



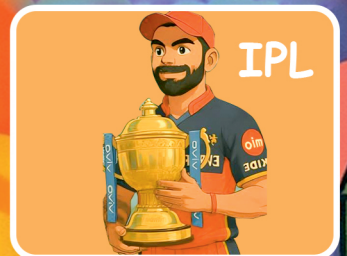
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# RAJASTHAN AFFAIRS

## MAJOR PROGRAMMES, SCHEMES, CAMPAIGNS

### Aravalli Green Wall Project

- The central government's project will stretch from Porbandar in Gujarat to Panipat in Haryana.
- It will have a total length of 1400 km and a width of 5 km.
- It includes 29 districts of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana and Delhi, with Rajasthan having the highest number of 19 districts.
- The highest land degradation in the Aravalli region has been recorded in Udaipur.

### Dharti Aba Tribe Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

- This state-level campaign was launched on 16 June 2025 from the Kotda block of Udaipur.
- It aims at holistic development of tribal areas.
- It covers 6,019 villages in 37 districts of Rajasthan .
- In this campaign, which runs till July 15, 2025, 18 departments will organize joint camps.
- It emphasizes on the outreach of schemes, sustainable agriculture, water management, empowerment of women and youth, and preservation of tribal culture.

### Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme 2025-26

- The Chief Minister inaugurated the scheme on 6 June 2025.
- The 'Rajasthan Vahini Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train' flagged off from Durgapura station in Jaipur.
- Under the scheme, 50,000 senior citizens will travel to 13 pilgrimage sites by air-conditioned trains.
- Also, about 6,000 devotees will visit the Pashupatinath temple in Nepal by air.

### Vande Ganga Water Conservation Jan Abhiyan

- On 5 June 2025, the Rajasthan government started this campaign from Keshoraipatan in Bundi.
- It will run from 5th to 20th June 2025 in all 41 districts of the state .
- Its tagline is 'Respect water, take care of life.'
- Nodal Agency: Department of Watershed Development and Soil Conservation.
- Objective: Improvement of water structures, recharge of groundwater table, reduction of

water pollution, and improvement of water use habits.

- This includes repair of reservoirs, anicuts, canals, irrigation capacity augmentation and water harvesting works.

### Aapno Gaon - Swachh Suthro Gaon Campaign

- This cleanliness campaign will be started from 13th June 2025.
- The inauguration will be from Morak village (Ramganjmandi) in Kota district.
- It will be launched by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.
- Objective: To ensure cleanliness in every village by effectively implementing the Swachh Bharat Mission to the villages.

### Financial Assistance for Har Khet Ko Pani Campaign

- Rajasthan has received approval of ₹ 16.50 crore from the central government under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana.
- This amount will be spent on 84 RRR (Repair, Renewal, Rehabilitation) projects in Kota, Bundi and Tonk districts.
- These projects will restore 4,404 hectares of land to irrigated areas.
- The financial participation of the Centre and the state in the scheme is in the ratio of 60:40.

### Amendment in Plot Allotment Policy for Warehouses and Logistics Units

- To boost the logistics sector in Rajasthan, RIICO has changed its plot allotment policy.
- This amendment has been made under the Rajasthan Logistics Policy-2025.
- Plots will be reserved for logistics units in new industrial areas and dedicated logistics areas will be developed.
- Now the definition of logistics has been extended beyond the transportation of goods to points such as production, storage, consumption and value addition.
- The logistics infrastructure will include ports, railway stations, multi-modal logistics parks, warehouses, cold storages, dry ports, container depots, truck parking and truckers' rest places.
- All these facilities can be installed only on roads 18 meters wide or more.



### Digital mapping in 10 cities of Rajasthan

- Digital mapping of the entire land area will be done through drone surveys in 10 cities of the state.
- This process is being started as a pilot project, after which it will be implemented in other cities as well.
- Pilot Cities: Bhiwadi, Kishangarh, Beawar, Sawai Madhopur, Jaisalmer, Pushkar, Bagru, Behror, Nawalgarh and Nathdwara.
- This will prepare a record of each plot and create a land bank.
- Under the project, civic amenities like sewers, street lights, manholes etc. will also be recorded in the digital map.
- This work is being done under the 'Naksha' project run by the Department of Land Resources, Government of India.

### Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Sambal Pakhwada

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Sambal Pakhwada was organized by the Government of Rajasthan from 24th June to 9th July 2025 .
- During this fortnight, camps were organized at the Gram Panchayat level.
- **Objective:** To provide direct benefits of government schemes to the general public.
- The following major works were carried out in these camps:
  - Disposal of pending stone quarry, boundary and nomination cases.
  - The Rural Development Department links BPL families with beneficial schemes.
  - **Ownership leases and water conservation:** The Panchayati Raj Department will distribute ownership pattas and repairs to catchment structures.
  - **Water connections:** PHED released pending water connections.
  - **Scooty distribution:** The Higher Education Department distributed scooty.
  - Entrance Ceremony and Educational Development
  - Animal Vaccination
  - Linking with the National Food Security Scheme
- The Collector was designated as the nodal officer to monitor these.

### 'Sukalp' Campaign

- In Rajasthan, this campaign has been started by Sukrupa Empower India Foundation in collaboration with the government and social organizations.

- Objective: To make slum children, especially girls, digitally literate.
- Special focus on raising awareness of social issues like child marriage.
- Under this, economically weaker students will be given opportunities to study in colleges and universities.

### Ferozepur Feeder Reconstruction Project

- It is a joint project of Rajasthan and Punjab.
- **Objective:** To strengthen the Gangnahar system and to use it for irrigation of Rajasthan by stopping the excess water flowing towards Pakistan in the monsoon.
- **Financial Statements**
  - Total Cost: ₹647.62 Crore
  - Share of Punjab Government: ₹379.12 crore (approx. 58.5%)
  - Share of Government of Rajasthan: ₹268.50 crore (approx. 41.5%)
- **Note:** A provision of ₹ 200 crore was made in the budget 2024-25 of Rajasthan
- Approval of Central Water Commission (CWC): 24 April 2025
- The construction work will start in the year 2025.
- Estimated completion: in 2 years (until 2027)

### Person in News

#### Utkal Ranjan (U.R.) Sahu appointed RPSC Chairman

- Former Rajasthan DGP Utkal Ranjan Sahu has been appointed as the chairman of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC).
- He hails from Odisha and is a 1988 batch IPS officer.
- He replaced Sanjay Shrotriya; Kailash Chand Meena was the acting president after the term ended on 1 August 2024.
- Sahu's tenure will be till June 2025.
- Also, Ravi Prakash Mehrada (DG-ACB) has been assigned the additional charge of Director General of Rajasthan Police.

#### Prof. Gaurav Vallabh appointed as member of Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council

- Prof. Gaurav Vallabh has been appointed as a member in the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (PM-EAC).
- This appointment has been made as an economist.
- They will advise the government on national and international economic issues.



- Prof. Vallabh has taught finance at prestigious institutions in India and abroad, such as IIMs .
- He hails from Pipar village in Jodhpur district and currently resides in Udaipur.

#### **Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PM-EAC)**

- It is the apex body to advise the Prime Minister on economic and related matters.
- It is headed by senior economist S. Mahendra Deo.

#### **IAS officer V Srinivas appointed as IIAS president**

- V Srinivas, a 1998 batch IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre, has been elected as the chairman of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS).
- For the first time in 75 years, an IAS officer has got this post.
- India received 61.7% of the votes in the election held on 3 June.

#### **Prof. Bhagwati Prasad Saraswat**

- Prof. Bhagwati Prasad Saraswat appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Kota University.
- Governor Haribhau Bagade appointed him as the Vice-Chancellor of Kota University.
- He will have a tenure of three years from the date of assumption of charge or till he attains the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.

#### **Shubhranshu Singh named World's Top CMO**

- Tata Motors CMO Shubhranshu Singh was named the Most Influential Chief Marketing Officer of 2025 by Forbes.
- The announcement was made at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity (France).
- He is the only non-American, non-European and first Indian to feature in this list.
- He has also been inducted into the board of the Cannes Lions Effies Foundation.
- Shubhranshu Singh hails from Rajasthan.

#### **Dr. Aditya Nag appointed as Vice President of Indian Soft Hockey League**

- Rajasthan's Dr. Aditya Nag has been appointed as the National Vice President and Karnataka in-charge by the Amateur Soft Hockey Federation of India (ASHFI).
- The National President of ASHFI is Dr. Ashutosh Pant.
- Dr. Nag is an educationist, entrepreneur and social worker.

#### **Lalit K Panwar appointed as special invitee advisor to NITI Aayog**

- Dr. Lalit K Panwar, a former IAS officer, has been inducted as a special invitee advisor to NITI Aayog for his expert services in the tourism sector .
- He will give his suggestions for strengthening the operator sector economy from tourism, hotels, resorts and tours in the country.
- Dr. Lalit K Panwar is a renowned tourism expert of the country .

### **Places in News**

#### **Khichan and Menar become new Ramsar sites**

- The central government declared Rajasthan's Khichan and Menar wetlands as Ramsar sites.
- With the addition of these sites, the total number of Ramsar sites in India has gone up to 91.

#### **Menar Wetland (Udaipur)**

- Location: Menar and Kheroda villages of Vallabhnagar (Udaipur).
- It is a monsoonal, freshwater wetland, made up of Brahma, Dhand and Kheroda ponds.
- It is home to more than 110 waterfowl species, including 67 migratory birds and some critically endangered vultures.

#### **Khichan Adrabhoomi (Phalodi-Jodhpur)**

- Located: Between Jodhpur and Phalodi, in the northern Thar Desert region.
- This desert wetland is formed by the Ratri River and the Vijaysagar Pond.
- It is home to more than 150 bird species.

Ramsar Sites of Rajasthan (by year)		
Ramsar Site	Declaration Year	district
Keoladeo Ghana National Park	1981	Bharatpur
Sambhar Lake	1990	Jaipur
Menar Wetland	2025	Udaipur
Khichan Wetland	2025	Phalodi

#### **Rajasthan's first Solar Lift Irrigation Project**

- On 18 June 2025, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the project on the Mej river in Lohali village of Bundi district.
- Total cost: ₹52 crore.
- Benefits: 25,000 bighas of agricultural land of 17 villages of Folai and Gendauli panchayats will be irrigated.



- The scheme will provide irrigation facilities in both Kharif and Rabi seasons.
- About 700 wells and 400 borings have been utilized.

**Rajasthan's first Sant Kabir Research Centre – Kota**

- The state's first Sant Kabir Research Centre will be set up at Mukundra Vihar in Kota.
- For this, 3200 square meters of land has been allotted and its estimated cost is ₹20 crore.
- This centre will be helpful in research and public awareness on the social, literary and spiritual contributions of Sant Kabir.
- Students and researchers will be able to study his life and literature in depth.
- Context: Sant Kabir Academy is already operational in Magahar, Uttar Pradesh.

**Translocation of blackbucks for the first time in the country – Jaswantgarh (Rajasthan).**

- A mini sanctuary has been developed over 450 hectares in Jaswantgarh Tal area near Sujangarh, Rajasthan.
- So far, 22 blackbucks have been successfully transferred using the Boma technique; The goal is to transfer 100 blackbucks.
- The area is about 15 km from Tal Chhapar Sanctuary (Churu) and is considered to be an extension of it.
- This is the country's first blackbuck relocation drive.

**India's first 'Cow Safari' – Hingonia Goshala, Jaipur**

- The country's first 'Cow Safari' will be launched at Hingonia Goshala in Jaipur.
- Visitors will be able to see cows of 17 indigenous breeds of the country; At present, there are 7 breeds (Tharparkar, Kankrej, Sanchori, Mewati, Nagori, Rathi, Gir).
- Arrangements have been made for cow circumambulation, bullock cart facility, and movement in natural surroundings.
- The objective of the project is to conserve cows and spread public awareness.

**Rifle and Machine Gun Manufacturing Plant in Rajasthan**

- Under the Make in India campaign, 'Made in Rajasthan' has been started in the defense manufacturing sector from Rajasthan, especially Jodhpur.
- MoUs worth more than Rs 1500 crore have been approved.

- The gun parts will be manufactured in Jodhpur and Jaipur, while the barrel will be manufactured in the Boranada Industrial Area (Jodhpur).
- The final assembly will be in a confidential, secure place.

**Major Products**

1. Military Grade Sniper Rifle: Sub-MOA Accuracy, 1000 Effective hitting to the yard.
2. Multi-Barrel Machine Gun 6000 rounds per minute firing capacity, up to 15000 rounds fired from a single bullet.

**Robotic hernia surgery for the first time at SMS Hospital, Jaipur**

- For the first time, Pantaloon Hernia surgery was successfully performed with robotic technology at Sawai Mansingh (SMS) Hospital, Jaipur.
- This is the first robotic surgery in a government hospital in the state.
- Usually this operation is done by conventional or laparoscopic method, but this time an advanced robotic method was adopted.

**Rajasthan's first LNG station at Neemrana**

- The state's first LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) station is being set up in Neemrana by Rajasthan State Gas.
- It will be fitted with two storage tanks with a capacity of 56 kilolitres each and an LNG dispenser.
- The total cost has been fixed at around ₹15 crore.

**Proposal to convert Siliserh lake into Ramsar site ready**

- A proposal has been prepared to declare Siliserh Lake of Rajasthan as a Ramsar site.
- The lake is home to more than 150 native and exotic bird species.
- The proposal has been sent to the government after meeting all the necessary criteria.

**Three major institutes of sports sector will be developed in Jaipur**

1. **Multipurpose Divisional Level Stadium**
  - It will be set up in an area of 7.66 hectares in Badi Ka Kheda of Bagru.
2. **Maharana Pratap Sports University (Achrol Region)**
  - Area: 1.94 lakh sqm.
  - Courses: Degree/Diploma in Physical Education, Sports Science, Sports Psychology, Sports Management.



- Facilities: Stadium, gym, lab, hostel, and research center.
- This will be the first sports university in Rajasthan that will provide teaching, coaching and research at one place.

### 3. Sports College (Near SMS stadium)

- In 2023, the High Performance Sports Training and Rehab Centre was established at the SMS Stadium.
- Objective: Injury recovery and fitness assessment of players.

### Nakki Lake gets Notified Area Status

- The famous Nakki Lake at Mount Abu has been declared as a notified area.
- This decision was taken by the Self-Government Department on the recommendation of the Rajasthan Lake Development Authority.
- Now this lake has come under the category of Highly Protected Area, which will prevent haphazard construction and natural damage.

### Albert Hall Museum to become 'Smart Museum'

- The Rajasthan government has approved a Rs 25-crore project of the tourism department, which aims at digitisation of museums and forts in the state.
- The Albert Hall Museum in Jaipur will be converted into a smart museum.
- It will use AR (Augmented Reality), RFID tagging, virtual tours, digital light and sound shows, interactive displays, VR and AI technologies.

### Establishment of Stone Park in Bundi

- A stone park will be set up in Kachhaliya village, Taleda tehsil of Bundi district.
- For this, 47.07 hectares of land will be allotted to RIICO.
- This has been announced in the state budget 2025-26.
- Only non-polluting units will be set up here.
- It aims to provide an organized platform to mineral-based industries, employment to youth and promote industrial investment.

### International Level All Weather Swimming Pool in Jaipur

- This pool is being developed under the Rajasthan State Sports Council at Chaugan Stadium, Jaipur.
- The project is under the Smart City Mission, with an estimated cost of over ₹16 crore.
- The pool will be built as per international standards, with a depth of 4 to 8 feet.

### Rajasthan's first Paediatric CTVS Unit

- Rajasthan's first paediatric cardiothoracic and vascular surgery (CTVS) unit **has been set up at JK Lon Hospital in Jaipur.**
- In this, holistic treatment of diseases related to children's hearts will be possible.
  - The facility will be available to treat serious conditions ranging from heart failure to a hole in the heart.
- This unit has been set up under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK),
- A budget of about Rs 15 crore was approved for this.
- The unit will have 80 beds, including 10 ICUs, 6 HDUs and 65 general beds.
- In addition, it also has state-of-the-art cath labs, modular operation theatres and advanced robotic cath labs.
- This is for the first time in Rajasthan that such a high-level cardiac treatment facility for children has been started in any government or private institution.

### Residential Girls Sports Institute

- The Rajasthan government will start Residential Girls Sports Institutes in 3 districts - Jaipur, Udaipur and Bharatpur.
- The initiative is being undertaken under Mission Olympics 2028.
- The scheme was announced by Finance Minister Diya Kumari in her budget speech.
- Each institute will include 100 girl players.
- **Eligibility:**
  - Unmarried and girls in the age group of 14 to 20 years.
  - Must be a native of Rajasthan.
- The state government has approved a budget of ₹75 crore for these institutions.

### Ship-shaped Jain temple at Mandawala



- This Jain temple is located in Mandawala village of Ummedabad area of Jalore district.
- The architecture of the temple resembles the shape of a ship.

### State-level Independence Day celebrations to be held in Jodhpur

- In Rajasthan , the state-level celebration of Independence Day 2025 will be held in Jodhpur.

### Awards & Honours

#### Sahitya Akademi Youth and Children Literature Award 2025

- Announcement Date: 18 June 2025
- Announcer: Sahitya Akademi President Shri Madhav Kaushik
- Languages: 24 Recognized Indian Languages
- The awards were given in all except Dogri language.

