2014.
- 2023 edition: Hosted by Australia-New Zealand, Spain had won the title by defeating England.

Rohit Sharma – Completes 12,000 runs in T20 cricket

- Team: Mumbai Indians
- Position in India: Second batsman after Virat Kohli.
- Ranked globally: Eighth player
- Most runs in T20: Chris Gayle – 14,562 runs (463 matches)

Koneru Humpy

- Pune FIDE Women's Grand Prix Winner (2025)
- Final win: Against Bulgarian player Nargyul Salimova
- 2nd place: Zhu Jiner (China) – 7/9 points, trailing in tiebreak scores
- 3rd Place: India's Divya Deshmukh (IM)

Oscar Piastri

- Saudi Arabia became the Grand Prix 2025 winner.

- Event: 20 April 2025 at the Jeddah Corniche Circuit.
- 2nd place: Max Verstappen (Red Bull)
- 3rd place: Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)

ISSF World Cup Lima 2025 (April 13–22, Peru)

- Second World Cup of the 2025 ISSF calendar
- India's performance: Total 7 medals (2 gold, 4 silver, 1 bronze)
- India's rank: 3rd, after China and the US

India's Medal Winners

Gold Medal (2)

1. Suruchi Singh – Women's 10m Air Pistol
2. Saurabh Chaudhary and Suruchi Singh – 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team

Silver Medal (4)

1. Manu Bhaker – Women's 10m Air Pistol
2. Arjun Babuta – Men's 10m Air Rifle
3. Simranpreet Kaur Brar – Women's 25m Pistol (First World Cup medal)
4. Rudranksh Patil and Arya Borse – 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team

Bronze Medal (1)

1. Saurabh Chaudhary – Men's 10m Air Pistol

Position	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	4	3	6	13
2	USA	4	2	1	7
3	India	2	4	1	7

Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2025

- India's Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana have been awarded the Wisden Cricketers of the Year for the year 2025.
- **Jasprit Bumrah**
 - Wisden Cricketer of the Year 2025
 - First bowler in Test history to complete 200 wickets at an average of less than 20
 - 204 wickets in 45 Tests @ 19.40 average
 - Key role in India's victory in T20 World Cup 2024
- **Smriti Mandhana (Women's category)**
 - Wisden Women's Cricketer of the Year 2025
 - 1659 runs in 2024 – Most by a woman cricketer in a year

6th Asian U-18 Athletics Championships 2025 (April 15–18, Saudi Arabia)

- Venue: Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz Sports City, Saudi Arabia
- India's total medals: 11 (1 gold, 5 silver, 5 bronze)
- **Gold Medal (1)**

- Himanshu – Boys' Javelin Throw (Throw: 67.57m)

- Special fact: India won the gold medal in the javelin throw for the first time at the U-18 Asian Championships.

Sourav Kothari

- Became the IBSF World Billiards Championship winner.
- Location: Carlow, Ireland
- Final: Sourav Kothari beats Pankaj Advani
- 3rd place: Dhruv Sitwala
- The top three positions of the competition were won by Indian players.

Neeraj Chopra

- Became the Pot Invitational Track winner 2025.
- Location: Potchefstroom, South Africa
- Neeraj won first place with a throw of 84.52 meters.
- Competition Level: World Athletics Continental Tour – Challenger
- 2nd place – Dove Smit (82.44m)
- 3rd place – Duncan Robertson (71.22m)

Archery World Cup 2025 (Stage 1)

- Event: Auburndale, Florida (United States)
- Date: 8th to 13th April 2025
- India's team: 12 members - men and women players
- India won four medals (1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze) in this edition to finish fourth overall.

India's Medal Winners

Gold Medal	Silver medal	Bronze medal
Rishabh Yadav and Jyothi Surekha Vennam (Compound Mixed Team)	Dheeraj Bommadevara, Tarundeep Rai, Atanu Das (Men's Recurve Team)	Dheeraj Bommadevara (Men's Recurve Individual) Rishabh Yadav, Abhishek Verma, Ojas Devtale (Men's Compound Team)

Medal tally (top 5 countries)

Position	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Mexico	3	2	1	6
2	China	2	0	1	3
3	USA	1	2	1	4
4	India	1	1	2	4
5	Germany	1	0	1	2

Khelo India Youth Games 2025 Mascots, Logo and Theme Launch

- Venue and Date: For the first time, the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) will be held from 4 to 15 May 2025 in the state of Bihar.
- It will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Patna.
- The event's logo, mascot and theme song were launched on 14th April 2025.

Logo



- Colours: Saffron and green, symbolising the cultural vibrancy and energy of India.
- **Mascot:** 'Gajsingh' — mythical creature made up of a mixture of elephant and lion.
- **Theme Song:** "Khel Ke Rang, Bihar Ke Sang" — dedicated to the sportsmanship and cultural colours of the state.

Magnus Carlsen

- Magnus Carlsen (Norway) became the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam 2025 winner.
- Location: Paris.
- Defeated Hikaru Nakamura (USA) in the final.
- Arjun Erigaisi defeated France's Maxime Vachier-Lagrave to finish 5th

Hockey Punjab - Hockey India Senior Men's National Championship 2025 Winner

- Final: 15 April 2025 at Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium, Jhansi (Madhya Pradesh)
- Hockey Punjab beat Hockey Madhya Pradesh 4-1 in the final
- This is Punjab's 5th national title.
- 3rd place: Uttar Pradesh Hockey beat Manipur Hockey 5-1.

Virat Kohli becomes first Indian batsman to score 100 fifties in T20Is

- India's Virat Kohli completed his 100th T20 half-century in T20 cricket against Rajasthan Royals in IPL 2025 at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur.

Max Verstappen wins Japanese Grand Prix

- Verstappen won his fourth consecutive victory at the 2025 Japanese Grand Prix.
- He defeated McLaren's Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri.
- His qualifying lap was 0.012 seconds faster than Norris.

ISSF World Cup 2025 (April 1-10, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

- India's performance: Total 8 medals (4 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze)
- Position in the medal tally: 2nd (after China)

Medal Winners (India):

- **Gold:** Vijayveer Sidhu, Sift Kaur Samra, Rudraksh Patil, Suruchi Singh
- **Silver:** Esha Singh, Arya Borse/Rudraksh Patil
- **Bronze:** Saurabh Chaudhary/Suruchi Singh, Chain Singh
- **China:** 5 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze = 11 Medals (1st Place)

21st Asian Wrestling Championships 2025

- The competition took place from 25 to 30 March 2025 in Amman, Jordan.
- It was organized by United World Wrestling.
- India won a total of 10 medals, including 1 gold, 3 silver and 6 bronze.
- Manisha Bhanwala won the gold medal in the 62 kg category.
- The silver medals went to Deepak Punia (92kg), Udit (61kg), and Ritika Hooda (women's 76kg).

Aryna Sabalenka wins Miami Open 2025

- Aryana Sabalenka defeated Jessica Pegula in straight sets 7-5, 6-2 in the final.
- With this win, her total number of WTA titles increased to 19, the number of WTA 1000 titles to 8, and the number of Grand Slam titles to 3.

Vandana Katariya retires from international hockey

- On 2 April 2024, Indian women's hockey star player Vandana Kataria announced her retirement from international hockey.
- She became the first Indian woman to score a hat-trick at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and was also the most capped player with 320 international matches.
- She was India's key player at the Asian Champions Trophy, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games.

World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025

- Venue: Foz do Iguaço, Brazil | Date: 31 March – 5 April 2025
- India's performance: Total 6 medals (1 gold, 1 silver, 4 bronze)
- Important achievement: Hitesh Gulia became the first Indian boxer to win gold in the World Boxing Cup.
- **Gold Medal:** Hitesh Gulia (70kg)
- **Silver medal:** Abhinash Jamwal (65kg)
- **Bronze medals:** Jadumani Singh, Manish Rathore, Sachin, Vishal
- **India's rank:** Second place after Uzbekistan in medal tally

7. AWARDS & HONOURS

Shortlist for International Booker Prize 2025

- Book Name: **Heart Lamp**
- Author: Banu Mushtaq (Kannada)
- Language: Translation from Kannada to English by Deepa Bhasthi
- It is the first Kannada book to be shortlisted for the International Booker Prize.
- The book includes 12 short stories written between 1990 and 2023.

International Booker Prize:

- Only books translated into English are awarded.
- It was formerly called the Man Booker International Prize.

Breakthrough Prize 2025

- **Announcement:** 5 April 2025, Santa Monica, California
- **Objective:** To make exceptional contributions in the field of science
- **Field:**
 - Fundamental Physics
 - Life Sciences
 - Mathematics
- It is often called the "Oscars of Science"
- Beginning: Year 2013, Founders – Mark Zuckerberg, Priscilla Chan and other tech entrepreneurs.

2025 Breakthrough Prize

Category	Winner	Contribution/ Research Areas
Life Sciences		
Research on Weight Loss Drugs	Daniel J. Drucker, Joel Habener, Jens Jule Holst, Lotte Pierre Knudssen, Svetlana Mozsov	Discovery and analysis of the GLP-1 hormone; Helpful in the development of drugs such as Ozempic and Wegovy.
Research on Multiple Sclerosis (MS)	Alberto Asherio, Stephen L. Hauser	Uncovered the role of B-cells in MS and linked it to the Epstein-Barr virus.
Gene-editing techniques	David R. Liu	Developed base editing and prime editing techniques.
Fundamental Physics	13,508 scientists from 4 projects of CERN (ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)	Research on the Higgs boson, the strong nuclear force and fundamental particles.
Mathematics	Dennis Gaiatsgory	Proven the Geometric Langlands Conjecture; Diverse areas of mathematics combined.
New Horizons Prize	8 Budding Researchers	6 prizes of \$100,000 each to emerging talents in Mathematics and Physics.
Maryam Mirzakhani New Frontiers Award	3 Female PhD mathematicians	3 prizes of \$50,000 each to women mathematicians who have recently completed their PhD.

2025 Laureus World Sports Awards

- On 21st April 2025, the winners of the 2025 Laureus World Sports Awards were honoured at a grand ceremony held in Madrid, Spain.
- The award is one of the most prestigious sporting honours globally.

Award Category	Winner	Country	Sport
Male Player of the Year award	Armand Duplantis	Spain	Pole Vault
Women's Player of the Year Award	Simone Biles	USA	Artistic gymnastics
Lifetime Achievement Award	Kelly Slater	USA	Surfing
Sporting Icon Award	Rafael Nadal	Spain	Tennis
Best Team of the Year Award	Real Madrid	Spain	Football Club

New category at Oscars 2028 – Best Stunt Design

- Announcement: By the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences
- Applicable year: On films released in 2027
- First Inclusion: 100th Oscar Ceremony (2028)
- Objective: To give recognition to stunt artists and their creative work

Payal Kapadia gets French honour

- Honorees: Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters
- Reason: Contribution to cinema and bringing India's original film voices to the global stage.
- **Note:** His film 'All We Imagine As Light' received the Grand Prix Award at the Cannes Film Festival.
- Former honorees: Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Lata Mangeshkar.

Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award 2025

- Winner: Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman – Aditya Birla Group.
- Institution: By Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Smriti Pratishthan.
- Honour begins: Year 2022, in memory of Lata Mangeshkar.
- Purpose of the Award: For exceptional contribution to the nation, society or the arts.
- Previous winners: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Asha Bhosle, Amitabh Bachchan.