#### Rajasthani Language Yuva Puraskar 2025

Year	Work	Writer
2025	Antas Ray Angne (Poem)	Poonam Chand Godara
2024	Sudh Sodhun Jag Angane (Poem)	Sonali Suthar
2011 (1st Prize)	Peer (Story-Collection)	Dula Ram Saharan

- The Youth Award was started in the year 2011.
- Eligibility: Writers under the age of 35 on January 1.
- Prize money: ₹50,000 + Copperpot.

#### Rajasthani Language Children's Literature Award 2025

Year	Work	Writer
2025	Pancheruvan Ni Pain (Drama)	Bhogilal Patidar
2024	Mhari Dhani (Poem)	Prahlad Singh 'Jhorda'
2011 (1st Prize)	Bulbul Ra Bol (Story Collection)	Damayanti Jada-vat 'Chanchal'

- The Children's Literature Award was started in 2010.
- Eligibility: Books published between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2023.
- Prize money: ₹50,000 + Copperpot.

#### Rajasthan ranks first in tobacco control

- Rajasthan was awarded the 'Best Performance Award' in the National Tobacco Control Programme.

- The award was presented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 20 June 2025 in New Delhi.
- The 'Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0' was started in the state from 24 September 2024, under which public awareness programs were organized up to the village level.
- As many as 14,725 awareness programmes were conducted under the Tobacco Free Learning Institutions campaign.

#### Shruti Bhardwaj wins 'Achiever of the Year' Award

- The Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation (RCDF) received this honour for its outstanding work in the green energy sector.
- The award was presented by Energy Minister Hiralal Nagar at the Green Energy Conclave on 7 June 2025.
- The award was given to Shruti Bhardwaj for her leadership in:
  - Achieving Profit of more than ₹400 crore,
  - Turnover of ₹10,000 crore,
  - Outstanding contributions to green energy.
- This is considered to be the biggest achievement in RCDF's 47-year history.

### MoUs/ Agreements

#### Free medical facility for helpless and unknown patients

- A joint MoU has been signed between the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Department of Medical Education.
- Under this, mentally disabled, deprived, abandoned and unknown patients will get free treatment.
- The cost of treatment will be borne by the Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Limited (RMRS).
- Patients brought by registered charitable trusts or NGOs will be treated free of cost in hospitals.
- It will be mandatory to provide proof of the helpless condition of the concerned patient by the trust or NGO.
- A joint committee will authorise and provide assistance to trusts and institutions.



## Various Environmental Agreements

### 1. Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2030

- MoU between the State Pollution Control Board and the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi.
- Objective: To prepare an Adaptation Plan 2030 to deal with the effects of climate change in Rajasthan.

### 2. Emission Trading Scheme (ETS)

- Tripartite MoU on 5 June 2025 between Department of Environment & Climate Change, State Pollution Control Board, and J.P.A.L. S.A., E.P.I.C.
- Objective: To implement the Emission Trading Scheme, thereby making it possible to control industrial pollution.

## Abhijeet Gupta becomes Delhi GM Open Chess Champion for the fourth time

- Bhilwara Grandmaster Abhijeet Gupta won the 21st Delhi Grandmasters Open Chess Tournament title.
- This is his fourth title in this competition (Former winners: 2008, 2014, 2020).
- He scored a total of 8.5 points after playing a draw with Aronyak Ghosh in the final round.
- He is the only Grandmaster from Rajasthan and has been awarded the Arjuna Award in 2013.
- Abhijeet is the first player to become a champion 5 times in Commonwealth Chess.

## Rajasthan wins 34th Senior National Wushu Championship

- The competition was held at Poornima University, Jaipur.
- Organizers: Indian Wushu Association and Rajasthan Wushu Association.
- Rajasthan won the overall championship by winning a total of 24 medals (10 gold, 8 silver, 6 bronze).
- **In the medal tally:**
  - Rajasthan: I
  - SSCB: II
  - SSB: III

## Sports

### Asia Cup 2025 (Archery): Sachin Chechi won bronze medal

- In the Asia Cup 2025 held in Singapore, Sachin Chechi of Rajasthan received the bronze medal.
- He defeated Hemu Bachchar of Bangladesh with a score of 148-146.
- President of Rajasthan Archery Association: Deep Singh Khangarot.

Major Medalists		
Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1. Megha Joshi (48kg )	1. Vikas Yadav (100kg)	1. Rinku Chaudhary (45kg)
2. Divyanshi (70kg )	2. Abhijeet Eswal (Wing Chun)	2. Mukund Acharya (48kg)
3. Aman Pareek (52kg )	3. Anand Saini (Nandau & Nangun) (2 silver medals)	3. Sachin Chaudhary (90kg)
4. Abhimanyu Pareek (56kg )	4. Gurpreet Singh (Taichi Jian)	4. Anand (Nanquan)
5. Vaibhav Sharma (65kg )	5. Prem Singh (Flexible)	5. Manoj Koli (Jingikwan)
6. Neelam Chaudhary (Traditional Nanquan)	6. Gulshan (Other Style)	6. Charu Pareek (Wing Chun)
7. Vikas Chaudhary (Nandu)	7. Kamakshi Acharya (Other Style)	
8. Devraj Saini (Flexible Weapon)		
9. Mayank (Other Style & Group Event) (2 Gold Medals)		

### Yash Bhardia completes International Master (IM) norm

- 15-year-old Yash Bhardia from Rajasthan achieved his third and final IM norm on 2 June 2025 in Belgrade, Serbia.
- He achieved this feat by scoring 7 out of 9 points.
- Yash has become the second International Master of Rajasthan.
- First IM: Abhijeet Gupta (2005), who became a Grandmaster in 2008.
- **Major Achievements of Yash:**
  - 2019: Under-10 Commonwealth Gold
  - 2022: Under-13 Rajasthan State Champion
  - 2023: 8th in the Under-14 World

### National Muaythai Championship 2025 ✖ Rajasthan to finish 2nd

- The competition was held at Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak.
- The Rajasthan team secured the second position in the country.
- **Medal Winners:**
  - Gold: Dhanishtha Agarwal, Rajkumari Gaur
  - Silver: Rayna Saini, Vishnu Prasad
  - Bronze: Richa

### South Asian Bodybuilding Championships: Vishal Singh wins bronze medal

- Vishal Singh Rawat of Ajmer won the bronze medal in the 75 kg weight category.
- The competition was held in Bhutan.
- Vishal has already won several medals at the national level.

### Rajasthan win 13 medals in Deaf Sports Championship

- Players from Rajasthan won 13 medals in the Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior Deaf Sports Championship held in Kanpur.
- Organization: Rajasthan Deaf Sports Council
- Chairman: Vinod Mittal

### Senior National Swimming Championships (22-26 June 2025, Bhubaneswar)

- A 6-member contingent from Rajasthan will participate ✖ 4 men and 2 women.
- Men will compete in 8 and women in 5 events .
- Team members: Yug Chelani, Muhammed Anas, Yugya Khinchi, Ratika Khata, Abhinandan Khandelwal, Krishnaditya Singh.
- Union President: Anil Vyas.

### Sunil Muwal ✖ Selected in Indian Under-19 Volleyball Team

- Sunil Muwal, a resident of Chaumu (Bishanpura, Charnavas), Rajasthan, was selected in the Under-19 Indian Volleyball Team.
- He will represent India in the Central Asian Volleyball Championship (Uzbekistan).

### Beach Kabaddi National Games 2025 ✖ Rajasthan Runners-up

- The 12th Beach Kabaddi Championship was held in Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh).
- The Rajasthan men's team finished runners-up after losing to Andhra Pradesh 32-42 in the final.

- Team players: Anuj, Jai Bhagwan, Vijendra, Mahendra, Rajiv, Jitendra.
- Union President: Tejashwi Singh Gehlot.

### Shreyanshi Jain ✖ U-7 National Chess Champion

- In the Under-7 Girls National Championship held in Khordha (Odisha), Shreyanshi won the gold medal by winning all 9 rounds.
- In the final round, she defeated B Yazhisai of Tamil Nadu.
- She will now represent India in international competitions.
- **Major Achievements:**
  - World School U-7: 4th position
  - National U-7 (2025): Gold
  - National School U-7 (2025): Gold

### Pro Kabaddi League (Season 12): 8 players from Rajasthan selected

- In the auction of the 12th season of Pro Kabaddi League, 8 players from Rajasthan were included in different teams.
- Sachin Tanwar was bought by Puneri Paltan for the highest bid of ₹1.058 crore.
- Jaipur Pink Panthers picked Nitin in the squad.

#### Players and teams of Rajasthan:

Player	Team
Sachin Tanwar	Puneri Paltan
Jai Bhagwan	Telugu Titans
Mahipal	Bengaluru Bulls
Lokesh Ghosalia	U Mumba
Manjeet	Bengal Warriors
Gangaram	UP Yoddha
Nitin	Jaipur Pink Panthers
Rohit Beniwal	Tamil Thalaivas

### National Taekwondo Championship (2025)

- The 4th Cadet and Junior National Taekwondo Championship was held in Uttarakhand from 29 May-1 June 2025.
- Rajasthan's Tannishtha Jodha won the gold medal.
- Rohit Kumar Patel won the bronze medal in the U-14 cadet category.

### Royal Jaipur Chess Tournament (U-1800 FIDE)

- 8-year-old Shivaay Singh (Uttar Pradesh) won the title with 8 out of 9 points.
- He was awarded ₹1 lakh cash and a trophy.

- Sudip Patil finished second.
- Rajasthan's Kavyansh Jain (12 years) secured the third position.

#### **4th National Masters Weightlifting Competition Rajasthan Runners-up**

- The competition was held in Surat (Gujarat).
- Maharashtra won the title with 520 points, while Rajasthan finished runners-up with 448 points.
- 16 players from Rajasthan won gold medals.

#### **Gold Medal Winners**

- Squad: Anupam Swami (captain), Ramdayal Chaudhary, Bhagwan Singh Shekhawat, Kailash Chand, Saurabh Mehta, Amit Sharma, Sushil Kumar Chaudhary, Chandrashekhar, Chandra Prakash Saini, Girdhari Lal Saini.
- Satyanarayan Mali, Chandra Kumar Awasthi, Triloki Nath Sharma, Mahesh Chandra Mahatma, Chandrakant Chaudhary, Sunita Devi (only female player)

#### **Under-16 SABA Cup Basketball Championship (2025)**

- Two players from Rajasthan have been selected in the Indian team for the competition to be held in Maldives from 12-15 June 2025:
  1. Mohammad Raza (Jaisalmer)
  2. Arman Matoria (Sriganganagar)
- President of Rajasthan Basketball Association: Ajit Singh Rathore

#### **World Para Shooting Cup 2025 (South Korea)**

- Rudransh Khandelwal of Bharatpur (Rajasthan) won a total of 5 medals:
  - 1 Gold: 10m Air Pistol (SH-1 Category)
  - 3. Silver: Standard Pistol Individual, Team Event and 10m Air Pistol Team
  - 1. Bronze: 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team (with Sumedha Pathak)
- Shivraj Sankhala of Merta City won the silver medal in the 50m pistol team event.

#### **Pro Tennis Under-10 Championship (Jaipur)**

- Event: By the Professional Tennis Club, in collaboration with TBCAge, under the auspices of AITA.
- **Girls Category Winner: Tvasha Shah (Gujarat)**
  - Final: 4-3, 2-4, 4-3 (vs Alaiva Joshi, UP)
- **Boys Category Winner: Hridan Sharma (Rajasthan)**
  - Final: 4-0, 4-1 (Competitors: Pratam Sangwan, Chandigarh)

#### **25th Sub-Junior National Wushu Championship (Tamil Nadu)**

- The Rajasthan team won a total of 29 medals:
  - 8 Gold, 5 Silver, 16 Bronze
- Rajasthan finished third in the overall team championship.
- **Category-wise Performance:**
  - Boys Team: 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 4 Bronze  
Rajasthan 2nd position
  - Sanshou Girls Team: 2nd gold, 2 silver, 7 bronze  
Rajasthan 2nd position
  - Taolu Girls Team: 3 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze  
Rajasthan 2nd position
- **Gold Medal Winners:**
  - Anshika, Almas Khan, Chitranshi Chauhan, Mayank, Preksha (2 gold), Vicky, Vanshraj Singh
- Wushu Association President: Hiranand Kataria

#### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Nagori Pan Methi included in Spices Board's List**

- The Government of India has included Nagori Pan Methi, the traditional spice crop of Nagaur (Rajasthan), as the 53rd spice in the list of Spices Board.
- It has been recognized through a gazette notification.
- This crop can now be included in export-import through APEDA and other government agencies by issuing HS code.

#### **Rajasthan Runway Fest (14-22 June 2025, Jaipur Airport)**

- For the first time, Rajasthan Runway Fest was organized at Jaipur International Airport.
- Aim: To promote the folk art, cultural heritage and traditional cuisine of Rajasthan.
- The nine-day extravaganza, held at Terminal 2, featured stalls of puppetry, Ghoomar, folk music and Rajasthani cuisine.
- The festival provides a new platform to the fading folk arts.

#### **Use of AI technology for the first time in Mineral Exploration (Rajasthan)**

- The Rajasthan government has initiated the use of AI technology to modernize and make mineral exploration more scientific.
- This pilot project is being implemented in **Bhilwara, Bharatpur and Chittorgarh districts.**



- The State Mineral Exploration Trust will do this work in collaboration with the Central Government and private investigating agencies.
- Drilling will be done on priority in potential mineral areas based on AI analysis.
- This initiative will improve the quality of mineral exploration with saving of time, cost and labour.

#### **Rajasthan's first Electric Double-Decker Boat**

- On 7 June 2025, Rajasthan's first electric double-decker luxury boat was inaugurated at Pichola Lake in Udaipur.
- This boat is based on modern pontoon technology, which keeps it safe even in storm-like conditions.
- A maximum of 25 passengers are allowed to sit in the boat.

#### **Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Sambal Pakhwada (24th June – 9th July 2025)**

- This fortnight will be organized through camps at Gram Panchayat level.
- Objective: To provide the direct benefits of government schemes to the general public.
- **Key Services:**
  - Distribution of Ownership Leases
  - Disposal of Stone Quarrying and Boundary related cases
  - Soil Sample Collection and Soil Health Card Distribution
  - Disposal of pending NFSA cases
  - Identification of newly eligible families through Aadhaar seeding
- The Collector will be designated as the nodal officer in each district.

#### **Allocation of 4,000 MW Hour Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to Rajasthan**

- The Ministry of Power, Government of India, made this allocation to Rajasthan under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF).
- Central assistance of ₹720 crore (₹18 lakh per MWh) will be given for 4,000 MWh BESS.
- This will conserve solar and wind energy and use it as per the requirement.
- This will ensure grid stability, supply in non-solar times and energy availability during peak loads.
- Rajasthan has got this share for the development of 30 GW of capacity across the country.

#### **Construction of 45,000 water Conservation Structures in Rajasthan**

- The Rajasthan government launched the 'Karmabhoomi Se Mathrubhumi' campaign, in which the participation of migrant Rajasthani citizens is being ensured.
- In the next 4 years, 45,000 water conservation structures (stepwells, johads, ponds, wells, etc.) will be constructed.
- In FY 2025-26, each district aims to have at least 125 structures, totalling around 5,000 structures.
- As much as 72% of the state's area falls in the 'over-exploited' category, where there is a high dependence on groundwater.
- This effort is in line with the Central Government's Water Harvesting Campaigns such as 'Catch the Rain'.

#### **For the first time in Homeopathy, Super Specialty Services and D.M. syllabus**

- The National Commission for Homoeopathy has released the draft of 'Homoeopathy Super Speciality and DM Regulations, 2025'.
- DM (Doctorate of Medicine) courses will start in government medical institutions from July 2026.
- Course Structure: Three years DM course (Part I, II, III), each part of 12 months, maximum of 6 years.

#### **Relaxation in norms for formation of Village Service Cooperative Societies**

- As per the budget announcement of the Government of Rajasthan, Gram Sewa Cooperative Societies are being formed in all the Gram Panchayats.
- The state government has relaxed the parameters by up to 50%:
  - The minimum number of members is 150.
  - The minimum sharing amount will be ₹1.50 lakh.
- Committees in tribal areas will be formed with the help of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras.
- So far, 118 new committees have been established.

#### **BITS Mesra claims to have discovered the course of Saraswati river**

- Scientists from BITS Mesra, Ranchi have discovered the possible downstream of the lost Saraswati river in Rajasthan.
- Study area: About 3.70 lakh sq. km.
- **Stream 1:**
  - Origin: Anupgarh (from Ghaggar River)
  - Route: Beriawali → Behala → Tanot → Jaisalmer
  - End: Arab Sea.

- **Stream 2:**
  - Joins the first stream meeting near Bahala and Satto (Jaisalmer).
- **Other Supporting Streams:**
  - It passed through Dhapur, Jaisalmer, Barmer, Bikaner, Hanumangarh, Churu, Jhunjhunu districts.
- These streams met the main stream near Mohangarh and Suratgarh.
- Note: The water source at Mohangarh was confirmed during excavation last year.
- According to scientists, water from Indus, Jhelum and Chenab rivers could be transported through these ancient routes.