National Maritime Varuna Award 2025

- Person of Honour: Rajesh Unni
- Contribution: For a distinctive and transformative contribution to the maritime sector of India
- Institution: Awarded by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS).
- It is the highest individual honour of the maritime industry of India.
- **Achievements:**
 - Founder of Synergy Marine Group
 - Pioneer in the management of Indian flag carrier vessels
 - Leading role in providing holistic, technological and modern solutions to the maritime industry

National Panchayat Awards 2025

- Event: 24 April 2025, Lohana North Gram Panchayat, Jhanjharpur, Madhubani (Bihar)
- **Presenter: Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- **Prize Money:**
 - 1st Prize: ₹1 Crore
 - 2nd Prize: ₹75 Lakh
 - Third Prize: Rs 50 lakh

Top Categories and Winners:

- **Climate Action Special Panchayat Award**
 - 1st: Dawwa/s Gram Panchayat – Gondia, Maharashtra
 - 2nd: Bidarahalli – Hassan, Karnataka
 - 3rd: Motipur – Samastipur, Bihar
- **Atmanirbhar Panchayat Special Award**
 - 1st: Maal – Ranga Reddy, Telangana
 - 2nd: Hatbadr – Mayurbhanj, Odisha
 - 3rd: Gollapudi – Krishna, Andhra Pradesh
- **Panchayat Capacity Building Best Institute Award**
 - 1st: Kerala Institute of Local Administration – Kerala
 - 2nd: State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj – Odisha
 - 3rd: State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development – Assam

Nutrition Tracker App to receive Prime Minister's Award 2024

- App Developer: Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD)
- Awards: Prime Minister's Excellence in Public Administration Award 2024
- Category: Innovation (Center)
- Aim: Awarded for the role of Nutrition Tracker in promoting technology and data-driven good governance.

McGregor Memorial Medal 2023–24

- Contribution: For outstanding contribution in military reconnaissance, exploration and adventure operations.
- **Winners of the Year 2023:**
 - Wing Commander D. Panda – Indian Air Force
 - Electrical Artificer (Radio) Rahul Kumar Pandey – Indian Navy
- **Winners of the Year 2024:**
 - Chief Electrical Aircraft Artificer (Radio) Ram Ratan Jat – Indian Navy
 - Sergeant Jhoomar Ram Poonia – Indian Air Force
- **Special Honours:**
 - Col. Ranvir Singh Jamwal – Director, National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports, Arunachal Pradesh

Master Humour Award (2025)

- Person of Honor: Bollywood actor Aamir Khan.
- Honored at the Macau International Comedy Festival.
- Delivered 9–13 April 2025 in Macau, China.

Fred Darrington Sand Master Award

- Recipient: Sudarshan Patnaik – 1st Indian winner
- Event: Sandworld 2025, Dorset, England (Lodmoor Park)
- Artifacts: Made only of sand and water
- **Sudarsan Patnaik:** Padma Shri awardee, Odisha

Meghalaya gets two awards from UIDAI (8th April 2025)

- Provider Institution: Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
- Award Categories:
 1. Excellent performance in children's biometric updates

2. Best Practices in Adult Aadhaar Enrolment Verification

Introduction to UIDAI:

- Subordinate Ministries: Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)
- Functions: Issues a 12-digit Aadhaar number, which is based on biometric and demographic data.

Dalai Lama wins Gold Mercury Award 2025

- Tibetan spiritual leader the 14th Dalai Lama was awarded the Gold Mercury Award 2025 for his contribution to the promotion of peace, non-violence, knowledge-culture and environmental protection.
- The award is given by Gold Mercury International, founded in 1961 by Italian filmmaker Eduardo Di Santis.
- The current Dalai Lama is Tenzin Gyatso and he has also received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.

8. PERSON IN NEWS

Justice B.R. Gavai appointed as the next Chief Justice of India (CJI)

- Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna named Justice B.R. Gavai as his successor on 16 April 2025.
- He will take over as the 52nd Chief Justice of India on 13 May 2025 after Justice Khanna retires.

Early Life and Career:

- Place of Birth: Amravati, Maharashtra
- November 2005: Appointed as a judge in the Bombay High Court.
- May 2019: Became a judge of the Supreme Court

Major Judicial Contributions:

- Decision on the Legality of Demonetization (January 2023)
- SC-ST Subcategorization (August 2024)
- Cases related to removal of Article 370 (2019)
- Guidelines on Bulldozer Action (Nov 2024)

Mirabai Chanu becomes chairperson of IWLF Athletes Commission

- The Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) has appointed Mirabai Chanu as the first chairperson of its Athletes Commission on 16th April 2025.

Mirabai Chanu

- Sport: Weightlifting
- Class: 49 kg
- Key Achievements:**
 - Tokyo Olympics 2020: Silver Medal
 - 2 Gold Medals at Commonwealth Games:** 2018 (Gold Coast), 2022 (Birmingham)

Poonam Gupta

- Dr. Poonam Gupta has been appointed as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- He began a three-year term from 1 April 2025.
- She is the fourth woman to hold this position.
- Dr Gupta has become the first woman to head the RBI's Monetary Policy and Economic & Policy Research departments.

N Chandrasekaran appointed to IMF Advisory Council

- Tata Sons Chairman and RBI board member N Chandrasekaran has been appointed as a member of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) "Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship

and Development".

- The council is headed by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva.
- It aims to provide expert advice on innovation, entrepreneurship and macroeconomic policies for long-term economic growth.

Sunil Bharti Mittal

- Joined the World Bank's Private Sector Investment Lab.
- Announcement:** April 23, 2025, Washington, D.C.
- Private Sector Investment Lab is an initiative of the World Bank.
- Bharti Enterprises became the second Indian company after Tata Sons to receive this honour

Dr. Mangi Jat MD

- New Director General of ICAR appointed.
- Predecessor: Himanshu Jain
- Other position: Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE)
- Shri Mangilal is an eminent agricultural scientist.
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**
 - Founded: 16 July 1929, as "Royal Council of Agricultural Research"

Justice Arun Palli

- The President of India has appointed Justice Arun Palli as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
- The appointment has been notified by the Central Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.
- At present, Justice Palli is serving as a judge in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Kamla Persad-Bissessar

- New Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.
- Party that won the election: United National Congress (UNC)
- Opposition Party: People's National Movement (PNM)
- Leader of the Opposition: Stuart Young (current Prime Minister)
- Kamla Persad-Bissessar tenure: Previously served as Prime Minister from 2010–2015.
- Kamala Persad has been the first woman Prime Minister of the country Trinidad and Tobago.
- ~37% of the total population of Trinidad and Tobago is of Indian origin.