#### 9 laboratories in Rajasthan certified internationally

- 9 laboratories of Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board were certified by NABL as per ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards.
- In these laboratories, air, water, sound and soil will be tested to international standards.
- **Certified Laboratories:**
  - Central Laboratory: Jaipur
  - Regional Laboratories: Bhiwadi, Sikar, Udaipur, Kishangarh, Alwar, Kota, Chittorgarh, Bhilwara
- Certification process of 5 other laboratories is in progress.
- **Key Benefits:**
  - The report is valid in 120 countries.
  - Checks results more accurately.
- Improvement in Quality, Transparency and Process

#### Major Environmental Initiatives of State Government on 5th June 2025

1. **e-Waste Collection Vehicles:**
  - As many as 11 e-waste collection vehicles were dispatched to 7 divisions and industrial areas.
2. **Sanganer CETP Launch:**
  - Inauguration of Waste Water Treatment Plant of Zero Liquid Discharge Based Printing Units.
3. **New Green Projects:**
  - Beginning of Machla Magra Nagar Forest, Risala Green Lungs (Udaipur), Bir Papad Safari (Jaipur).
4. **Circular Economy Scheme:**
  - Incentive scheme launched to encourage recycling and reuse.
5. **MIS 2.0 System:**
  - Launch of MIS 2.0 to improve auto-renewal and environment management.

#### Rajasthan introduces Queue Management System in Hospitals

- The queue management system will be implemented in hospitals affiliated to all medical colleges.
- Aim: To relieve patients from long queues and ensure a faster registration process.
- The pilot was successfully implemented in Jaipuria and Kanwatia hospitals.
- Soon it will be implemented in Sawai Man Singh Hospital as well.

#### Run for Environment Environment Awareness Run (4th June 2025, Jaipur)

- On the occasion of World Environment Day, a Run for Environment program was organized in Jaipur.
- Objective: To increase awareness among the general public towards environmental protection.
- Organizer: State Pollution Control Board and Department of Environment and Climate Change, Rajasthan.

#### Jaipur gets its third Leopard Safari Beed Papad Leopard Safari

- The third leopard safari started in Vidhyadhar Nagar (Jaipur) from 5 June 2025.
- It has been named Beed Papad Leopard Safari.
- It is under the Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary and the 22 km long track is rich in the biodiversity of the Aravalli.
- The safari distance from Ajmeri Gate is about 10 km.

#### Rajasthan plans to construct 100 anicuts for water conservation

- The Rajasthan government will build 100 anicuts (small dams) at a cost of ₹ 500 crore for water harvesting and groundwater level improvement.
- The project will target various water-stressed areas of the state.

#### Successful test firing of 'Rudrastra' UAV in Jaisalmer (11 June 2025)

- Hybrid VTOL UAV Rudrastra was successfully tested at Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer.
- It has been developed by Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited.
- It is capable of takeoffs and landings without a runway.
- **Highlights:**
  - 170+ km Range
  - Precision Target Penetration Capability

- Technique of carrying small bombs and hitting precise targets
- This UAV will prove useful in the context of border security challenges, especially on the Pakistan border.

### Conferences, Meetings, Festivals

#### 11th International Yoga Day (21 June 2025, Jaisalmer)

- The state level event was held at Khuri Sand Dunes, Jaisalmer.
- Chief Guest: Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma
- Theme: "Yoga for One Earth, One Health"
- Organizer: Department of AYUSH, Rajasthan
- Yoga programmes were organised in all districts, blocks, panchayats and tourist places across the state.

#### Pravasi Rajasthani Sammelan 2025 (December 10, Jaipur)

- The event will be organized by inviting migrant Rajasthanis from all over the country and abroad.
- Social, economic and industrial contributors will be honored.
- A new department will be set up to solve the problems of migrant Rajasthanis.
- Additional District Collector will be appointed as Nodal Officer in each district.

#### Rising Rajasthan Partnership Conclave 2025 (December 11-12, Jaipur)

- The event will take place on the anniversary of the Global Summit held in December 2024.
- A progress report of the MoU will be released.
- Objective: To promote partnerships and investments among states, cities and industries.

#### Green India Expo 2025 (July 25-27, Kota)

- Renewable Energy Companies, EV manufacturers, new technology and equipment will be showcased at the exhibition.
- Organizers: Laghu Udyog Bharti, Solar Organization India, Hadoti Solar and Power Association, The SSI Association.

#### State Level World Environment Day Celebration (5 June 2025, Jaipur)

- Venue: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur
- Theme: "Distance from Plastic, Environmental Protection Essential"

- Chief Guest: Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma
- Events: State Pollution Control Board and Department of Environment and Climate Change.

### Reports & Indices

#### Rajasthan's Performance in Care Age Report 2025

- **National Rank:** Rajasthan got the 12th position.
- Overall aggregate score: 40.50%
- Top State: Kerala (90.50%)
- Assessment areas: economic, financial, social, environmental, administrative etc.

#### Rajasthan's Performance (Score & Rank)

Field	Score (%)	Rank
Composite	40.50	12
Economic	34.30	12
Fiscal	41.10	14
Financial Development	39.50	7
Infrastructure	33.10	11
Social	50.80	12
Governance	59.80	10
Environment	34.30	14

#### Jaipur district ranks first in 'Give Up' Campaign

- Objective: To motivate ineligible beneficiaries from the National Food Security Scheme (NFSA) to delete their names themselves.
- First in Rajasthan: Jaipur
- "Give Up" Number in Jaipur: 1,88,255 ineligible persons removed their names on their own.

#### Those falling into the categories of "Give Up":

1. Persons working in Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous Institutions
2. Whose annual income is more than Rs. 1 Lakh
3. Those receiving pension above Rs. 100,000
4. Private four-wheeler holder or income taxpayer

#### Rain Water Harvesting Ranking 2025

- Issuer: Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Period: 1 April 2024 - 31 May 2025
- Assessment Basis: Water Conservation Activities under "Catch the Rain" Campaign
- Rajasthan - 3rd place in the country



### Top 5 States and Districts Based on Rainwater Harvesting

Top States	Top Districts
1. Telangana	1. Khandwa (Madhya Pradesh)
2. Chhattisgarh	2. Bhilwara (Rajasthan)
3. Rajasthan	3. Balod (Chhattisgarh)
4. Madhya Pradesh	4. Adilabad (Telangana)
5. Uttar Pradesh	5. Barmer (Rajasthan)

- Khandwa (MP): Completed 1.29 lakh water conservation works (ponds, rain harvesting etc.).
- 2 districts of Rajasthan in top 5 – Bhilwara (2) and Barmer (5).

### Rajasthan's Performance in Health Sector – 2025

- **Top Ranked Schemes at the National Level:**
  1. Janani Suraksha Yojana
  2. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
- **Other Major Health Achievements:**
  - 3,355 panchayats declared TB-free
  - 7 April 2025: Niramaya Rajasthan Campaign Launched
- **Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana:**
  - Cashless treatment up to ₹25 lakh to 1.34 crore families
  - 11,655 Medical Institutions → converted into Ayushman Arogya Mandir
  - Abha IDs of more than 6.23 crore people have been created

## 2. NATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Flipkart gets NBFC license

- Flipkart is the first major e-commerce company in India to get an NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company) license from the RBI.
- This license allows direct lending to customers and vendors.
- The company will now expand financial services through its FinTech app super money.
- Flipkart is currently owned by Walmart.
- NBFC companies give loans, but cannot accept deposits.
- They operate under the RBI Act, 1934.

### Dhruv Policy: Digital Address System

- The Government of India through the Department of Posts released the Dhruva Policy Document.
- Its purpose is to create a standardized and geo-coded digital address system.
- This policy is based on the DIGIPIN initiative.
- It aims to make digital addresses a part of national digital infrastructure like Aadhaar and UPI.
- **Highlights:**
  - Address standardization to address regional variations.
  - Address management under the Address-as-a-Service (AaaS) model.
  - Facilitates user control and customization of digital addresses.
  - Design for interoperability in government, e-commerce, logistics, and financial services.

### Establishment of AI University

- MoU between Andhra Pradesh government and American company Nvidia.
- An Artificial Intelligence University will be set up in the state.
- In the next two years, 10,000 engineering students will be imparted AI-related skills.

### Ladakh: Amendment to Reservation and Language Laws (Ordinance by President)

- President Droupadi Murmu promulgated ordinances to amend the rules governing the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- Ladakh does not have a legislative assembly, so the President has executive powers.

### Key Modifications:

- Reservation in government jobs: The reservation limit for SC, ST and OBC was fixed at a maximum of 85%.
- Domicile Policy: 15 years of continuous residency required to get a domicile (counting from 2019).
- People settled after 2019 will not be considered domiciles until 2034.
- Women's reservation: 33% women's reservation in Ladakh Autonomous Hill Council implemented for the first time.
- Official languages: Now the official languages of Ladakh will be English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti, and Purgi.

### Map Capacity Building Program Phase 2



- The training of the second phase of the "Naksha" programme by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development began on 2nd June 2025.
- It aims to train officials for effective survey of urban properties through geospatial techniques.
- 304 officials have been nominated from 157 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

### Training Centres:

1. LBSNAA, Mussoorie (Uttarakhand)
2. YASHADA, Pune (Maharashtra)
3. North East COE, Guwahati (Assam)
4. MGIPA, Chandigarh (Punjab)
5. ATI, Mysuru (Karnataka)

### Features of the Map Program:

- Technological solutions to ensure accurate, transparent and digital land records.
- Implemented as a pilot project in 157 ULBs of 27 States and 3 UTs.
- Partner Institutions: Survey of India, NICS, MPSEDC, and five National Centres of Excellence.

### Mumbai-Nagpur Expressway (Samruddhi Mahamarg)

- The Samruddhi Mahamarg project of the Government of Maharashtra was inaugurated recently.
- It is a greenfield, access-controlled, six-lane expressway.
- This 701 km long road connects Mumbai and Nagpur.
- With this expressway, the journey from Mumbai to Nagpur can now be completed in just 7 hours.
- The project aims to ensure fast and safe commuting between the commercial and winter capitals of the state.

### India's first tri-services all-women sailing team returns from Seychelles trip

- The first tri-services all-women sailing team of the Indian Armed Forces withdrew from Seychelles on 4 June 2025.
- The team completed an international voyage of 1,800 nautical miles on board the indigenous 56-feet long boat 'Triveni'.
- It was India's first international level all-women open-sea sailing mission.
- **Key Details:**
  - Period: 7 April – 4 June 2025
  - Distance: 1,800 nautical miles
  - Ship: Yacht 'Triveni'
  - Team: A total of 11 women officers from the Army, Navy and Air Force

### Introduction of Bhartiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA)

- On 6th June 2025, Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA) in New Delhi.
- Objective: To promote the use of Indian languages in government work and to reduce the influence of foreign languages.
- A budgetary provision of ₹56 crore (2024–25) was made for this purpose.
- C-DAC was given the responsibility of technological development.
- It will promote dialogue between the central and state governments in Indian languages.

### Census of India 2025 – Notification Released

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) released the notification of Census 2025 on 16th June 2025.
- It will be India's first digital and caste-based census, which will end by March 1, 2027.
- The data obtained after 2026 will be used in delimitation, women's reservation and policy-making.

- The mobile app will include the option of real-time data entry and self-enumeration.
- On April 30, 2025, the central government approved the caste-based census.
- This data will be helpful for social justice, reservation policies, and targeted government schemes.

### Two stages of the process:

#### 1. House Listing Operation (HLO):

- Collection of information related to houses, property, electricity, water, toilets etc.

#### 2. Population Enumeration (PE):

- Social, economic, cultural, and caste information of the person.

### Operation 'Sindhu'

- An operation launched by the Government of India with an aim to evacuate Indian citizens and students stranded in Iran amid the Iran-Israel conflict.
- Evacuation route: from Iran via Armenia.
- The operation is part of India's series of international evacuation missions.
- **Other major evacuation missions:**
  - Operation Ganga: Evacuation of Indians during the Ukraine War.
  - Operation Kaveri: Assisting Indians in Sudan crisis.
  - Vande Bharat Mission: Return of citizens from different countries during COVID-19.

### Bihar: India's first mobile-based e-voting system

- Bihar has become the first state in India to implement e-voting through a mobile app.
- This system will be used in the municipal elections on 28 June 2025.
- Announcement: By Bihar State Election Commissioner Deepak Prasad.

### Highlights:

- Voters will be able to cast their votes through the mobile app without going to the polling station.
- **Operating through two apps:**
  1. E-Voting SECBHR – Developed by: C-DAC
  2. Another app of Bihar State Election Commission
- This system will be especially useful for migrant workers, differently-abled people, pregnant women, senior citizens and seriously ill voters.



### Puducherry: 19th Legislature to adopt 'NeVA' platform

- The Puducherry Legislative Assembly achieved the distinction of becoming the 19th Legislature of India by adopting the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA).
- The NeVA project aims to make legislative processes digital and paperless.
- It is 100% funded by the Central Government and is being implemented by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- 1st State: Nagaland (2022)

### 29th Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) Meeting

- Held on 10 June 2025 in Mumbai.
- Chairperson: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
- Participants: RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra (FSDC Sub-Committee Head), Ministry of Finance and other financial regulatory institutions.
- **Key Agenda:** India's Financial Stability, Economic Risk Management Strategies, Inter-Regulatory Coordination.
- **FSDC Founded** in 2010, on the recommendation of the Raghuram Rajan Committee.
  - Objective: To ensure the monitoring, development and coordination of the financial sector.

### New motto of Lokpal of India

- On 11 June 2025, the institution of Lokpal adopted the new motto: "Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption".
- Objective: To make the role of Lokpal people-oriented, proactive and awareness-based so as to strengthen its visibility and public relations.



### Protector and feeder of the world

- Lokpal is an independent statutory body of India.
- Formation: Under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 .
- Objective: To conduct an independent and impartial investigation into corruption cases against senior officers, ministers and bureaucrats of the central government.

### Composition of Lokpal

- Chairperson: Retired Chief Justice or Judge of the Supreme Court
- Current President: Shri Ajay Manikrao Khanvilkar
- Members: Maximum 8 members, up to 50% of whom can be from judicial background.

### 25th Central Zonal Council Meeting

- Date and Venue: 24 June 2025, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
- Chairperson: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah
- Member States: Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand

### Zonal Council System in India

- Establishment: On the recommendation of Pt. Nehru, under the States Reorganization Act 1956
- Number: 5 Zonal Councils + 1 North Eastern Council (1971 Act)
- Objective: State coordination, national integration, prevention of territorial isolation
- Nature: Advisory body; Recommendations not binding
- Chairpersons of all councils: Union Home Minister

### Navya Scheme: Vocational Training for Adolescent Girls

- Launch: 24 June 2025, Sonbhadra (Uttar Pradesh)
- Objective: To skill Class 10 pass adolescent girls in the age group of 16-18 years in non-traditional areas.
- Training Area: Graphic Design, Drone Assembly, Solar Installation, etc.
- Participating Ministries: Women & Child Development, Skill Development
- Initiators: Jayant Chaudhary and Savitri Thakur
- Initial implementation: 27 districts in 19 states (includes aspirational districts)

### Tripura: State attaining full functional literacy

- Tripura became the fourth state/union territory of India (after Ladakh, Mizoram, Goa)
- Criteria: 94% of the population is functionally literate
- Programme: Glee (2022), Nav Bharat Literacy Programme
- Components: Literacy, Life Skills, Vocational Education, Continuing Education, Basic Education

### Assam: Transgender community gets OBC status

- Transgender persons will now get OBC category benefits (reservation in education, jobs, schemes)
- First State in India: Madhya Pradesh (April 2023)

## 3. ECONOMY

### 'Dharti Abba Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan'

- Launched: 15 June 2025
- Conducted By: Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)
- Duration: 15 to 30 June 2025
- Objective: To provide direct benefits of government schemes to tribal communities and to respect cultural identity.
- **Coverage:**
  - 549 Tribal-dominated districts
  - 207 PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) Districts
  - 2,900+ Blocks
  - 1 Million Villages and Settlements
- **Key services through camps:** Aadhaar updates, Ayushman cards, Jan Dhan accounts, PM-Kisan, pensions, scholarships, insurance schemes, skill training and livelihood programmes

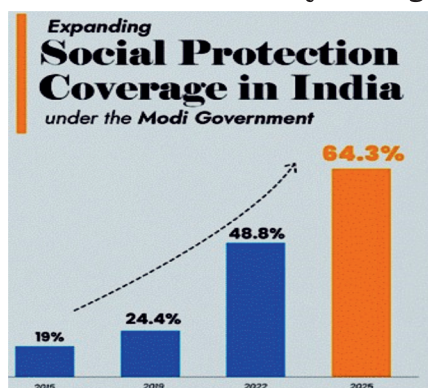
### Amendments to SEZ Rules: Semiconductor and Electronics Sector Gets a Boost

- Objective: To promote semiconductor and electronic component manufacturing in India.
- **Key Modifications:**
  - Minimum land requirement: Reduced from 50 hectares to 10 hectares.
  - Relaxation of debt-free land rules: Leasing of SEZ land to the government or its agencies is now more flexible.
  - Net Forex Calculation: Items received for free will also be included in this.

### SEZ

- Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are aimed at increasing investment and incentivising exports.
- The concept is inspired by China.