Alok Joshi

- Appointed Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).
- Announcement Date: 30 April 2025
- Function of the Board: To give strategic advice relating to India's security policy.
- **Newly formed board head:** Alok Joshi (former RAW chief)
- **Key members of NSAB:**
 - Air Marshal P.M. Sinha – Former Western Air Commander
 - Lt. General A. K. Singh – Former Southern Army Commander
 - Rear Admiral (Retd) Monty Khanna – Indian Navy
 - Rajiv Ranjan Verma – Former IPS officer
 - Manmohan Singh – Former IPS officer
 - B. Venkatesh Varma – Former Diplomat, Indian Foreign Service (IFS)

M.A. Baby appointed as 6th General Secretary of CPI-M

- M.A. Baby, former Kerala minister was elected as the sixth General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist).
- He replaced Prakash Karat.

Shirley Botchwey appointed as Commonwealth Secretary-General

- Ghana's Shirley Botchwey has been appointed as Commonwealth Secretary-General.
- She is the first African woman to be elected to this position.
- She replaced Patricia Scotland, the first woman to hold the position.
- The Commonwealth is a group of 56 independent countries, most of which are former British colonies.

General Brice Oligui Nguema

- Became President of Gabon.
- He won with more than 90% of the vote.
- Background: The elections were held after the military coup of 2023.

Daniel Noboa

- President of Ecuador.
- The elections received 55.8% of the vote.
- First term: Interim President in 2023.
- Now: Elected for a full 4-year term.

Mohsin Naqvi appointed new ACC chairman

- Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman and Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has been appointed as the new chairman of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).
- He will replace Shammi Silva of Sri Lanka.

Demises**Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan**

- Died: 25 April 2025
- Tenure: ISRO Chairman (1994–2003)
- **Major Achievements:**
 - Project Director of Bhaskar-1 & 2
 - Successful launch of IRS-1A, PSLV, and GSLV
 - Chairman of the Drafting Committee of National Education Policy 2020
 - Rajya Sabha Member & Planning Commission Member
 - Honors: Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan

Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio)

- Died: 21 April 2025
- Pope Elected: 2013
- He was the first Latin American Pope.
- The First Pope to be elected from the Southern Hemisphere.

Kumudini Lakhia (Kathak Dancer)

- Died: 13 April 2025
- Contribution: Trained several generations in Kathak.
- **Honour:**
 - Padma Shri – 1987
 - Padma Bhushan – 2010
 - Padma Vibhushan – 2024

Daripalli Ramaiah (Environmental Activist)

- Nickname: Forester, Chattu Ramaiah, Green Crusader
- Achievements: Planted more than 1 crore saplings throughout life
- Honours: Padma Shri – 2017

Shaji N. Karun (Film Director, Malayalam Cinema)

- Died: In Thiruvananthapuram, aged 73
- Major Film: Pirvi (1988) – screened in more than 70 international film festivals
- **Honors:** 7 National Film Awards, 7 Kerala State Film Awards

Ram Sahai Pandey

- Honours: Padma Shri (2022)
- Contribution: Significant contribution to the preservation and promotion of Rye dance
- Notable workarounds: Promotion of Traditional Folk Dance Traditions

Manoj Kumar

- On 4th April 2025, Hindi cinema veteran actor Manoj Kumar passed away at the age of 87 in Mumbai.
- His real name was Harikishan Giri Goswami.
- He earned the title of 'Bharat Kumar' because of patriotic films.
- He was a recipient of the Padma Shri and the 47th Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2015.

9. PLACES IN NEWS

India's First Vertical Lift Railway Sea Bridge

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new Pamban railway bridge in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu on 6 April 2025.
- The new bridge is 2.08 km long and connects Rameswaram Island to Mandapam (mainland Tamil Nadu).
- The bridge has been constructed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).
- It is India's first vertical lift railway sea bridge.

South-East Asia's largest Pilot Training Institute

- Location: Amravati, Vidarbha region, Maharashtra
- **Features:**
 - 34 Training aircrafts
 - Training of 180 pilots per year
- **Goal:** To train 30,000 pilots in the future

107th National Park of India

- Location: Similipal, Odisha
- Announcement: Notification of 24 April 2025
- **Location in Odisha:** Second National Park (after Bhitarkanika)
- Largest National Park of Odisha (Area: 845.70 sq km)

India's first Quantum Computing Village

- Location: Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
- Project: Quantum Computing Village
- Area: 50 acres
- **Objective:** To promote quantum research, innovation, and ecosystems, common quantum resources for academic and industrial institutions.

India's Largest International Cruise Terminal

- Location: Ballard Pier, Mumbai Port
- Inauguration: By Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal
- Project: Under Cruise India Mission
- **Competence:**
 - Daily: 10,000 passengers
 - Annual: 10 million passengers
- Construction Area: 4.15 lakh sq ft

IIM Ahmedabad's first international campus

- Location: Dubai.
- Declaration: Under MoU between IIM-A and UAE Government
- Objective: To expand India's higher education to the global level

- Start: September 2025 onwards
- Course: One-year full-time MBA program (for global professionals and entrepreneurs)

India's largest Petrochemical Plant

- Paradip, in Odisha.
- Company: Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- Investment: Rs.61,077 crore (largest investment ever in one place)
- **Objective:** Petrochemical production, expansion of industrial infrastructure for pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, coatings and adhesives.

World's Best Airport (2025)

- Changi Airport (Singapore).
- Announcement Date: 9 April 2025, in Madrid
- Honors: Best Airport for the 13th time
- 2nd – Hamad International Airport, Doha (Qatar)
- 3rd – Tokyo International Airport (Haneda), Japan

Centre for Himalayan Climate Research

- Inauguration: 8 April 2025 by Union Minister Jitendra Singh
- Location: Natthatop, Chenani, District Udhampur (Altitude: 2,250 m)

Aim:

- Providing accurate climate and weather forecasts
- Research of Himalayan High Altitude Conditions
- Affiliates:
 - Ministry of Earth Sciences
 - Jammu Kashmir Forest Department
 - Central University of Jammu
- This centre will strengthen climate monitoring in the Himalayan region.

Miscellaneous

Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra find place in UNESCO Memory of the World Register

- Announcement Date: 17 April 2025 (UNESCO Executive Board Meeting, Paris)
- Major Texts: Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra
- Total Archives from India: 14 Records included so far
- Objective: Preservation of cultural and intellectual heritage at the global level.

India's First Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) Test

- Technique: 4-core Multi-Core Fiber (MCF) based
- Organization: C-DOT and Sterlite Technologies Limited (STL)
- **Speciality:**
 - Data transmission from multiple cores in one fiber
 - Low cost and less space required
- Objective: Increasing the security and structural efficiency of data transmission.

World's First Quantum-Enabled Security Platform

- Platform Name: Q-Shield
- Company: QNu Labs, India
- Launch: 14 April 2025 (World Quantum Day)
- **Objective:** Secure cryptography and protect critical infrastructure in cloud, on-premise and hybrid systems.
- **QNu Labs:**
 - Establishment: 2016, IIT Madras Research Park
 - Accreditation: Under the National Quantum Mission (NQM)
 - Specialization: Quantum Cybersecurity Solutions

Juspay: India's First Unicorn Startup (2025)

- Company: Juspay (Fintech sector)
- Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Attainment:**
 - India's first unicorn startup in the year 2025.
 - The company was valued at more than \$1 billion.

First Internal Translocation of Cheetahs in India

- Date: 20 April 2025
- Shift: From Palpur Kuno National Park (Madhya Pradesh) to Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh).
- Distance: About 300 kilometers
- **Objective:** To develop a meta-population system in India.
- **Background:** On 17 September 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the first cheetahs brought from Namibia into the Kuno National Park.

Samudra Pradakshina Mission (India, 2025)

- India's first tri-services all-women sailing expedition
- Forces: Women officers from the Army, Navy and Air Force
- **Route:** Mumbai → Seychelles → Mumbai
- Total distance: 4,000 nautical miles

- Total Time: 55 days
- Ship: IASV Triveni
- Closes: 30 May 2025
- **Objective:** Promote women's maritime participation and skills, strengthen India-Seychelles bilateral relations

Chola era Inscription - found in Madurai, Tamil Nadu

- Location: Somagiri Hills, Melavalavu, Melur (Madurai District)
- Time: Approximately 1000 AD
- Ruler: Rajaraja Chola
- Title: "Raja Raja Mumudichola" – Special Honorific Title used in Pandya region

20% reservation for Agniveers in Haryana Police

- Announcement: Reservation for Agniveers in police jobs increased from 10% to 20%.
- Haryana became the first state in the country to do so.

Other Provisions:

- Cheap credit facility
- Those interested in private security services get priority in gun licenses

Establishment of Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) in India

- Inauguration: 17 April 2025, in New Delhi.
- Venue: National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).
- Objective: Monitoring and managing the biological passports of athletes.
- India became the 17th country to establish the APMU.

First human gene therapy trial on hemophilia

- **Testing Institutes:** BRIC-inStem and CMC Vellore.
- Objective: First-in-Human Trial of Gene Therapy in Haemophilia Patients

Launch of Inter-AIIMS Referral Portal

- Date: 10 April 2025
- Development Institution: AIIMS Delhi
- **Attributes:**
 - Facial recognition, automated workflow.
 - Digital referral process, reduction in waiting time.
- Initial implementation: Pilot scheme between AIIMS Delhi and Bilaspur.

Official recognition of Type 5 diabetes

- Announcement: International Diabetes Federation Congress, Bangkok, 7–10 April 2025
- First identification: 1955, Jamaica

- **Classification by WHO:**
 - Brocalculus pancreatic diabetes
 - Protein-deficient pancreatic diabetes

Madhavpur Ghed Mela 2025

- Location: Madhavpur, Porbandar (Gujarat)
- Event: From 6 to 10 April 2025.
- Purpose: Commemoration of the marriage of Lord Krishna and Rukmini.
- **Speciality:** Cultural participation of 8 North Eastern States (Arunachal, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Tripura, Nagaland).

Meghalaya's textile arts get GI tag

Style	Rindia Silk	Khasi Handloom
Kind	Organic, Hand-woven Silk	Khasi Tribal Handloom
Attributes	Ethical, natural colors, from the Umden-Diwon region	Distinctive Design, Natural Colors, Cultural Heritage
GI Tag Benefits	Legal Protection, Market Growth	Promotion of global identity, tradition

'AI Kiran' Platform

- Launch: Kirthiga Reddy (Former Meta India Head)
- Launch: 21 April 2025
- Partners: Government of India + International Organizations
- Aim: To provide mentorship, access to funding, blockchain-certified recognition to Indian women in the field of AI.

Kalaingar Kaivina Thittam Scheme

- Start: Government of Tamil Nadu 19 April 2025, from Kancheepuram.
- Centre's Scheme: State-level alternative to PM Vishwakarma Yojana.
- Beneficiaries: Artisans associated with 25 traditional crafts.
- Target: Economic empowerment, skill upgradation, marketing support.
- Main objective: Ethnic inclusivity and traditional art preservation.

Pink e-Rickshaw Scheme

- Launched: 21st April 2025, by the Government of Maharashtra from Pune.
- Operations: Women & Child Development Department + Kinetic Green Energy.
- Beneficiaries: Widows, divorced, economically weak women in the age group of 20–50 years.

- Objective: Women empowerment and self-employment.

'Fifth Chapter of Culture' – Book

- Topic: Compilation of Speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Preface: Ram Bahadur Rai
- Editing: Dr. Prabhat Ojha
- Importance: Ideas based on cultural policy, tradition and nationalism

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) launches 'Blue Category'

- CPCB has implemented a new classification for industries.
- **Objective:** To facilitate environmental pollution control and encourage industries to play an active role in environmental services.
- Under this revised framework, the **'Blue Category' has been created for "Essential Environmental Services" (EES).**
- **Industries covered in the Blue Category:** Waste-to-Energy Plants, Bio-mining Units.
- Blue category industries will be given 2 years extra operating period as compared to other categories.
- This makes the total validity period 7 years.