### Historic increase in social security coverage in India



- Source: ILO & ILOSTAT 2025 Report
- Coverage in 2015: 19%
- Coverage in 2025: 64.3%
- Growth: A jump of 45 percentage points in 10 years
- Number of beneficiaries: Over 94 crore Indians
- Global Status: India ranks second in terms of number of social security beneficiaries
- **Services Covered in Social Security:** Health Assistance, Livelihood Security, Old Age Pension, Unemployment Assistance, Security in Emergency Situations

### DFCC Bank becomes first foreign corporate listed on NSE IX

- Sri Lanka's DFCC Bank Plc made a secondary listing of LKR 2.5 billion worth of green bonds on India's GIFT City-based National Stock Exchange & International Exchange (NSE IX).
- It became the first foreign corporate to be listed on the NSE IX.
- This initiative will enhance India-Sri Lanka capital market cooperation and is a step towards developing GIFT City as a global financial centre.

### Hindi Maulik Book Writing Protsahan Yojana & RBI's Initiative

- Objective of the Scheme Launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI):
- To encourage original book writing in Hindi on economic, banking and financial subjects.
- **Eligibility:**
  - Affiliated to UGC recognized universities
  - Working/Retired Professor, Associate Professor or Assistant Professor
  - Original (not translated) book written in Hindi
- **Key Terms:**
  - The book should be published between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025
  - A minimum of 200 pages.
  - Subject: Economics, Banking or Finance
- **Prize:**
  - Each year the 3 best books will be selected
  - Each winner will receive a prize money of ₹1,25,000

### 'Udyog Kranti' initiative launched in Punjab

- On June 10, 2025, the Punjab government launched the 'Punjab Udyog Kranti' programme.
- It is India's first state-level industrial revolution initiative.
- **Key features:**
  - 45-Day Deemed Approval System: Applications will be processed in 45 working days, otherwise there will be automatic approval.
  - FastTrack Punjab Portal: Integrated digital single window service, without manual follow-up.
  - Information on errors in 7-days: Application review quick and transparent.
  - Self-certification system: Reduced dependency on expert panels.
  - Colour-coded stamp paper: For the first time all charges (CLU, firefighting, pollution) integrated.
  - All approvals will be issued in 15 days.
  - Single window, single pen system: Industrialists will have to approach only one authority.

### NPCI & IDRBT Partnership & Digital Payment Security

- **Institutions:** NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) and IDRBT (Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology)
- **Objective:** To make India's digital payment system secure, resilient, and ready to face cyber threats.
- This agreement is a significant initiative towards strengthening the security of India's fast-growing digital transactions sector.

### RBI cuts repo rate by 0.5%

- Date: Effective June 6, 2025
- Repo rate cut: 0.5% (50 basis points)
- **New Key Rates (RBI & June 2025):**
  - Repo Rate: 5.50%
  - Reverse repo rate: 3.35% (no change)
  - Permanent Deposit Facility (SDF): 5.25% (previously 5.75%)
  - Marginal Standing Facility (MSF): 5.75% (earlier 6.25%)
  - Bank Rate: 5.75% (previously 6.25%)
  - CRR: 4% currently, reduced to 3% as of November 29
  - SLR: 18% (no change)
- GDP Growth Rate (NSO & 30 May 2025):
  - 2024-25: 6.5%
  - 2025-26 Forecast: 6.5%

### Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)

- Founded: 29 September 2016
- Act: Section 45ZB of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- Objective: To set a policy interest rate for inflation control.
- Total Members: 6

### Current Members (as per notification dated 1st October 2024):

1. Sanjay Malhotra & Chairman (RBI Governor)
2. Dr. Nagesh Kumar
3. Prof. Ram Singh
4. Saugat Bhattacharya
5. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan
6. Dr. Poonam Gupta

### ADB announces \$10 billion for India's urban development

- **Announcement:** By Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- **Objective:** To accelerate urban transformation and development in India
- **Investment amount:** \$10 billion over the next 5 years, through the "Urban Challenge Fund"
- **Key Focus Areas:**
  - Expansion of Metro Network
  - Construction of Regional Rapid Transit System (RTS) Corridors
  - Urban infrastructure and services: water, sewerage, roads, etc.
- **Technical assistance:** Increased project planning and implementation capacity of states and ULBs by \$3 million

### Installation of Electronics EMC 2.0 at Gautam Budh Nagar

- **EMC:** Industrial Manufacturing Cluster
- **Location:** Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
- **Cost:** ₹417 crore
- **Developer:** Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA)
- **Area:** 200 acres
- **Objective:** To promote investment, employment and technological development in the electronics sector

### EMC 2.0 Scheme

- **Launch:** 2020 ( Upgraded version of EMC Scheme 2012)
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology



- Main objective: Increase local production of electronics products, reduce dependence on imports

**Highlights:**

- **Financial Assistance:**
  - Greenfield: Maximum of ₹70 crore on 100 acres (up to 50% cost)
  - Brownfield: 75% of the infrastructure cost (maximum ₹50 crore)
- **Infrastructure:** factory shed, warehouse, electricity-water, logistics, etc.
- **Shared Facilities:** Skill Center, Lab, Hostel, R&D Center
- **Design:** Cluster-based, eco-friendly approach

**New base year of Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

- New Base Year: 2024 (Applicable: 1st quarter of 2026)
- Old Base Year: 2012
- Objective: Accurate measurement of inflation and reflecting up-to-date consumer behaviour
- CPI items: increased from 299 to ~407
- Share of services: Potential to increase (including digital services, healthtech, processed food, etc.)
- Basis: Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES) 2023-24

- **New Base Year for Other Indices:**
  - GDP: 2022-23
  - IIP: Tentative Base Year 2022-23

**Gold becomes second largest reserve asset**

- Report Source: European Central Bank

**Share in Reserve Assets in the World:**

1. US Dollar – 46%
  2. Gold – 20% (outpaced the euro)
  3. Euro – 16%
- Global Gold Reserves: ~36,000 Tons
  - Top Gold Holder: US Federal Reserve (8,133.46 tonnes)

**NACH 3.0**

- Full Form: National Automated Clearing House
- Nodal Body: NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India)
- Implementation Date: 1st week of July 2025
- Objective: To make recurring digital transactions faster, safer and transparent
- Usage: Centralized payment system for salary, pension, EMI, subsidy, mutual funds, OTT subscription, bill payment etc.

## 4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### PM Modi's visit to Cyprus, Canada and Croatia

- Duration: 15-19 June 2025
- First Phase: Tour of Cyprus from 15-16 June

#### Two major agreements:

1. Agreement between NSE International Exchange and Cyprus Stock Exchange
2. MoU with Eurobank to implement UPI system in Cyprus

### Strategic importance of Cyprus

- Member of the European Union (EU)
- It will assume the presidency of the EU in 2026.
- **Geographically important:** An important part of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), a region rich in gas resources, island nations in the eastern Mediterranean
- Capital: Nicosia

### 51st G7 Summit (2025) & Canada

- Date: 15-17 June 2025
- Location: Cananaskis, Alberta (Canada)
- Presidency: By Canada
- Member Countries: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA + EU
- Major invitee (outreach) countries:
- India (Prime Minister Narendra Modi), Australia, Brazil, South Africa, South Korea, Mexico, Ukraine etc.

#### Main Agenda:

1. Global economic stability and growth
2. Energy Security and Digital Transformation
3. Global Security (Iran-Israel and Russia-Ukraine Conflict)
4. Tackling Terrorism and Cyber Threats
5. Refugee Protection and Humanitarian Assistance

#### G7 Group

- Establishment: 1975 (at the initiative of France)
- Original G6 members: France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA
- 1976: Canada's joining the G7
- 1998: The G8 was formed by Russia's accession.
- 2014: Russia expelled after Crimean crisis, again G7

#### • Influence:

- The group provides policy leadership on global economic, technological and geopolitical affairs.
- The countries included in the G7 are the world's major developed and industrialized economies.

### G7 2026 & France Hosts

- Location: Avian-les-Baines, France
- Date: 14-16 June 2026
- Note: The same city also hosted the G7 summit in 2003.

### PM Modi's visit to Croatia (2025)

- Timeline: 15-19 June 2025 (trip to Cyprus, Canada, Croatia)
- Participation in the G7 Conference: In the Outreach Session in Cananaskis, Canada
- This was the first official visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia.
- Meeting: President Zoran Milanovich

#### 4 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs):

1. Cooperation in agriculture and allied sectors
2. Science & Technology Cooperation
3. Cultural exchanges
4. Establishment of Hindi Chair at Zagreb University

#### Croatia

- Located in the Balkan Peninsula of south-east Europe
- Independent from Yugoslavia in 1992
- EU and NATO member
- Capital: Zagreb

### Operation 'True Promise 3' & Iran's counter-attack

- Start: By Iran
- Context: In response to Israel's attacks (on Natanz, Isfahan and senior officials)
- IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps)

#### Aim:

- Israeli cities: Tel Aviv, Haifa, Rehovot
- Strategic Framework: Power Plants, Oil Refineries, Research Centers

### Operation "Rising Lion"

- Draw Date: 13 June 2025
- Implementation: By Israel
- **Target:** Iran's nuclear and military bases, in particular the Natanz uranium enrichment center

### International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

- Chairman (2025): Bhupender Yadav (Minister of Environment)
- Director General: S.P. descendant of Yadus
- Announcement: 9th April 2023, Mysore (50th Anniversary of Project Tiger)
- Establishment: March 2024 (by Government of India)
- Target: Global Cooperation for Conservation of 7 Big Cat Species (Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Puma, Jaguar, Cheetah)
- Operational: Under the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
- Secretariat: To be set up in India
- First meeting: 16 June 2025 → Approval of Methodology and Budget

### 113th International Labour Conference (ILC) → 2025

- Date: 2→13 June 2025
- Location: Geneva, Switzerland
- Hosted by: ILO (International Labour Organization)
- Representing India: Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Union Minister of Labour)
- **India's Presentations:**
  - Unemployment rate: 6% in 2017 → 3.2% in 2024
  - E-Shram portal: Registration of 30 crore unorganised workers
  - Social Security coverage: 24.4% in 2019 → 64.3% in 2025
  - 2025 data: India becomes first country to update ILOSTAT

#### ILC

- Establishment: 1919 (Washington)
- ILO 's Apex Policymaking Forum
- "Parliament of Labour"
- Objective: Formulation, review and policy evaluation of global labour standards

### 2026: 'International Year of the Women Farmer' → United Nations General Assembly proclaimed

- Declaration: By the United Nations General Assembly
- **Aim:**
  - Highlighting the Role of Women Farmers in Global Food Security
  - Promoting gender equality

#### Key Statistics:

- Women account for 50% of the global food supply.
- 39% of agricultural labour in South Asia is women.
- 80% of economically active women in India are employed in agriculture sector

### 'Blue NDC Challenge' → France and Brazil Initiative

- Announcement: At the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) (9→13 June 2025, Nice, France)
- **Aim:**
  - Inclusion of oceans in climate plans
  - Prioritising maritime measures in Paris Agreement NDCs
- **Partner countries (so far):** Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Mexico, Palau, Seychelles, France, Brazil.
- Upcoming Conference: Brazil to host COP30 (November 2025)

### 2028: 4th United Nations Ocean Conference → China and South Korea to host

- Announcement: 13 June 2025, at the conclusion of UNOC3
- **Third Conference (2025):**
  - Hosts: France and Costa Rica
  - Location: Nice, France
  - Date: 9→13 June 2025
  - Theme: "Mobilizing all stakeholders and accelerating action for conservation and sustainable use of the ocean"
  - Focuspoint: SDG-14 (Marine Life)
  - Manifesto: "Our Ocean, Our Future"
  - **Other Announcements:**
    - » **Coral Bond Launch:** By Indonesia, World Bank & Partners → to Mobilize Private Investment for Coral Reef Conservation.

### SAHAV Portal → India's Marine Conservation Initiative

- SAHAV: A GIS-Based Decision Support System
- **Aim:**
  - Assistance in marine conservation and coastal planning
  - Supporting India's Blue Economy

### 3rd ITU-T Focus Group (FG-AINN) Meeting → Held in India

- Date: 11→13 June 2025
- Location: New Delhi
- Host: India (Department of Telecommunications → DoT and Telecommunication Engineering Centre → TEC)
- Objective: To include AI as a fundamental element in the telecom network of the future
- **Important Announcements:**
  - **India to host:** ITU PP-30 (2030) Conference
  - **India's nomination:** ITU Council (2027→2031)
  - M Revathi nominated for ITU Radio-communications Bureau Director
    - » She is the first female and regional candidate for this position



### Chief Election Commissioner's address at the International IDEA Conference

- Draw Date: 10 June 2025
- Location: Stockholm, Sweden
- Representative: Chief Election Commissioner of India Gyanesh Kumar
- Conference Theme: Transparency and Integrity of Election
- Participation: Election management bodies from 50+ countries
- **India's Achievement:**
  - Participation of 2 crore workers in 2024 general elections
  - Election Commission of India is the world's largest electoral organization

#### International IDEA:

- Establishment: 1995
- Headquarters: Stockholm, Sweden
- Member countries: 31
- Objective: To promote sustainable democracy
- India: Founding member and observer status in the United Nations

### International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2025

- Date: 6-7 June 2025
- Venue: Nice, France (first held in Europe)
- Theme: "Building a resilient future for coastal areas"
- **India's Participation:**
  - Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation via video conferencing
  - Emphasis on strengthening disaster resilient infrastructure of maritime and island territories

### India elected member of UN ECOSOC

- Selection Date: 4 June 2025
- India got 181 out of 189 votes.
- Tenure: 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028 (three years)
- Constituency: Asia-Pacific Group
- **Elected Member States for 2026-28:**
  - Africa: Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Burundi, Chad
  - Asia-Pacific: India, China, Lebanon, Turkmenistan
  - Eastern Europe: Croatia, Ukraine, Russia
  - Latin America and the Caribbean: Ecuador, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis
  - Western Europe & Others: Australia, Norway, Turkey, Finland

#### • ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council):

- One of the six principal organs of the United Nations
- Founded: 26 June 1945
- Total Members: 54
- **Purpose:** To discuss and make recommendations on global economic and social policies.

### India elected as President of IIAS

- Newly elected President: V. Srinivas (Administrative Reforms Secretary to the Government of India)
- Tenure: 2025-2028
- Former president: Bahrain's Raed Ben Shams
- Elections: 10-14 February 2025 during the General Assembly held in New Delhi
- Vote results: India - 87 votes, Austria - 54 votes

#### IIAS (International Institute of Administrative Sciences):

- Establishment: 1930
- Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
- India's membership: Since 1998
- Council of Administration: Its main governing body

### New non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC): 2026-27

- Newly elected countries (term: 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027):
  - Latvia (first time member)
  - Bahrain
  - Colombia
  - Liberia
  - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)
- Ranked by: Slovenia, South Korea, Guyana, Algeria, Sierra Leone
- Other Current Non-Permanent Members (Term 2024-26): Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, Somalia
- **Composition of UNSC:**
  - Total Members: 15
  - 5 Permanent Members (with veto): China, Russia, France, UK, US
  - 10 Temporary Members: Elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms

### Pakistan - Vice Chairman of the United Nations Anti-Terrorism Committee (CTC)

- Vice President Appointments: Pakistan, France and Russia
- Current President: Algeria

- Committee Established: UNSC Resolution 1373 (2001, after 9/11 )
- **Aim:**
  - Coordinating Global Counter-Terrorism Efforts
  - Ban on funding, arms supply and asylum to terrorists
  - Providing legal and technical guidance to member countries
- Members: 15 members of the UN Security Council

#### Chairman of Pakistan & Taliban Sanctions Committee (1988 Committee)

- Appointment: Chairman to Pakistan
- Current Vice President: Guyana and Russia
- Founded: 1999 as Subsidiary Committee of UNSC
- Restructuring: Exclusively Taliban-focused under Resolution 1988 in 2011
- **Major Functions:**
  - Freezing assets of banned individuals/ organizations
  - Enforcing travel restrictions
  - Ban on supply and transaction of weapons

#### Paraguay President Santiago Pena's visit to India

- First official visit of President Pena to India
- Second visit by a Paraguayan President to India
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):**
  - Establishment of Joint Commission Mechanism (JCM)
- **Objective:** Review of bilateral cooperation and take forward cooperation in priority areas

#### Dushanbe Conference on Glacier Conservation 2025

- Date: 27-31 May 2025
- Location: Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Represented by: Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh from India
- **Aim:**
  - Uncovering the declining size of glaciers and the impact on freshwater resources
  - Global Strategy Making & A Common Platform of Policy Makers, Scientists, Experts
- **Organizers & Partners:** Government of Tajikistan
  - Partner Institutions: UNESCO, WMO, ADB
- **Relevant Background:**
  - 2025: International Year of Glacier Conservation (UN Declaration)
  - UNESCO & WMO: In charge of awareness campaigns

- 2025-2034: Decade of Action for Cryospheric Science
- Cryosphere: glaciers, snow, ice sheets, permafrost, sea ice
- Upcoming Conference: November 2025 Brazil (Belém) & United Nations Climate Change Conference

#### IATA Summit 2025 & Events in India

- Draw Date: 2 June 2025
- Location: New Delhi
- Last Edition (India): 1983
- Inauguration: Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Addresses on Aviation Policy, Connectivity Mission, Global Cooperation
- **Partnership:**
  - 300+ Delegates from 100+ Countries
  - Major Airlines: Emirates, Qatar Airways, Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines etc.

#### IATA (International Air Transport Association):

- Establishment: 1945
- Members: 300+ Airlines, 100+ Countries
- **Objective:** To make air transport safe, efficient, accessible and environmentally friendly

#### Ether Oarfish

- One is a rare deep-sea marine fish.
- Recently spotted over Australia, New Zealand and India (Tamil Nadu coast).
- According to scientists, its arrival on the surface can be a sign of changes in the marine environment.
- In Japanese culture it is called "imday fish" and "doomsday fish".