India's first ATM on a train

- Bank of Maharashtra has installed ATMs in trains for the first time in the country.
- This facility has been introduced in Mumbai-Manmad Panchavati Express.
- This initiative is a historic step in the form of the first ATM installed in the Railways.
- It has been implemented as a pilot project for the convenience of passengers.

Heatwave declared state-specific disaster in Telangana

- The state government has declared heatwaves, sunstroke and sunburn as "state-specific disasters".
- This will enable the affected families to be given assistance up to ₹ 4 lakh from SDRF.
- According to the IMD, 28 out of 33 districts witnessed heatwaves for 15+ consecutive days.
- Now up to 10% of the SDRF amount can be used in heatwave relief works.

AIIMS Delhi ranked India's Best Hospital

- The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has been declared the highest ranking hospital in India in the "World's Best Hospitals 2024" report released by

Newsweek and Statista.

- In this global list, AIIMS has been ranked 97th in the world.
- Globally, the Mayo Clinic located in Minnesota, USA, has been ranked as the best hospital in the world with a score of 97.51%.

Best Hospitals in India

Rank	Hospital	City	Score
1	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	New Delhi	93.00%
2	Medanta the Medicity	Gurugram, Haryana	84.93%
3	Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research	Chandigarh	82.41
4	Christian Medical College	Vellore, Tamil Nadu	78.54%
5	Breach Candy Hospital	Mumbai, Maharashtra	77.09 %

Shehnai from Banaras gets GI tag

- The traditional shehnai of Varanasi, which holds a special place in religious and cultural events, has now received the recognition of the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Its place of origin is Varanasi (Banaras), Uttar Pradesh.
- It is a traditional wind instrument.

'Meghayan-25' Symposium

- The Indian Navy conducted the third edition of the 'Meghayan-25' symposium at Naval Bhawan, New Delhi on 14 April 2025.
- The event concluded in commemoration of World Meteorological Day 2025.
- Objective: To encourage awareness and collaboration towards marine meteorology and oceanography

Bohag Bihu Festival

- It marks the beginning of the Assamese New Year and the arrival of spring.
- The festivities last for seven days.
- Bohag Bihu is also called Rongali Bihu or Khat Bihu.
- Bohag Bihu 2025 was celebrated from April 14 to April 20.

Delhi implements Ayushman Bharat scheme

- The Delhi government has signed an MoU with

the central government to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

- With this, Delhi became the 35th State/UT to adopt this scheme.
- West Bengal is the only state that has not implemented the scheme.

ZooWIN Portal – for monitoring anti-rabies and anti-snake venom vaccines

- Launch: By the Union Health Ministry
- Development: Under the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), MoHFW
- Technical Cooperation: UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)
- Pilot States: Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh

Aim:

- Prevention and treatment of zoonotic diseases such as rabies and snakebite
- Monitoring the availability of the vaccine in real time
- Improve coordination of healthcare system in rural and backward areas

Saudagari Block Print gets GI tag

- The traditional Saudagari block print art of Ahmedabad's Jamalpur area has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- It is a traditional handmade textile printing art that has been going on for almost three hundred years.
- It features hand-designed designs engraved on fabrics using natural dyes and traditional techniques.

GI tag to Kumbakonam betel leaf and Thovalai flower garland

- Two distinct products from Tamil Nadu—Kumbakonam betel leaf (Thanjavur) and Thovalai flower garland (Kanyakumari)—were awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Kumbakonam betel leaf: Grown in the Cauvery river basin, which gives it a special flavour and aroma.
- Thovalai flower garland: A distinctive artistic garland made of white, red and green flowers, woven in a mat-like style and famous in the Tamil Nadu-Kerala region.

Establishment of 728 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)

- The central government has announced the establishment of 728 Eklavya Model Schools to provide quality education to tribal children.

- Of these, 440 new schools will be established soon.
- This initiative will target areas where the ST population is more than 50%.
- The schools aim to promote inclusive growth along with education.

Major Conferences

Apricot Blossom Festival 2025

- Held in Ladakh (Leh and Kargil) from 10 April to 4 May 2025.
- Inspired by the Cherry Blossom Festival of Meghalaya.
- Objective: To promote Ladakh as a tourist destination and promote eco-tourism.
- It culminated in the Tar village. (Declared "Best Tourism Village" in 2024)

Global Technology Summit (GTS) 2025

- Organized by the Ministry of External Affairs and Carnegie India on 10–12 April 2025 in New Delhi.
- It is India's premier geo-technology platform.
- Topic: "Possibilities".
- Areas of discussion: Digital Infrastructure, AI Governance, Cyber and Space Security, Technical Cooperation.

STREE Summit 2025

- Organised by Hyderabad City Security Council on April 15.
- This second edition focuses on the safety and empowerment of women.
- Topics: Gender equality, security challenges, and changes in social attitudes.

Coastal States Fisheries Meet 2025 & 5th Marine Fisheries Census

- The meet was held in Mumbai on 28 April 2025 under the chairmanship of Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh).
- On the same day, the 5th Marine Fisheries Census was launched, for which the 'Vyas-NAV' mobile app was launched.
 - The app has been developed by ICAR–CMFRI, Kochi (Kerala).
- The census will run from April to December 2025 and will include:
 - 12 lakh families in 9 Coastal States
 - Sea Fishing Villages

- Fish Landing Center

- The nodal agency for the project will be: CMFRI.

2nd SUFALAM Conference 2025

- Event: 25-26 April 2025, Kundli (Sonipat, Haryana)
- Organizer: NIFTEM (National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management)
- Objective: To promote innovation and startup collaboration in food processing
- Sponsorship: Union Ministry of Food Processing
- Through the platform, startups get an opportunity to pitch their ideas to leading companies.

International Buddhist Conference – Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh

- Topic: "Buddhism and Cultural Heritage of Northeast India"
- Organizer: International Buddhist Confederation and Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- Objective: To study the cultural and spiritual influences of Buddhism in Northeast India.

Army Commanders' Conference 2025

- The Indian Army Commanders' Conference (ACC 2025) was held in New Delhi from 1 to 4 April 2025.
- The biennial event is held to discuss topics such as defence strategy, military reforms and soldier welfare.
- The special session was chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in which senior officials including CDS and CEO of NITI Aayog were present.