#### WTO Fisheries Subsidy Agreement & Nicaragua becomes 101st member

- Nicaragua became the 101st member of the treaty.
- Representative: Ambassador Rosalia Borquez Palacios
- Now only 10 more approvals are required for the agreement to come into effect .

#### WTO Fisheries Subsidy Agreement:

- Approval: June 2022, Geneva (WTO MC12)
- First WTO agreement that focuses on sustainability and conservation of marine resources
- **Aim:**
  - Eliminating harmful subsidies
  - Protecting fish stocks and biodiversity

**Germany becomes world's largest net lender (2024-25)**

- For the first time since 1990, Germany overtook Japan to take this position.
- Definition: Net Lender = Foreign Assets – Foreign Debt
- **Main causes:**
  - ₹240 billion current account surplus
  - Increase in exports, decrease in imports
- **Causes of Japan's Decline:**
  - Low interest rates, recession, weak yen, declining foreign investment

**NATO Summit 2025**

- Date and venue: 24-25 June 2025, The Hague (Netherlands)
- Presidency: Mark Rutte (NATO Secretary-General)

**Key decisions:**

- Member countries to increase defence spending to 5% of GDP by 2035
  - 3.5%: Main Defence Requirements
  - 1.5%: Investment in security-infrastructure
- Reiterates commitment to Article 5 (collective defence) of the Washington Treaty
- Next Conference: 2026, Turkey

**NATO**

- Full Form: North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- Establishment: 4 April 1949 (Washington Treaty)
- Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
- Founding Countries: 12
- Current members: 32 (latest – Sweden, 7 March 2024)
- Purpose: Collective defense, balancing Russia/Soviet influence

**SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting 2025**

- Date and location: 25-26 June 2025, Qingdao (China)
- India represented: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- **India's Stand:**
  - India did not sign the Joint Declaration
  - Reason: The manifesto did not mention the Pahlgam (Kashmir) terror attack
  - While the incidents in Balochistan, Pakistan were mentioned

**SCO**

- Full Name: Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- Establishment: 2001 (predecessor – Shanghai 5)
- Headquarters: Beijing, China

- Official languages: Russian and Chinese
- Current President (2025): China
- Founding countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
- India and Pakistan: Joined in 2017
- Newest member: Belarus (10th member)

**Operation "Midnight Hammer" (by U.S.A.)**

- Date: 22 June 2025
- Target: Iran's nuclear bases – Fordow, Natanz, Isfahan
- **Major Weapons:**
  - B-2 Spirit stealth bomber
  - Tomahawk cruise missiles
  - GBU-57/B "Massive Ordnance Penetrator" (First Actual Use)
- Specialty: GBU-57 most powerful non-nuclear bomb ever, to penetrate deep and safe targets

**Operation "Bashayr al-Fatah" (by Iran)**

- Response: In response to America's Operation Midnight Hammer
- Operator: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)
- Target: Al-Udeid airbase in Qatar (US military base)
- Meaning: "Declaration of Victory"

**IFFCO's first overseas nano fertiliser plant in Brazil**

- Announcement of Establishment: IFFCO in Brazil
- Joint Venture: IFFCO Nanovention and Nanofort of Brazil (Ratio 7:3)
- Annual capacity: 4.5 million liters
- **Characteristics of Nano Fertilizers**
  - Nutrients in the Nano Scale (1-100 nm)
  - More nutritional effect in lower amounts
  - Use by spray or drip irrigation
  - Helpful in maintaining soil fertility
  - Eco-friendly



## 5. SPACE & DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY

### Shubhanshu Shukla's space mission

- Mission: Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4)
- Achievement: First Indian to go to ISS (International Space Station)
  - Other Indians who will go to space

#### Mission Team:

1. Peggy Whitson (USA) Mission Commander
  2. Tibor Kapuas (Hungary)
  3. Slavos Uznsky (Poland)
  4. Shubhanshu Shukla (India)
- Backup Astronaut: Group Captain Prashanth Nair (India)
  - **AX-4 Mission Description:**
    - Launch vehicle: Falcon-9 rocket
    - Capsule: SpaceX's Dragon capsule
    - Launch site: Kennedy Space Center, Florida (NASA)
    - Collaboration: Axiom Space, SpaceX, and NASA
    - **Aim:**
      - » Scientific Experiments in Micro-gravity
      - » Testing new technologies in space
      - » Fostering international cooperation
      - » Awareness through Educational Activities

### First country to reach space with robot-powered drone - Russia

- Russia has become the first country in the world to develop the technology to deliver a robot-powered drone to space.
- New technology: automatic operation and launch of drones from the orbital space station
- Patent: This technology has been patented by Russia.
- Platform: Russian Orbital Station (ROS) based on fully robotic maintenance
- **Features:**
  - Automatic Launch System
  - Robotic Operations
  - Possible uses in lunar missions

### First Imagery of the South Pole of the Sun ESA

- Institution: European Space Agency (ESA)
- Mission: Solar Orbiter (ESA-NASA joint mission, launch: 2020)

- Achievement: First images of Sun's south pole released
- Distance: Illustration from 65 million km
- Special event: In February 2025, the orbiter passed by Venus and observed the Sun from a 17° angle
- Benefits: Aid in understanding the calm and active conditions of the sun

### Flyeye telescope ESA's new space technology

- Institution: European Space Agency (ESA)
- **Telescope name :** Flyeye
- Design Inspiration: From the Fly's Eyes
- Objective: Fast and accurate identification of hazardous asteroids
- **Capabilities:**
  - Scans large parts of the sky simultaneously
  - Takes a picture of a new area every few minutes

### Honda's Reusable Rocket Test

- Draw Date: 17 June 2025
- Location: Taiki Town, Hokkaido Prefecture (Japan)
- Company: Japan's automobile company Honda
- Achievement: The first reusable rocket was successfully launched and landed.
- **Technical details of the rocket:**
  - Length: 6.3m
  - Flight duration: 56.6 seconds
  - Maximum Height: 271.4 m
- **Key technologies:** autonomous navigation systems, static flight controls, controlled landing systems

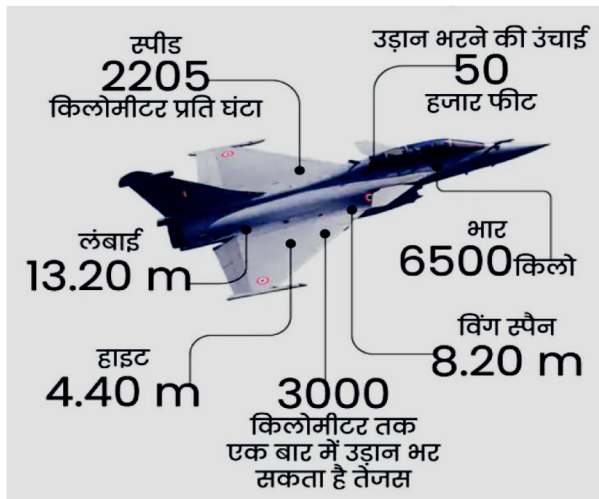
## Defence Technology

### INS Arnala India's First ASW-SWC Ship

- Commission Date: 18 June 2025
- Location: Visakhapatnam, Navy Dockyard
- Name Inspiration: Arnala Fort, Maharashtra Symbol of India's Maritime Heritage
- Type: Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)
- Length: 77.6 m | Weight: 1,490 tons
- Propulsion system: diesel engine + waterjet technology

- **Objective:** Identification, surveillance of enemy submarines in shallow waters in the Indian Ocean Region.
- **Special Facts:**
  - The first of 16 ASW-SWC vessels
  - Manufacturer: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata
  - Partnership: Construction in PPP model between GRSE and L&T shipbuilders

### Tejas Mk 1A ✈ New Version of the Indigenous Fighter Aircraft



- Delivery in 2025: 12 Tejas Mk 1A aircraft to join IAF
- **Preliminary Agreement:**
  - ₹48,000 crore, February 2021
  - Between HAL and the Ministry of Defence, for 83 aircraft
- **Purpose of the new aircraft:** to replace the old fighters like MiG-21, MiG-27 and Jaguar
- The central government signed a deal with HAL for a total of 180 Tejas Mk 1A aircraft
- First Phase: 83 Aircraft | Second Stage: 97 Aircraft
- Total Cost: ₹67,000 crore
- **Status of Indian Air Force:**
  - Ideal Squadron No. 42
  - Current Squadron: 30
- **Future plan:** 350+ indigenous fighter aircraft including Mk 1, Mk 1A and Mk 2

### Pinaka missile system with a range of 300 km

- **New Range Variants:**
  - Pinaka-3: 120 km
  - Pinaka-4: 300 km
- **Timeline:** Involved over the next 3-5 years, 22 regiments will be deployed by 2030
- **Developer:** DRDO (Indigenous Technology)
- **Key Capabilities:**
  - 12 Rockets Fire in 44 Seconds

- Shoot-and-Scoot Technique
- Inertial Navigation System and Fire Control Computer

- **Advantages:** fast deployment, high accuracy, long-range firepower

### Fast Patrol Vessel 'Achal' ✈ For Indian Coast Guard

- Launched On: 16 June 2025, Goa
- Manufacturer: Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
- Service for: Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- Series: Fifth Vessel in 8 Fast Patrol Vessels
- **Key Details:**
  - Length: 52 meters
  - Width: 8m
  - Displacement: 320 tons
  - Speed: Max 27 knots
  - Propulsion System: Controlled Pitch Propeller (CPP)

### India's First Indigenous Autonomous Weapon System

- Manufacturer: BSS Material Ltd., Dehradun
- **Highlights:**
  - AI-powered machine guns, without human intervention
  - Enemy identification, pursuit and precision attack
  - Equipped with Deep Learning, Swarm Robotics, Electro-Optical Sensor Fusion
  - The remote can be operated from miles away
- **Strategic Advantage:**
  - No need to send soldiers directly into battle
  - India joins countries like US, Russia, China, Israel, Japan in developing AI weapons
- **Important context:** Israel used an AI weapon in the assassination of Iranian scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh in November 2020

### First Visit of EU NAVFOR Warships to India (26 May ✈ 1 June 2025)

- Location: Mumbai Port
- **Warship:**
  1. ESPPS Reina Sofia (Spain) ✈ Commander: Salvador Moreno Regil
  2. ITS Antonio Marcegaglia (Italy) ✈ Commander: Alberto Bartolomeo
- Operations: Under Operation Atlanta
- Joint Exercise: 1-3 June 2025
- Ships and aircraft of Indian Navy and EU NAVFOR included

- **Aim:**
  - Cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region
  - Dealing with non-traditional maritime threats
  - Developing Operational Efficiency

### India's First Indigenous Polar Research Vessel (PRV)

- **Developer:**
  - GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd)
  - Partnership with Kongsberg (Norway)
- MoU signed: 3 June 2025 (Attendance: Minister Sarbananda Sonowal)
- Guidance: National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)
- Location: Kolkata-based GRSE
- **Aim:**
  - Scientific research in the polar regions (Arctic and Antarctica)
  - Climate Change, Oceanography, and Logistics Cooperation
  - Strengthening India's Antarctic/Southern Ocean Expeditions
  - Developing indigenous capability

### INS Tamal: New stealth frigate in Indian Navy

- Commission Date: 1 July 2025
- Location: Kaliningrad (Russia)
- Construction: in Russia
- Special Significance: The last foreign-built warship of the Indian Navy
- **Key features:**
  - - Category: Tussel/Krivak class
  - Length: 125 meters
  - Weight: 3,900 tons
  - Weapon: BrahMos cruise missile
  - Design: Equipped with stealth technology and advanced sensors
  - Crew Capacity: 250+
- No foreign warships will be purchased after INS Tamal.

## Technology

### XChat: Elon Musk's New Messaging Platform

- Launch Date: June 2, 2025 (beta version)
- Platform: X (formerly Twitter)
- **Main Objectives:**
  - Giving competition to WhatsApp, Telegram and WeChat
  - Becoming a part of X's Super App Vision (Messaging + Payments + AI)

- **Key Features:**
  - Secure communication
  - Multimedia Support
  - Cross-platform calling
  - Free and private messaging ecosystem

### IIT Guwahati's clay-based COVID-19 testing technology

- Technique: Clay sedimentation based
- Key Elements: Bentonite Clay
- **Features:**
  - Affordable, accurate and simpler than PCR
  - Ability to bind to virus particles in salt-rich environments
  - Publication: Applied Clay Science Journal

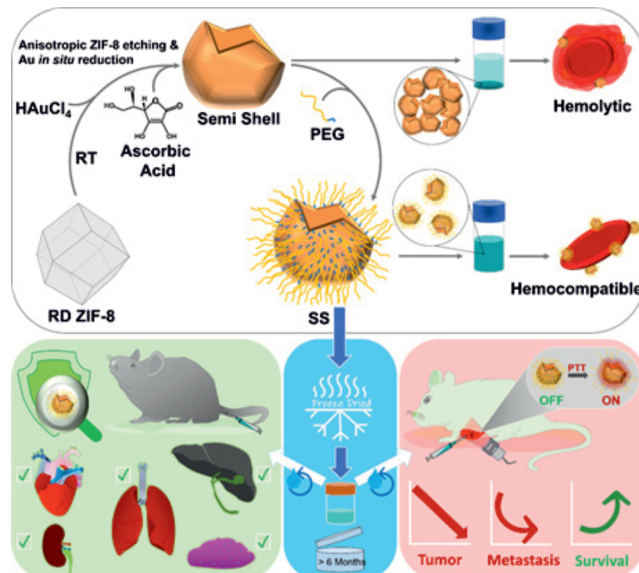
### Sea-soluble plastic

- Developer: Japanese scientist
- **Main feature:**
  - Dissolves completely in the salt water of the sea
  - Doesn't leave harmful residue
  - Strong as normal plastic, but completely biodegradable

### Starlink gets satellite internet licence in India

- Licensor: Government of India
- **Objective:** To deliver high-speed internet to rural and remote areas
- Partnership: Jio and Airtel sign deal with SpaceX in March 2025
- **Technical knowledge:**
  - Working at ~550 km altitude in LEO (Low Earth Orbit)
  - Low-latency, high-speed broadband service
  - The world's largest LEO network with 7,000+ satellites

### Cancer treatment with nano-cup technology in India





- Technique: Gold Nano-Cups + Photothermal Therapy (PTT)
- **Utility:**
  - Heat generated from NIR light destroys cancer cells →
  - Especially effective in metastatic breast cancer
  - Less painful and more effective than chemotherapy
- **Institute:**
  - INST Mohali (Under DST)
  - IIT Bombay
  - ACTREC & Tata Memorial Centre
- Publication: Communications Chemistry (journal of the Nature Group)

## Exercises

### Nomadic Elephant & 2025

- Type: India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise
- Version: 17th
- Time: 31 May & 13 June 2025
- Location: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- **Aim:**
  - Enhancing interoperability for UN peacekeeping operations
  - Exercise of Joint Force Operations in Semi-Urban/Mountainous Areas

### Tiger Claw & 2025

- India (Garuda) & US (USAF Special Forces) 1st Joint Air Special Forces Exercise
- Time: 26 May & 10 June 2025
- Location: North India
- **Other Indo-US Military Exercises:**
  - Vajra Attack: Army Special Forces
  - Confluence: Naval Special Forces (MARCOs & SEALs)
  - Cope India: Air Force Joint Exercise

### Shakti & 2025

- Type: India & France Joint Military Exercise
- Version: 8th
- Time: 18 June & 1 July 2025
- Location: La Cavalry, France
- **Other Indo-French Exercises:**
  - FRINJEX: ARMY
  - Garuda: Air Force

### Khan Quest & 2025

- Type: Multinational military exercise
- Time: 14 & 28 June 2025
- Location: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- India's participation: 40-member contingent
- **Objective:** To develop multilateral cooperation capacity for peacekeeping operations under the United Nations Charter (Chapter VII)

## 6. SPORTS

### World Test Championship (WTC) 2025



- Winner: South Africa
- Location: Lord's, England
- Final Result: South Africa beat Australia by 5 wickets
- **Historic Victory:**
  - South Africa's first world championship win in any format
  - First ICC title since the 1998 Champions Trophy
- Player of the Match: Aiden Markram
- **Previous WTC Winning Teams:**
  - 2019-21: New Zealand (beat India)
  - 2021-23: Australia (beat India)

### ISSF World Cup & Munich 2025

- Events: 8-15 June 2025, Munich (Germany)
- India's rank: 3rd (4 medals)
- Organizer: ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation)

#### India's Medal Winners

- **Gold (2):**
  - Suruchi Singh & Women's 10m Air Pistol
  - By Arya Borse Arjun Babuta & 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team
- **Bronze (2):**
  - Shift Kaur Samra – Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions
  - Elavenil Valarivan & Women's 10m Air Rifle

### Top 5 countries (medal table)

rank	country	gold	silver	bell-metal	Total Medals
1	China	4	1	2	7
2	Norway	2	1	1	4

3	India	2	0	2	4
4	AIN (Neutral Athletes)	1	1	0	2
5	France	1	1	0	2

### India's 2025 ISSF season performance (so far)

- Buenos Aires (Argentina): 8th place → 2nd
- Lima (Peru): 7 medals → 3rd place
- Next tournament: Ningbo, China | 7-15 September 2025

### Archery Asia Cup 2025 & Phase 2 (Singapore)

- Location: Singapore
- Date: 15-20 June 2025
- **India's performance:** 9 medals (2 gold, 6 silver, 1 bronze)
  - First place in the medal table

<b>Gold Medal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skilled Broker &amp; Men's Individual Compound Competition</li> <li>• Tejal Salve &amp; Women's Individual Compound Competition</li> </ul>
<b>silver medal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shanmukhi Naga Sai Budde - Women's Individual Compound Competition</li> <li>• Kushal Dalal, Ganesh Thirumuru and Mihir Nitin Apar - Men's Compound Team Event</li> <li>• Vishnu Chaudhary, Paras Hooda and Juyal Sarkar - Men's Recurve Team Event</li> <li>• Shanmukhi Naga Sai Budde, Tejal Salve and Tanishka Nilkumar Thokal - Women's Compound Team Event</li> <li>• Kushal Dalal &amp; Shanmukhi Naga Sai Budde - Mixed Mixed Team Event</li> <li>• Vishnu Chaudhary and Vaishnavi Babarao Pawar - Recurve Mixed Team Event</li> </ul>
<b>bronze medal</b>	Sachin Chechi & Men's Individual Compound Competition

### Top 5 Countries & Medal Table

rank	country	Gold Medal	silver medal	bronze medal	Total Medals
1	India	2	6	1	9
2	Indonesia	2	1	2	5
3	Kazakhstan	2	0	1	3
4	Japan	1	1	1	3
5	China	1	1	0	2

### ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026

- Event: England
- Date: 12 June & 5 July 2026
- Most successful team: Australia (6 times winner)

### ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025

- Venue: India and Sri Lanka (Joint Hosts)
- Date: 30 September & 2 November 2025
- All of Pakistan's matches will be in Sri Lanka
- Most successful team: Australia (7 times winner)

### Guimarães ITF Tennis Tournament 2025

- Venue: Guimares, Portugal
- Category: Mid-Level Professional ITF Tournaments
- India's Ankita Raina and her French partner Elise Robbe defeated Japan's Hiromi Abe and Kanako Morisaki to win the doubles title.
- **Ankita Raina's Career Stats:**
  - Doubles titles: 32
  - Singles titles: 11
  - Doubles titles in 2025: 3 (including Guimarães title)

### U Mumba TT 's first UTT championship win

- The team defeated Jaipur Patriots 8-4 in the 2025 Ultimate Table Tennis League .
- The final match took place in Ahmedabad; It was the sixth edition of the UTT.
- Harmeet Desai was named the best male player and captain Bernadette Szoux the best female player.
- UTT was established in 2017 and is organised under the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).