2nd Startup Mahakumbh 2025

- The 2nd Startup Mahakumbh was held from 3rd to 5th April 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The event was based on the theme "Startup India @2047: Unfolding the Bharat Story".
- The event is a common platform for startups, investors and policy makers to promote innovation, investment and entrepreneurship.

10. INDEXES & REPORTS

1st Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) Report – 2022–23

- Publication: Baseline report released for the first time by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- Objective: Data-based assessment and promotion of governance capacity of Gram Panchayats.
- Coverage: Performance of over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats, based on 9 themes of SDGs at grassroot level .
- Data Verification: Data of 2,16,285 Panchayats validated by State/UTs.
- **Performance Classification:**
 - Front Runner: 699 panchayats (0.3%)
 - Performers: 77,298 panchayats (35.8%)
 - Aspirants: 1,32,392 panchayats (61.2%)
 - Beginners: 5,896 Panchayats (2.7%)
 - Achievers: 0 Panchayat (in first phase)

• Top States (Front Runner Panchayats):

- Gujarat: 346
- Telangana: 270
- Other states: Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh

• Most 'Aspirant' Panchayats: Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh

NITI Aayog's report on Automotive Sector

- Title: "Automotive Industry: Empowering India's Participation in Global Value Chains"
- Publishing Organization: NITI Aayog
- Topic: A detailed review of India's automobile sector and measures to enhance competitiveness.
- India is now the fourth largest automobile producer in the world. (After China, US, Japan).

Top 5 Economies in the World in 2025 (IMF Report – April 2025)

- In the World Economic Outlook (April 2025) published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the following countries are the top 5 economies based on GDP:

Rank	Country	GDP (trillion dollars)	Estimated GDP growth (%)	GDP per capita (USD)
1	United States of America	\$30.34	2.7%	30,510
2	China	\$19.53	4.6%	19,230
3	Germany	\$4.92	0.8%	4,740
4	India	\$4.39	1.1%	4,190
5	Japan	\$4.27	6.5%	4,190

SIPRI Report on Global Military Spending 2024-25

- According to the report released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), global military spending reached \$2,718 billion in 2024.
- This figure shows the largest increase since the Cold War.

Top 5 Military Spending Countries:

Rank	Country	Total Expenses (Billion Dollars)	Global Share
1	United States of America	\$997	37%
2	China	\$314	12%
3	Russia	\$149	5.5%
4	Germany	\$88.5	— (28% Growth Rate)
5	India	\$86.1	3.2%

- India spent \$86.1 billion in 2024-25, an increase of 1.6% compared to 2023.
- India's military expenditure is 9 times that of Pakistan.

World Bank's Spring 2025 Poverty and Equity Brief Report Decline in extreme poverty

- Extreme poverty rate in 2011-12: 16.2% → in 2022-23: 2.3%
- Total people lifted out of poverty: 17.1 crore
- Rural Areas: 18.4% → 2.8%
- Urban Areas: 10.7% → 1.1%
- Rural-urban gap: 7.7 percentage points → 1.7%

Poverty in the lower-middle income group

- Total rate (2011-12): 61.8% → In 2022-23 : 28.1%
- Evacuees: 3.78 crore
- Rural Areas: 69% → 32.5%
- Urban areas: 43.5% → 17.2%
- Rural-urban gap: 25% → 15%

Multidimensional Poverty

- In 2005-06: 53.8% → In 2022-23: 15.5%
- This is on the basis of non-monetary poverty.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Investing 2025

- Global AI Market Size (2024): \$279.22 Billion
- Projected CAGR for 2025–2030: 35.9%

Top 10 countries based on total investment in AI between 2013–2024:

Rank	Country	Total Investment (USD Billion)
1	United States of America	470.9
2	China	119.3
3	United Kingdom	28.2
4	Canada	15.3
5	Israel	15.0
6	Germany	11.3
7	India	11.1
8	France	9.0
9	South Korea	7.3
10	Singapore	7.3

- India is ranked 7th with an investment of USD 11.1 billion.

Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2025

- A total of 853 universities in 35 countries and regions of Asia have been included in this ranking .
- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, performed the best from India, securing the first position in the country and 38th in Asia.

Rank	Name of the Organization
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38th	Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
111th	Anna University
131st	IIT Indore
140th	Mahatma Gandhi University
146th	Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences
149th	Savitha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences
161st	Jamia Millia Islamia
184th	IIT Guwahati
184th	KIIT University
188th	Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)
188th	UPES
191st	IIT Patna
191st	NIT Rourkela
200th	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad

Rank	Name of University
1	Tsinghua University (China)
2	Peking University (China)
3	National University of Singapore
4	Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)

Global Trade Report 2025 – by WTO

- Organization: World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Global Trade Decline (estimate): 0.2%
- If trade tensions rise: Decline possible to 1.5%

Region-wise Business Impact:

- North America: 12.6% potential decline in exports
- Asia: 1.6% projected growth in exports
- Europe: Limited export growth (1.0%)

India's Global Trade Status (2025):

- Rank in Merchandise Exports: 14th (Share 2.2%)
- Rank in Goods Imports: 7th (Share 3.4%)
- Services Exports: 6th position (share reduced to 5.3%)
- Service Imports: Rank Stable, Share 4.1%

NITI Aayog Report: Hand and Power Tools Exports

- Title: Unlocking \$25+ Billion Export Potential – India's Hand & Power Tools Sector
- Objective: To strengthen the global export potential of the sector

Global Market Position:

- Current Global Market: \$100 Billion

- Projected by 2035: \$190 billion

India's Current Share:

- Hand tools: \$600 million (1.8%)
- Power Tools: \$470 million (0.7%)
- India's Target (by 2035):
- Hand tools: Global share 25%
- Power Tools: Global Share 10%

India's Global Investment in AI (UNCTAD Report 2025)

- Released: 'Technology and Innovation Report 2025' (UNCTAD)
- Rank: 10th with \$1.4 billion private investment in 2023
- India ranks 36th among 170 countries in adoption of new technologies in 2024

Top investor countries:

- U.S.: \$67 billion (1st)
- China: \$7.8 billion (2nd)

Energy Statistics India 2025 Report

Key points in this report released by the National Statistical Office (NSO):

- Total Primary Energy Supply (TPES) increased by 7.8% to 9,03,158 KTOE in FY 2023-24.
- Renewable energy capacity as on 31st March 2024: 21,09,655 MW
 - Wind: 11,63,856 MW
 - Solar: 7,48,990 MW
 - Large Hydropower: 1,33,410 MW
- Four states concentrated with more than 50% capacity: Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka
- Capacity Addition of Renewable Energy (2015-2024):
 - 2015: 81,593 MW → 2024: 1,98,213 MW | CAGR: 10.36%
- Total Power Generation (2014-15 to 2023-24):
 - 2,05,608 GWh → 3,70,320 GWh | CAGR: 6.76%
- Energy Consumption Per Capita:
 - 2014-15: 14,682 MJ → 2023-24: 18,410 MJ | CAGR: 2.55%

Fiscal Health Index 2025

- The report was published by the NITI Aayog based on data from 2022-23, evaluating the fiscal sustainability of 18 major states.
- The data used in it has been taken from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).

Key Findings:

'Achievers' Category:

- Odisha (score: 67.8), Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Gujarat

'Front Runners' Category:

- Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka

'Performers' Category:

- Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Bihar, Haryana

'Aspirant' Category:

- Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala
- Average best performing states between 2014-15 to 2021-22: Odisha, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh

Indian Railways: Rajasthan tops in solar power installation

- As of February 2025, Indian Railways installed 209 MW of solar power at 2,249 stations and service buildings.
1. Rajasthan: Tops with 275 establishments
 2. Maharashtra: 270
 3. West Bengal: 237

Network Readiness Index 2025

- According to UNCTAD's Technology and Innovation Report 2025, India ranked 36th out of 170 countries, up from 48th in 2022.
- India has made remarkable progress towards adopting and integrating cutting edge technologies.

India's Position (Key Indicators):

Indicator	Ranking
Network Readiness Rank	36th (48th in 2022)
ICT	99th
Skill	113th
Research & Development	3rd
Industrial capacity	10th
Finance	70th
AI Investing	10th (\$1.4 billion)

11. IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Name of the Day	Aim/ importance	2025 Theme (if applicable)
1 April	Utkal Diwas (Odisha Foundation Day)	Commemorating the formation of the state of Odisha in 1936; India's first linguistic state	—
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	Raising awareness of autism spectrum disorder	"Advancing neurodiversity and the SDGs"
April 4	International Day for Mine Awareness	Uncovering the Hazard of Land Mines and the Impact on Human Security	"A Secure Future Starts Here"
April 5	National Maritime Day	Recognition of the contribution of the Indian maritime sector	—
April 5	Samata Diwas (Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanti)	Tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram for social equality and justice	—
April 6	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	Promoting peace, equality and inclusion through sport	"Leveling the Playing Field: Sport for Social Inclusion"
April 7	World Health Day	Promoting health awareness and healthy lifestyle	"Healthy Beginning, Hopeful Future"
April 10	Mahavir Jayanti	Mahavir Jayanti is celebrated as the birth anniversary of Mahavir Swami, the 24th Tirthankara of Jainism.	—
April 10	World Homeopathy Day	It is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the father of homeopathy	—
11 April	National Safe Motherhood Day	Awareness on the importance of healthcare for pregnant and lactating women	"Healthy Beginnings, Promising Futures"
11 April	World Parkinson's Day	Dedicated to Dr. James Parkinson; Awareness of Parkinson's disease	—
April 12	International Day of Human Space Flight	In commemoration of the first human space voyage by Yuri Gagarin (1961)	—
13 April	Siachen Day	The success of Operation Meghdoot in 1984; Indian Army takes control of Siachen Glacier	—
14 April	National Fire Service Day	Respect for Fire Services and Awareness of Fire Safety	—
14 April	Ambedkar Jayanti	Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's birth anniversary; Maker of the Constitution and Symbol of Social Justice	—
15 April	World Art Day	On the birth anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci; A Celebration of Art, Peace and Creativity	"Art for Unity and Healing"
15 April	Himachal Day	Himachal Pradesh formed on 15 April 1948; became a full state in 1971	—

18 April	World Heritage Day	Awareness on the importance of preserving cultural and natural heritage	"Heritage at Danger from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and 60 Years of Learning of ICOMOS"
19 April	World Liver Day	Promotion of awareness and prevention measures for liver diseases	—
April 21	National Civil Services Day	In memory of Sardar Patel's "Steel Structure" address; Honouring the contribution of the civil services	—
April 22	World Earth Day	Environmental Protection and Climate Change Awareness	"Our Power, Our Planet"
April 23	English Language Day	The importance of the English language and in memory of William Shakespeare; Declared by the United Nations	—
April 24	National Panchayati Raj Day	Anniversary of the coming into force of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act (1993); Panchayati Raj gets constitutional status	—
April Last Week	World Immunization Week	Global public awareness on the importance of vaccines and protection against diseases	"Vaccination for All is Humanly Possible."
April 25	World Malaria Day	Promote malaria prevention and eradication efforts	"The End of Malaria with Us: Reinvention, Reimagining, Re-igniting"
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day	Underscoring the role of IP in innovation and creativity	"IP and Music: Feel the Beat of IP"
April 26	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day	Honouring the victims of the 1986 nuclear accident and raising awareness on current challenges	—
April 28	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Emphasis on safety, accident and disease prevention at workplaces	"Revolutionizing Health and Safety: AI and Digitization"
April 30	International Jazz Day	Promoting global music collaborations and the importance of jazz	—
April 30	Ayushman Bharat Diwas	Awareness of free health services and promotion of Ayushman Bharat Scheme	—

7th Nutrition Fortnight (8-22 April 2025)

- Launched by: Union Minister of State Smt. Savitri Thakur.
- Initiative: By the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- **Objective:** To reduce malnutrition among pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls and children under 6 years of age.