### Chennai to host Hockey India Masters Cup

- Date: 18 to 27 June 2025
- Venue: Mayer Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai
- Objective: For former international and Olympic Indian hockey players

### Classification:

- Male: Above 40 years
- Female: Above 35 years
- This will be India's first national hockey tournament for the senior category.

### Duplantis' new pole vault world record

- Date: 15 June 2025
- Location: Diamond League, Stockholm
- Performance: 6.28m jump
- This is the 12th time that Sweden's Armand Duplantis broke the world record of pole vault.

### Club World Cup 2025

- Event period: 14 June to 13 July 2025, in the U.S.
- Number of teams: A total of 32 club teams from 20 countries
- First ever elaborate event: Prior to this, only 7 teams participated; This is the first time the tournament will be held on such a large scale.
- Organizing Cycle: Now it will take place once every 4 years; Next edition in 2029
- **Limitations of Participating Clubs:**
  - Maximum 2 clubs from one country
  - Up to 4 clubs from one continent
  - Participating clubs from Asia: Al Hilal, Urawa Red Diamonds, Al Ain, Ulsan

### Priyanka Goswami wins & Austrian Racewalking Championship

- Location: Innsbruck, Austria
- Performance: Time in 10 km race walk & 47 minutes 54 seconds
- Result: First place, this is their first win of this season
- **Men's Category:**
  - Sandeep Kumar & 2nd place in 35 km (2:38:45)
  - Ram Babu & 3rd place in 35 km (2:41:47)

### Arvind Chithambaram's victory & Stepan Avagyan Memorial

- Location: Germuk, Armenia
- Tournament: 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial
- Performance: 6.5 points in 9 rounds
- Winner Determination: By Sonnenborn-Berger System
- Achievement: This is Arvind's second international title in the year 2025; Earlier, he also won the Prague Chess Festival Masters

### Indonesia Open Badminton 2025

- Event period: 3-8 June 2025, Jakarta
- **Conqueror:**

cla	conqueror
Men's Singles	Anders Antonsen (Denmark)
Women's Singles	An Se-yong (China)
Men's Doubles	Kim Won-ho and Seo Seung-jae (South Korea)
Women's Doubles	Liu Shengshu & Tan Ning (China)
Mixed Doubles	Thom Gicquel and Delphine Delrue (France) (France's first Super 1000 title)

### French Open 2025

- Venue: Stade Roland Garros, Paris | Date: May 25 - June 8
- **Conqueror:**

cla	conqueror	Runners-up
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Jannik Sinner (Italy)
Women's Singles	Coco Gough (USA)	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
Men's Doubles	- Marcel Granollers (Spain) / Horacio Zebayos (Argentina)	Joe Salisbury (UK)/ Neil Skopsky (UK)
Women's Doubles	Sarah Errani (Italy) / Jasmine Paolini (Italy)	Anna Danilina (Kazakhstan) Aleksandra Krunik (Serbia)
mixed doubles	- Sarah Errani (Italy) / Andrea Vavasori (Italy)	Taylor Townsend (U.S.) / Flickr Evan King (USA)

### UEFA Nations League 2025 - Portugal's victory

- Final: 8 June 2025, Eliaance Arena (Munich)
- Result: Portugal beat Spain 5-3 in penalty shootout
- Decisive penalty: Reuben Neves
- Achievement: Portugal became the first team to win the title twice (2019, 2025)

### MS Dhoni inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

- Dhoni became the 11th Indian cricketer to receive this honor
- Total 7 players included in 2025:
- Men: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (India), Hashim Amla, Matthew Hayden, Graeme Smith, Daniel Vettori
- Women: Sana Mir, Sarah Taylor

### Anahat Singh wins two PSA awards

- Indian squash player Anahat Singh received two honours at the 2025 PSA Awards:
  1. Women's Challenger Player of the Season
  2. Women's Young Player of the Season (jointly with Egypt's Amina Orfi)
- In the 2024-25 season, Anahat won 9 out of 11 titles and went undefeated in 29 matches.
- The PSA (Professional Squash Association) runs the global professional squash circuit and presents these awards every year.

### Taiwan Athletics Open 2025 - India's Performance

- Event: 7-8 June 2025, Chinese Taipei
- India's total medals: 16 (12 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze)



Has.No.	Player/Team Name	envy	medal
1	Jyoti Yaraji	Women's 100m hurdles	Gold Medal, (Finished the race in 12.99 seconds)
2	Tejas Shirse	Men' s 110m Hurdles	Gold Medal
3	worship	Women's 1500m race	Gold Medal, Championship Record
4	Women's Relay Team (Sudhiksha, Abhina, Sneha, Nitya)	Women's 100m Relay	Gold Medal, Championship Record
5	Men's Relay Team (Gurinderveer, Animesh, Manikanth, Amlan)	Men' s 100m Relay	Gold Medal
6	Abdullah Abubakar	Men's Triple Jump	Gold Medal
7	Annu Rani	Women's Javelin Throw	Gold medal (56.82m)
8	Rohit Yadav	Male javelin throw	Gold medal (74.42m)
9	Vithya Ramraj	Women's 400m Hurdles	Gold Medal
10	Krishan Kumar	Men' s 800m race	Gold Medal
11	Indian Men's Relay Team (Santhosh Kumar Tamilarasan, Vishal TK, Dharamveer Chaudhary and Manu TS)	400m Relay	Gold Medal
12	worship	Women's 800m race	Gold Medal
13	Twinkle Choudhary	Women's 800m race	Silver Medal
14	Yashas Palaksha	Men's 400m Hurdles	Silver Medal
15	Shelly Singh	Women's Long Jump	Silver Medal
16	Annie Sojan	Women's Long Jump	Bronze Medal

#### RCB 's first IPL title win (2025)

- Draw Date: 3 June 2025
- Venue: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad
- Final match: Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) vs Punjab Kings
  - RCB won by 6 runs and won the IPL trophy for the first time.

#### Finals & Major Prizes of Season 2025:

cla	conqueror
Best Player of the Final	Krunal Pandya (RCB)
Orange cap (most runs)	Sai Sudarshan (Gujarat Titans) █ 759 runs
Purple Cap (Most wickets)	Prasidh Krishna (Gujarat Titans) █ 25 wickets
Most valuable player	Suryakumar Yadav (Mumbai Indians)
Emerging player	Sai Sudarshan (Gujarat Titans)
Catch of the Season	Kamindu Mendis (SRH) █ Brevis' catch
Most fours	Sai Sudarshan █ 88 fours
Most sixes	Nicholas Pooran (Lucknow Supergiants) █ 40 sixes
Fair Play Award	Chennai Super Kings

### Norway Chess 2025 ☐ Men's Category

- Winner: Magnus Carlsen (Norway) ☐ 16 points, won the title for the 7th time.
- 2nd place: Fabiano Caruana (USA) ☐ 15.5 points
- 3rd place: D. Gukesh (India) ☐ 15.5 points
- 5th place: Arjun Erigaisi (India) ☐ 12.5 points

### Norway Chess 2025 ☐ Women's Class

- Winner: Anna Muzychuk (Ukraine) ☐ 16.5 points, unbeaten throughout the tournament
- 3rd place: Koneru Humpy (India) ☐ 15 points

### World Junior Badminton Championships 2025

- Location: Guwahati, Assam
- Team matches: 6☐11 October
- Individual events: October 13☐19
- Organizer: BWF and Badminton Association of India (BAI)

### Tendulkar-Anderson Trophy

- Announcement: The India-England Test series will now be known as the "Tendulkar-Anderson Trophy"
- New series start: 20 June 2025, Headingley, England

### Piyush Chawla retires from cricket

- Former Indian leg-spinner retires from all formats
- **Achievements:**
  - Part of the 2007 T20 and 2011 ODI World Cup winning team
  - International career: 3 Tests, 25 ODIs, 7 T20Is ☐ 43 wickets
  - First-class cricket: 137 matches, 446 wickets

### Spanish Grand Prix 2025☐Oscar Piastri's victory

- Winner: Oscar Piastri ☐ 5th win in 2025, total 7 podiums
- Venue: Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya (Night Race)
- Championship Points: 186 (at the top)
- **Other podium finishers:**
  - 2nd place: Lando Norris
  - 3rd place: Charles Leclerc

### Ulaanbaatar Open 2025☐Wrestling Ranking Series

- Date: May 29☐June 1 | Location: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- India's performance: 21 medals (6 gold, 7 silver, 8 bronze)
- Next Ranking Series: July 17☐20, Budapest, Hungary

### Indian Medal Winners:

- **Gold Medals:**
  - Ritika Hooda (76kg), Final Panghal (53kg), Neha Sangwan (57kg),

- Muskan (59kg), Harshita (72kg), Anil Mor (GR, 55kg)

- **Silver medal:**

- Shiksha, Pushpa, Udit Gulia, Deepak Punia, Suraj, Prince, Nitesh

- **Bronze medal:**

- Neelam, Aman Sehrawat, Vicky, Amit, Karan Kamboj, Neeraj, Jaideep, Nishant Phogat

### 26th Asian Athletics Championships 2025

- Date: May 27-31 | Location: Gumi, South Korea
- India: Total 24 medals (8 gold, 10 silver, 6 bronze) ☐ 2nd position in medals tally
- Star athlete: Gulvir Singh (10,000m and 5,000m ☐ two gold)
- **Gold Medal Winners:**
  - Gulvir Singh (2 events), Avinash Sable, Santosh-Rupal-Vishal-Subha (mixed relay),
  - Jyoti Yarraji, Pooja Singh, Jisna-Rupal-Kunja-Subha (4x400 Women), Nandini Agasra
- **Silver medalist:**
  - Rupal Chaudhary, Pooja, Ancy Sojan, Parul Choudhary (2 medals),
  - Sarbani & Team (4x100), Praveen Chiravel, Tejaswin Shankar, Men' s 4x400 Team, Sachin Yadav
- **Bronze Medal Winners:**
  - Vithya Ramraj, Shelly Singh, Yunus Shah, Animesh Kujur, Servin Sebastian

### Medal table of top 5 countries

Rank	country	gold	silver	bell-metal	Total Medals
1	China	19	9	4	32
2	India	8	10	6	24
3	Japan	5	11	12	28
4	Kazakhstan	3	1	2	6
5	Qatar	3	1	2	6

### UEFA Champions League 2025 ☐ PSG 's historic win

- Final: 31 May 2025, Munich (Germany)
- Result: Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) beat Inter Milan 5-0
- **PSG 's first title**
  - D'Zire Du (age 19) ☐ two goals and 'Player of the Final'
  - Became the youngest player to score in the final

- **UEFA Champions League**
  - Start: 1955-56 (European Champion Club Cup)
  - New name: From 1992-93
  - Spanish club 20 times winner so far

## 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships 2025

- Date and location: 23-26 June 2025, Arena Emmas, Kuching (Malaysia)
- India's titles: 3 (Women, Mixed, Men's Doubles)
- **Women's Doubles**
  - Players: Anahat Singh (17 years), Joshna Chinappa
  - Final: Malaysia's Aina Amani beat Yee Shin Ying 2-1 (8-11, 11-9, 11-10)
  - Achievement: For the first time, an Indian pair won the women's doubles title
- **mixed doubles**
  - Players: Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh
  - Final: Malaysia's Ameesha Raj Chandran beat Rachel Arnold 2-0 (11-9, 11-7)
  - Previous achievement: The pair won a bronze medal at the 2023 Asian Games
- **Men's Doubles**
  - Players: Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar
  - Final: Pakistan's Noor Zaman and Nasir Iqbal beat 2-1 (9-11, 11-5, 11-5) to retain the title

## Neeraj Chopra: Two gold medals in June 2025

### 1. Ostrava Golden Spike 2025

- Date and Venue: 24 June 2025, Mestsky Stadium, Czechia
- Event: Javelin Throw
- Throw: 84.12m
- Medal: Gold
- Dove Smit (South Africa): 84.12m (2nd place)
- Anderson Peters (Grenada): 83.63m (3rd place)

### 2. Paris Diamond League 2025

- Date: 20 June 2025
- Throw: 88.16m (in first attempt)
- **Attainment:**
  - First Diamond League win since June 2023
  - First major title in two years

## Top three players:

1. Neeraj Chopra (India): 88.16m
- Julian Weber (Germany): 87.88m
3. Luiz Mauricio da Silva (Brazil): 86.62m

## Lalit Upadhyay retires from international hockey

- Announcement: Following India's 4-3 win in the FIH Pro League against Belgium

- Location: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- **Key Achievements:**
  - 179+ International Matches, 40+ Goals
  - Olympic bronze medals: Tokyo 2020, Paris 2024
  - Asian Champions Trophy: Gold (2016, 2018)
  - Arjun Award: 2021

## Rishabh Pant's historic Test achievement (Headingley Test)

- Centuries in both innings: 134 and 118 runs
- First Indian wicketkeeper to score a century in both innings in Tests
- Second wicket-keeper in the world (First: Andy Flower)
- 252 runs: Most runs in a Test by an Indian wicket-keeper
- Centuries of 5 Indian batsmen in the match:
  - Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Rishabh Pant (1st innings)
  - KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant (2nd innings)

## 12th World Para Athletics Championships 2025

- Date & Venue: 27 September - 5 October 2025, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
- India's first event to be hosted
- Mascot: "Viraj" - young elephant with artificial blade
- Logo and Mascot Unveiled: Paralympic Committee of India
- Chairman: Devendra Jhajharia
- Brand Ambassador: Kangana Ranaut
- Total Events: 186 Medal Events
- 4th city to host in Asia: Doha (2015), Dubai (2019), Kobe (2024), New Delhi (2025)

## Asian Para Badminton Championships 2025

- Date and Venue: 17-22 June 2025, Thailand
- India's best performance so far
- Total Medals: 27 (4 Gold, 10 Silver, 13 Bronze)
- Former Best: 2016 Beijing - 13 medals

### Gold Medal Winners:

1. Nitesh Kumar - Men's Singles (SL3)
2. Manisha Ramdas - Women's Singles (SU5)
3. Nitesh Kumar & Tulsimathi Murugesan - Mixed Doubles (SL3-SU5)
4. Nitesh Kumar and Sukant Kadam - Men's Doubles (SL3-SL4)

**Note:** Nitesh Kumar became the most successful player by winning 3 golds

## Carlos Alcaraz - Queen's Club Title 2025 Winner

- Country: Spain
- Final result: beat Jiri Leheka 7-5, 6-7(5), 6-2
- This is his second Queens Club title (1st: 2023)

## 7. AWARDS & HONOURS

### Prime Minister Narendra Modi gets International Honour

- Cyprus awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III to PM Modi on 16 June 2025.
- It is Cyprus' highest civilian honour
- He became the first Indian to receive this honor.

**In the year 2025, Prime Minister Modi will be given the highest honor of the countries -**

- **Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III (Cyprus) (16 June 2025)**
  - The first Indian to receive this award.
- **Mitra Vibhushan Award (Sri Lanka) (5 April 2025)**
  - He is the first Indian to receive this award.
- **Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (Mauritius) (12 March 2025)**
  - He is the first Indian and 5th foreign leader to receive this honor.

### Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2025

- Announcement: 18 June 2025 | Total Winners: 23 authors
- No award in Dogri language this year
- Prize: ₹50,000 and Copperplate
- Age Limit: Below 35 years (as on 1st January 2025)

#### Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2025

language	Name of the Book (Genre)	Author's Name
English	Siddhartha: The Boy Who Became the Buddha (novel)	Advaita Kottari
Hindi	Grow Again (poem)	Parwati Tirkey
Rajasthani	Antas Ray Angne (Poem)	Poonam Chand Godara
Sanskrit	Paribhashikshabdasvarasyam (Vedanparibhashasandarbha) (Criticism)	Dheeraj Kumar Pandey
Urdu	Mazharul Haque: Tariq-e-Azadi-e-Hind: Hind Ka Faramosh Karda Quaid (Novel)	Neha Rubab

### Sahitya Akademi Children's Literature Award 2025

- Announcement: 18 June 2025 | Total Winners: 24 authors
- Eligibility: The book should have been published between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2023
- Prize: ₹50,000 and Copperplate

#### Sahitya Akademi Children's Literature Award 2025 (Main)

language	Title & Genre	writer
Hindi	Ek Bate Barah (story)	Sushil Shukla
English	South, South Indian Myths and Fables Retold (Story)	Nitin Kushalappa MP
Rajasthani	Pancheruvan Ni Pain (Drama)	Bhogilal Patidar
Sanskrit	Balaviswam (poem)	Preeti Pujara
Urdu	Qaumi Stars (article)	Raznafar Iqbal

### 'Desi Oon' First Indian Animation Film Wins Annecy Jury Prize

- **Prize:** Annecy International Animation Festival 2025 Jury Prize for Best Commissioned Film
- Producer: Studio Eeksaurus, Mumbai
- Director: Suresh Ariyat



- Theme: Based on the traditional lifestyle of Deccani sheep, weavers and wool industry
- Venue & Date: Annecy, France | 8-14 June 2025

#### 'Bhagwan Birsa Munda Award' for Sickle Cell Research

- Announcement: Government of India to promote sickle cell disease research
- Objective: Encourage innovation and research on sickle cell treatment
- Grant: Maximum of ₹10 crore per approved project
- **New Initiatives:**
  - Establishment of National Institute of Tribal Health and Research at AIIMS, Delhi
- **Sickle Cell Disease**
  - Nature: Genetic blood disorders
  - Symptoms: Red blood cells are the size of a sickle
  - Effects: Obstruction of oxygen supply, anemia, and damage to organs

#### Dr. Sonal Mansingh gets 2023 Srimanta Sankardeva Award

- Date and Venue: 12 June 2025, Guwahati (Assam)
- Honorees: For contributions to arts and culture
- **The award includes:** Gold medal, citation, ₹5 lakh cash, traditional Assamese Xorai.

#### Dr. Sonal Mansingh

- Classical Dances: Famous Dancer of Odissi and Bharatanatyam
- Political Role: Former Nominated Rajya Sabha MP
- **Major Honours:** Padma Vibhushan (2003), Padma Bhushan (1992), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1987)

#### Alexander Payne receives Locarno Film Festival 2025 Honorary Leopard Award

- Awards: Pardo d'onore (Honorary Leopard)
- Announcement: By Locarno Film Festival
- Honoree: Alexander Payne – American film director, writer, and producer
- Objective: To appreciate his impactful and long-lasting contribution to international cinema

#### National e-Governance Award 2025 New Gram Panchayat Category

- New Category: Grassroots Initiatives to Expand Service Delivery in Gram Panchayats
- Organization: Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances + Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Objective: Digital innovation to increase transparent and citizen-centric services at the village level

#### Winning Panchayats:

Prize	Panchayat	Place
Gold	Rohini Gram Panchayat	Dhule, Maharashtra
Silver	Paschim Majlishpur Gram Panchayat	West Tripura, Tripura
Jury Prize	Palsana	Surat, Gujarat
Jury Prize	Suakati	Kendujhar, Odisha

#### Incentives:

- Gold – ₹10 lakh
- Silver – ₹5 Lakh
- Trophies & Certificates

#### Kumar Mangalam Birla wins Global Leadership Award

- Awarded Institution: USISPF (US-India Strategic Partnership Forum)
- Location: Washington D.C. | 8th Leadership Summit
- **Co-Awarded:**
  - Arvind Krishna (IBM)
  - Toshiaki Higashihara (Hitachi)
- Reason: Contributing to strengthening US-India economic ties
- **Contribution:**
  - Aditya Birla Group invests over \$15 billion in US
  - Presence in 15 states, 5,400+ jobs created

#### Javed Akhtar gets 'Dostoevsky Star Award'

- Awarding Institution: Russian House

- Objective: Appreciation of Literature and Contribution to Global Cultural Dialogue
- Name of Honor: Dostoevsky Star Award
- The award is presented in memory of Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky
- It is given to individuals who have made a notable contribution to literature or philosophy
- **Other major honours of Javed Akhtar:** Padma Shri (1999), Padma Bhushan (2007), Sahitya Akademi Award (Urdu), Richard Dawkins Award (2020), five National Film Awards

#### **Serena Williams to receive 2025 'Princess of Asturias Award'**

- Honour: Princess of Asturias Award (2025, Sports Category)
- Recipient: Serena Williams ✎ for unique achievements and social contributions to tennis
- Prize amount: €50,000 (approx. ₹47 lakh)

#### **Princess of Asturias Award ✎ Key Facts:**

- Spain's highest civilian honor
- It is given annually in 8 categories ✎ Sports, Literature, Arts, Science etc.

#### **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) ✎ Digital Payments Awards 2024-25**

- Award Provider: Ministry of Finance, Government of India (Department of Financial Services)
- Reason: Outstanding contribution to digital transactions and financial inclusion in the country
- **Establishment of IPPB:**
  - Date: 1 September 2018
  - By: Prime Minister Narendra Modi
  - Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Communications (Department of Posts)
  - Headquarters: New Delhi
  - Objective: To increase banking penetration in rural and remote areas

## 8. PERSON IN NEWS

### **Professor Anantha Chandrakasan ✎ First Indian-American Provost of MIT**

- Post: Provost, MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- Charge taken on: 1 July 2025
- Responsibility: Academic Policies, Financial Planning, Strategic Initiatives

#### **Background:**

- Born: Chennai, India
- Current post: Dean of the MIT School of Engineering since 2017

### **Aliawati Longkumer ✎ Ambassador of India to North Korea**

- Position: Ambassador of India, DPRK (North Korea)
- IFS Batch: 2008
- Previous posting: Incharge in Paraguay, Asunción
- Predecessor: Atul Malhari Gotsurve

### **Blaise Metreweli ✎ First female head of MI6 (UK)**

- Announcement: 15 June 2025, by PM Keir Starmer
- Organization: MI6 ✎ Britain's foreign intelligence agency
- Predecessor: Richard Moore
- **Speciality:**
  - 25 Years of Intelligence Experience
  - Specialization: Cyber & Digital Intelligence
  - Current Role: Head of Technology & Innovation, MI6

### **Dr. Srinivas Mukkamala ✎ First Indian-origin President of AMA**

- Post: President, American Medical Association (AMA)
- 180th President
- Significance: First person of Indian origin to reach this position
- AMA was founded in 1847 - America's largest medical organization

### **Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki ✎ President's first woman ADC (from the Navy)**

- Post: Aide-de-Camp (ADC) ✎ Military Assistant to the President of India
- Service: Indian Navy
- Significance: First Woman Naval Officer in President's 5 ADCs

- Place of Birth: Bharuch, Gujarat
- Functions: Ensuring military cooperation and attendance at the President's programs

### **Lt. Gen. Rajiv Ghai ✎ Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)**

- New responsibility: Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)
- Current post: DGMO (Director General of Military Operations)
- **Background:**
  - From the Kumaon Regiment
  - Former Commander: Chinari Corps (15 Corps), Srinagar
- **Honours:** Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (4 June 2025) (Awarded for Decisive Leadership in Operation Sindoor)

### **T. Rabi Sankar ✎ Part-time Member in the 16th Finance Commission**

- Appointment Date: 7 June 2025
- Previous Position: Deputy Governor, RBI
- Substitute: Ajay Narayan Jha (Resigned)
- Tenure: Report Submitted on October 31, 2025 ✎ Whichever is earlier

#### **16th Finance Commission**

- Formation: 31 December 2023
- Period of recommendations: 1 April 2026 ✎ 31 March 2031
- Chairman: Arvind Panagariya
- Total Members: 4
- Secretary: Ritwik Pandey

### **Satpal Bhanu ✎ Interim CEO of LIC**

- Appointment Date: 8 June 2025
- Post: Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of LIC
- Current position: Managing Director (senior-most)
- Other MDs: R. Doraiswamy, Dinesh Pant, one post vacant

#### **LIC**

- Establishment: Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956
- Beginning: 1 September 1956
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Formation: By merger of all nationalized life insurance companies

### **Shailesh C. Mehta ✎ New Chairman of FAI**

- Organization: Fertilizer Association of India (FAI)

- Newly appointed Chairman: Shailesh C. Mehta
- Current Post: MD, Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals
- Former President: N. Suresh Krishnan (Paradeep Phosphates)

**Cristiano Ronaldo ✎ Global Ambassador of Esports World Cup 2025**

- Announcement: 13 June 2025
- Tournament Duration: 7 July ✎ 24 August 2025
- Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- Participants: 100+ countries, 2000 players, 200 clubs
- Significance: Historic step in the promotion of global e-Sports

**S. Mahendra Dev ✎ New Chairman of EAC-PM**

- Position: Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
- Former Chairman: Dr. Bibek Debroy (Obituary ✎ Nov 2024)
- Significance: Second President after the formation of the Council (2017)
- Tenure: Not definite; Until the Central Government's Directive

**EAC-PM**

- Establishment: 26 September 2017
- Nature: Independent, non-constitutional, advisory body
- Role: Advising the Prime Minister on financial matters

**Ashwani Lohani ✎ Director of Prime Minister's Museum and Library**

- Organization: Prime Minister's Museum & Library (PMML)
- Appointment Date: 4 June 2025
- Tenure: 3 years
- **Prior Experience:**
  - Chairman, Railway Board (2017)
  - Chairman & MD, Air India (two terms)

**Shailendra Nath Gupta ✎ Director General of Defence Estates (DGDE)**

- Appointment Date: 1 June 2025
- Service: Indian Defence Estates Service (IDES), 1990 Batch
- Role: Management of Defence Land and Cantonments in India

**Rajiv Memani ✎ President of CII (2025✎26)**

- Newly appointed Chairman: Rajiv Memani (EY India Chairman & CEO)

- Former Chairman: Sanjiv Puri (ITC Limited)
- Other Roles:
  - EY Global Executive Board Member
  - Chairman of the Growth Markets Council

**Lt. Gen. Dinesh Singh Rana ✎ new Commander-in-Chief of ANC**

- Post: Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)
- Significance: India's only tri-services command (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard)
- Former DG, Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA)
- First officer to become ANC chief directly from DIA

**Annalena Baerbock ✎ President of the 80th Session of the UNGA**

- Date: 2 June 2025
- Country: Germany
- First woman president of WEOG Group
- Fifth female UNGA president so far

**Lee Jae Myung: 14th President of South Korea**

- Sworn in: 4 June 2025, Seoul
- Party: Democratic Party (Opposition)
- Election: By-election after impeachment on June 3
- **Vote Percentage:**
  - Lee Jae Myung: 51.7%
  - Kim Moon-soo (ruling party): 39.3%
- Tenure: 5 years (similar to the U.S. Presidential System)
- **South Korea**
  - Capital: Seoul
  - Location: Korean Peninsula, East Asia

**Karol Nawrowki ✎ New President of Poland**

- Election Result: Won with 50.89% votes
- Opponent: Rafal Trzaskowski (Liberal leader)
- Predecessor: Andrzej Duda
- Term Commences: 6 August 2025 onwards
- Background: Historian and Conservative politician

**Luis Montenegro re-elected as Prime Minister of Portugal**

- Appointment Date: 30 May 2025
- Appointed by President: Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa
- Party/Coalition: Democratic Alliance (AD), Social Democratic Party (PSD)
- Election Results: AD Alliance wins 91 seats



**WADA President and Vice President ✎ Reappointment for 3rd term**

- President: Witold Banka
- Vice President: Yang Yang
- Announcement: 1 June 2025, by virtual voting
- Term of office: 1 January 2026 – 31 December 2028
- Significance: This is the third and final term of both
- WADA Founded: 1999 ✎ Global Anti-Doping Agency

**Jahnavi Dangeti ✎ First Indian to complete NASA Air-Space program**

- The first Indian to successfully complete NASA's "International Air and Space Program".
- Residence: Palakollu, West Godavari (Andhra Pradesh)
- Selected for the "Titan Orbital Port Space Station" Mission
  - Mission Year: 2029
  - She will be the first Indian to participate in the operation of a commercial space station

**Sivasubramanian Ramann ✎ Chairman of PFRDA**

- Appointment Date: 20 June 2025
- Tenure: 5 years or up to the age of 65 years (whichever is earlier)
- Service Background: 1991 batch, Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IA&AS)
- **PFRDAs:**
  - Establishment: October 2003
  - Headquarters: New Delhi
  - Functions: Regulation and Development of Pension System in India

**Kirsty Coventry – IOC's first female and African president**

- Appointment Date: 23 June 2025
- Substituted: Thomas Bach
- Achievement: IOC 's first female and African president
- Background: Former Zimbabwean swimmer, two-time Olympic gold medalist

**Vijay Rupani passes away in AI-171 plane crash**

- Date: 12 June 2025
- Incident: Air India Flight AI-171 Accident; 241 out of 242 passengers died
- **Political Background of Vijay Rupani:**
  - Rajya Sabha member: 2006✎2012
  - MLA (Rajkot West): 2014
  - Minister (2014✎2016)
  - Chief Minister, Gujarat: 2016✎2021
  - BJP's National Vice President

**Maruti Chitampalli**

- **Died:** 18 June 2025, Solapur (Maharashtra)
- Environmentalist, Wildlife Expert
- Padma Shri Awarded: 30 April 2025

## 9. PLACE IN NEWS

### Nagpur: Manufacture of Dassault Falcon 2000 Jet

- Location: Nagpur (MIHAN SEZ), Maharashtra
- Manufacturer: Dassault Reliance Aviation Limited (Joint Venture: Dassault Aviation + Reliance Aerostructure)
- Production: Falcon 2000LXS Business Jet
- First aircraft: in the market by 2028
- India becomes 5th country to build Falcon jets (after France, US, Canada, Brazil)
- Nagpur Plant ☑ Centre of Excellence for Falcon 6X & 8X

### Google's Asia-Pacific Security Centre inaugurated in Hyderabad

- Location: Hyderabad, Telangana
- First in Asia and fourth globally (after Munich, Malaga, Dublin)
- **Main Functions:**
  - Cybersecurity, User Safety, Responsible AI
  - AI-based security in Google Pay, Gmail, Google Play Protect

### India's First Agri-Drone Indigenisation Centre ☑ Launched in Chennai

- Date: 14 June 2025 | Venue: Garuda Aerospace, Chennai
- Production target: 1 lakh agricultural drones by 2026
- **Important Initiatives:**
  - 300 Centre of Excellence (CoEs)
  - Train the Trainer (TTT) ☑ DGCA Accepted
  - Drone Didi Initiative ☑ Training Women in Drone Operations

### Largest Automobile Cargo Terminal in India ☑ Manesar, Haryana

- Inauguration: 17 June 2025, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw
- Venue: Maruti Suzuki Plant Complex, Manesar
- **Features:**
  - Part of Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (121.7 km)
  - Connected to Patli station by 10 km rail line
  - Annual Capacity: 4.5 lakh vehicles
  - Manufactured under Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Logistics

### NIHSAD, Bhopal - Recognized as "Category A Rinderpest Facility"☑

- Institute: National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal
- Accreditation: Category A Rinderpest Holding Facility
- Donor Organization: FAO (United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization) + WOA (World Organization for Animal Health)
- Date and venue: 29 May 2025, Paris ☑ Certificate at the 92nd meeting of the WOA
- Only 6 countries, including India, have got this status ☑ UK, USA, France, Japan, Ethiopia, India.
- **Speciality:**
  - Biosafety Level-3 Laboratory
  - Allowing rinderpest virus to be stored in a controlled and safe environment
- **Rinderpest virus**
  - Highly contagious disease in cattle
  - Mortality rate: about 100%
  - Global Eradication Declared in 2011 ☑ First Animal Disease to Be Completely Eradicated
  - NIHSAD ☑ Working under ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research)

### India's first Underwater Museum - INS Guldar, Sindhudurg

- Location: Sindhudurg, Maharashtra
- Joint Initiative: Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation + Marine/Environmental Expert
- **Growth Model:**
  - INS Guldar was immersed in the sea in a controlled manner
  - Transformed into an artificial coral-reef and marine biodiversity hotspot
- **INS Guldar**
  - Construction: Gdynia Shipyard, Poland
  - Entry into service: December 1985
  - Retirement: January 2024
  - Class: Landing Ship Tanks
  - Current form: Maritime Heritage Museum

### Lucknow ✎ Nominated for UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy

- Enrollment Year: 2025
- Category: Gastronomy ✎ Cooking
- **Basis of the Proposal:**
  - Rich Awadhi Cuisine Tradition
  - Nawabi food, sweets, vegetarian flavours and street food
- **UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN):**
  - Establishment: 2004
  - Objective: To make creativity the pivot of urban development
  - Categories: Gastronomy, Literature, Music, Design, Film, Art etc.

### India's first e-Waste Eco Park

- The Delhi government announced its establishment in Holambi Kalan (North Delhi).
- Total area: 11.4 acres
- An international tender will be issued for global technical cooperation.
- **Aim:** To promote the green economy and create models for other cities.
- It will be developed under PPP Model (DBFOT).
- Processing capacity: 51,000 tons per year, 106 e-waste categories.
- Potential Revenue: More than ₹350 crore.
- One of the four proposed e-waste parks in India.

### Dhanushkodi ✎ Greater Flamingo Sanctuary

- Announcement Date: 5th June 2025, by Government of Tamil Nadu.
- Location: Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu.
- Area: 524.7 hectares.
- Part of Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve.
- Located on the Central Asian Flyway.
- A haven for 10,700+ migratory birds.
- Objective: Conservation of other migratory birds, including the Greater Flamingo.

### Bengaluru ✎ The metropolis with the highest number of leopards roaming freely

- Bengaluru recorded 85 leopards, the highest for any Indian metropolis.
- More than Mumbai (54 leopards in Mumbai).
- Data compiled by Camera Trap Study ✎ Leadership: Sanjay Gubbi and Holematthi Nature Foundation (HNF).
- Study area: Mixed dwellings spread over 282 sq km.
- Of the 54 leopards in the Bannerghatta

National Park, the remaining leopards were found in the south, north and eastern forest areas of the city.

### Largest Container Ship in the World ✎ MSC Irina

- Arrival: 9 June 2025, at Vizhinjam International Seaport in Kerala
- **Features:**
  - Length: 399.9 m
  - Width: 61.3 m
  - About 4 times larger than a football field
- It is considered to be the largest container ship in the world.

### Vizhinjam ✎ India's First Dedicated Transshipment Port

- Location: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- Inauguration: 2 May 2025, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- **Key Feature:** Semi-Automatic and Transshipment-Focused Port
- Partners: Government of Kerala's Vizhinjam International Port Limited and Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited
- Country's first AI-based Vessel Traffic Management System (developed by IIT Madras)

### Hyderabad ✎ Production of Rare Earth Magnets for the first time by the Private Sector in India

- Company: Midwest Advanced Materials (MAM), Hyderabad
- Start: December 2025
- Significance: For the first time in India's private sector, production in this sector
- Objective: To challenge China's global dominance
- Initial Production Capacity: 500 Tons/Year
- Expansion target: 5,000 tonnes/year in 3 years
- Investment: Rs.1,000 crore
- Areas of Use: EVs, Mobile Devices, Clean Energy Systems
- **Fact:**
  - China makes up 90% of world production
  - India has the third largest reserves of 6.9 million tonnes

### Inauguration of ICG Jetty at Vizhinjam Port

- Draw Date: 7 June 2025
- Chairperson: Indian Coast Guard Director General Paramesh Sivamani
- Jetty Length: 76.7 m

- **Aim:**
  - Rapid deployment and withdrawal of Coast Guard ships
  - Strengthening Coastal Surveillance, Rescue, Smuggling Prevention, Fisheries Conservation
- **Significance:** Will strengthen the security of the south-west coast of India

#### 800-year-old Shiva temple discovered in Tamil Nadu's Melur

- Location: Udampatti Village, Melur Taluk, Tamil Nadu
- Period: Post Pandya period (1217-1218 AD)
- Researcher: Archaeologist C. Santhalingam
- Source: Analysis of two Tamil inscriptions
- Reign: Marvarman Sundar Pandya
- Ancient Name of Temple: Thennavan Eeswaram
- Dedicated to Lord Shiva

#### Nava Raipur - India's 1st AI Special Economic Zone (AI SEZ)

- Location: Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Developer: RackBank Datacenters Pvt. Ltd., Indore
- Total cost: ₹1,000 crore
- Area: 6 acres
- Construction area: 1.5 lakh sq ft
- Plan: 4 high-density data centers, total capacity: 80 MW
- **Objective:** AI research and innovation, large-scale deployment of AI based solutions and services.
- Potential partners: Google, Microsoft, Meta, OpenAI
- Benefits of SEZ Policy: Tax and Regulatory Exemptions

#### PM Modi inaugurates Chenab Railway Arch Bridge (6 June 2025)

- PM inaugurates world's highest Chenab railway arch bridge in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Inauguration and foundation stone laying of other rail and development projects worth ₹46,000 crore:
  - Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL)
  - India's first cable-stayed railway bridge - Anji Khad Bridge.
  - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence, Reasi
- **Chenab Railway Arch Bridge**
  - World's Highest Railway Arch Bridge
  - Altitude (from Chenab river bed): 359 m

- Length: 1315m, Arch Extension: 467m
- Location: Between Kauri and Bakkal in Reasi District
- **Attributes:**
  - » Capable of withstanding earthquakes of 8 Richter scale and winds of 260 km/h
  - » Extreme temperature tolerant

#### Anji Khad Bridge

- India's first cable-stayed railway bridge
- Length: 725m, Spread over: 290m
- Altitude from river bed: 331 m
- Location: Katra-Banihal Section, Anji River Valley

#### Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL)

- 272 km long, Fully electrified
- 36 Tunnels, 934 Bridges
- India's longest operational tunnel - T-50 (12.77 km).
- A round-the-year link road connecting the Kashmir Valley with the country.

#### Telangana: Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve Notified (30 May 2025)

- Telangana govt declares crucial tiger corridor as conservation reserve
- Location: Kumram Bheem Asifabad District, Spread: 1,492.88 sq. km
- Divisions: 10, Reserved Forest Blocks: 78
- Major Forest Areas: Garlapeta, Ada, Manikgarh East/West, Bejjur, Kadamba
- The corridor adds:
  - Kawal Tiger Reserve (Telangana)
  - Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra)
- **Objective:** To ensure unhindered movement of tigers between protected areas of Telangana, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh

#### India's First Off-Grid Green Hydrogen Plant

- Location: Kutch, Gujarat
- Establishment: Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL)
- Capacity: 5 MW
- **Speciality:**
  - Solar Energy Based
  - Independent of the main power grid (off-grid)
  - Hydrogen production from water by electrolysis technique
  - Powered by 100% Renewable Energy - Eco-Friendly



## South Asian Centre of the International Potato Centre (Agra)

- Location: Singna, Agra (10 hectares of land)
- Approval: Central Government
- **Objective:** Development of high yielding and processable potato/sweet potato varieties
- Rank of India: 2nd largest potato producer in the world (after China)

### Top States in Potato Production:

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. West Bengal
3. Bihar

### • Potato Research Institute:

- Establishment: 1949 (by ICAR, Patna)
- Headquarters: Shimla (since 1956)

## Rashtrapati Tapovan, Niketan and Udyan (Dehradun)

- Inauguration: President Droupadi Murmu, 20 June 2025
- Rashtrapati Niketan (Earlier: Rashtrapati Ashiana):
- Spread over 21 acres, built in 1838
- Located in the foothills of the Himalayas
- **Rashtrapati Tapovan:**
  - 19 acres of forest area attached to Niketan
  - Developed: Uttarakhand Forest Department in collaboration
- **Rashtrapati Udyan:**
  - Area: 132 acres
  - **Attributes:**
    - » Net zero carbon emissions
    - » Accessible for Persons with Disabilities
    - » Theme Garden, Butterfly Garden, Lake, Ornithology

## Katarniaghat Crocodile Conservation Programme

- Launch: 20 June 2025
- Location: Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Uttar Pradesh
- Inaugurated: Union Environment Minister, Bhupender Yadav
- Species: *Gavialis gangeticus* (IUCN: critically endangered)
- An estimated 800 crocodiles in India, 77% of which are in the National Chambal Sanctuary
- Katarniaghat is One of the major captive breeding centres

## Miscellaneous

### AI-171 plane crash: Inquiry Committee formed

- On 12 June 2025, Air India's London-bound flight AI-171 crashed in Ahmedabad just minutes after takeoff.
- The Government of India has constituted a multi-disciplinary committee under the chairmanship of Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan **to conduct an independent inquiry into the incident.**
- The committee, set up by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, will submit its report within three months.

### Mukhyamantri Jeevan Anuprerna Yojana in Assam

- The Assam government has started this scheme to promote research and innovation, whose main focus is to provide financial assistance to research scholars and differently-abled students.
  - General Researcher: ₹25,000 Grant
  - Divyang Scholars: ₹40,000 Grant
- Eligibility: Resident of Assam, registered in State or Central Public Institutions

### JAIHIND Scheme in University of Delhi

- On June 18, 2025, the University of Delhi launched the JAIHIND scheme (Janajati Immersive Holistic Intervention for Novel Development) for ST (Tribal) students.
- Objective: To help ST students of classes 9-12 in digital literacy and CUET exam preparation
- 1st batch: 25 ST students (12 girls, 13 boys) selected from Manipur's Ukhrul district

### Bairabi-Sairang Rail Project in Mizoram

- Under this project, Mizoram is now formally connected to the Indian Railways network for the first time. The Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) has recently approved the line from Hortoki to Sairang for public use.
- The capital Aizawl is located 20 km from Sairang
  - Total length: 51.38 km
  - 48 Tunnels (12.8 km)
  - A bridge: 104 meters high (higher than Qutub Minar)
- Earlier, only Bairabi station was in the state.

### Thalliki Vandanam Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

- Start: 12 June 2025
- Objective: To promote mother's participation in children's education by providing financial assistance to mothers

- Profit: Rs 15,000 per school child per year
  - ₹13,000 directly to Mother's Account
  - ₹2,000 for School Development
- Beneficiaries: Students from Class I to XII (Government, Aided, Recognized Private Schools/Colleges)

#### ☒Vithoot☒ Seed Ball Afforestation Initiative ☒ Kerala

- Start: 5 June 2025 (World Environment Day)
- Operation: Kerala Forest Department
- Meaning: ☒Vithoot☒ means ☒rain of seeds☒
- Method: Wrapping the seeds in soil-manure balls and dropping them with a drone or helicopter
- Aim:
  - Restoring ecological balance
  - Reduction in human-wildlife conflict
  - Creating microclimate zones

#### Waste Picker Enumeration App

- Launch: 5 June 2025
- Developed under the scheme NAMASTE (National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem).
- Objective: Digital enumeration and profiling of waste pickers across the country
- Profit:
  - Data of 2.5 lakh waste pickers
  - Professional Photo Identity Card
  - Health Insurance under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY
- Nodal Ministry: MoSJE and MoHUA
- Objective of NAMASTE Scheme:
  - End of manual scavenging
  - Dignity and safety of sanitation workers
  - Mechanization in Sanitation Sector

#### First Regional Campus of IICA – Shillong, Meghalaya

- Establishment Location: New Shillong Township
- Funding: ₹100.95 crore (under PM-DevINE Scheme)
- Aim:
  - Capacity Building on Corporate Affairs in the North East
  - Promoting Sustainable Trade and Entrepreneurship
- Institute: IICA (Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs)
- Subordinate Ministry: Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- Role: Think Tanks and Training Institutes (in the areas of Corporate Governance, Regulation, CSR etc.)

#### Rajiv Gandhi Forest Conservation Scheme ☒ Himachal Pradesh

- Start: 2 June 2025, from Hamirpur
- Objective: To increase the green cover by planting fruit bearing trees on barren and damaged forest land
- Operations: Through Mahila Mandals, Yuvak Mandals and Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- Benefits: Increased employment generation and public participation

#### ☒Umeed☒ Portal ☒ Digital Registration of Waqf Properties

- Launch: 6 June 2025
- Objective: Transparent, digital registration and dispute redressal
- Features:
  - Registration mandatory in 6 months
  - Irregular assets to be sent to tribunal
- Legal Basis: The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 ( President's assent on April 5)

#### Election Commission's Digital Reporting System

- New Initiatives: Automated System for Index Cards and Statistical Reports
- Leadership: Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar
- Participation: Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi
- Objective: Increase data speed, accuracy and transparency by eliminating manual reporting

#### India's first Yoga Policy – Uttarakhand

- Announcement: 21 June 2025 (11th International Yoga Day)
- First state in India to implement official Yoga Policy
- 5 New Yoga Centres by 2030
- Yoga services in all AYUSH health centres by March 2026
- Subsidy up to Rs 20 lakh for setting up of Yoga Center
- Grant up to Rs. 10 lakh for research
- Scheme of Spiritual Economic Zones in Garhwal and Kumaon (for Employment, Tourism and Migration Control)

#### Shaktipeeth Expressway Project (Maharashtra)

- Length: 802 km
- Target: Reduce travel time from Nagpur to Goa from 18 hours to 8 hours
- Attributes:
  - It will connect 18 major religious places (e.g. Pandharpur, Nanded, Sevagram)
  - Namkaran: Due to Shaktipeeths like Mahalakshmi, Tuljabhavani, Patradevi

### ₪Vidya Shakti₪ initiative (Andhra Pradesh)

- Aim: To provide remedial education to slow learning government school students
- Subjects: Mathematics, Science, English
- Process: Online education program, phased implementation across the state

### India's first 'Rare Blood Donor Registry'

- Establishment: Under ICMR, National Institute of Immunohaematology (NIIH), Mumbai
- Purpose:
  - Providing rare blood to patients like thalassemia, sickle cell on time
  - Online portal in which data of donors with rare blood group is available

### Ambubachi Fair 2025

- Date & Venue: 22-26 June 2025, Kamakhya Temple, Nilachal Hills, Guwahati (Assam)
- Major religious festivals, especially in Northeast India
- Meaning: "Ambubachi" = water flow; Linked to monsoon and fertility of the earth
- Symbolizing the menstrual period (menstruation) of Goddess Kamakhya.
- The gates of the temple remain closed for 3-4 days.

### Pratibha Setu Portal (by UPSC)

- Launching Organization: Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
- Target Group: Candidates who cleared all stages of UPSC exam but did not appear in the final merit list
- Previous Scheme: New Version of Public Disclosure Scheme (PDS)
- Highlights:
  - Database of 10,000+ Qualified Candidates
  - Login-based access to government and private employers
  - Employers can choose eligible candidates by self-registration

### Gender Budgeting Knowledge Hub Portal

- Launching Organization: Union Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Context: During a National Consultation
- Purpose:
  - Integrating gender equality into the budgeting process
  - Evaluation of Gender Impact of Policies
- Attributes:
  - Policy documents, best practices and gender data available

- Facility to send online training proposals
- Acts as a centralized digital platform

## Major Conferences

### Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 (UNFCCC)

- Started: June 16, 2025, Bonn, Germany
- Participants: 5,000+ delegates
- Aim:
  - Review of Climate Agreements
  - Setting the technical agenda for the upcoming COP conference
- Conducted By: UNFCCC Secretariat
- Main Body:
  - SBI: Supporting Body for Implementation
  - SBSTA: For Scientific & Technical Advice

### International Religious Freedom Summit 2025 ₪ Nairobi

- Date: 17 June 2025
- Location: Nairobi, Kenya (first event in Africa)
- Organizer:
  - Global Peace Foundation
  - Pepperdine University
  - Institute of Religious Freedom
- Theme: ₪Africa Together: A Continental Call for Religious Freedom₪
- Aim:
  - Promoting freedom of religion and belief
  - Raising awareness across the African continent
- Last Conference: 2024, Prague (Czech Republic)

### Poson Poya Festival 2025 ₪ Sri Lanka

- Date: 10 June 2025
- Purpose: Commemorating the 2,000th anniversary of the arrival of Buddhism in Sri Lanka
- Festival: Celebrated on the full moon of June
- Historical context: The first Buddhist sermon given by Emperor Ashoka's son Arahant Mahinda to King Devanampiya Tissa at Mihintale

### Offshore Security Meeting of Indian Coast Guard (OSCC-137)

- Event: 12 June 2025, New Delhi

- Chairperson: Paramesh Sivamani, Director General, ICG
- **Aim:**
  - Review of the Status of Offshore Security
  - Strategizing a coordinated response between various agencies
- Partner Agencies: Navy, Air Force, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Intelligence and Energy Agencies

**Lok Samvardhan Parv 2025**

- Inauguration: By Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, New Delhi
- Duration: June 11 – June 15, 2025
- **Aim:**
  - Promotion of traditional art, culture and handicrafts of minority communities
  - To provide economic empowerment and marketing opportunities to rural artisans
- Key Theme: “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas” – Emphasis on inclusive and cultural development

**TTDF Seminar 2025 at IIT Madras**

- Venue: IIT Madras
- Collaboration: Department of Telecommunications, Government of India and DRDO
- **Objective of T-TDF:**
  - Promotion of indigenous development of defence systems
  - Providing technical and financial support to Startups, MSMEs, Innovators and Educational Institutions

**National Conference of Estimates Committees (2025)**

- Date and Venue: 23–24 June 2025, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Context: 75th Anniversary of Parliament’s Estimates Committee
- Monitoring and effectiveness of budget estimates, efficiency and economy in administration were discussed.
- Participation: Chairmen and members of Parliament and State Estimates Committees
- Chairman (Committee on Parliament): Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal

**7th Helicopters and Small Aircraft Summit**

- Location: Pune, Maharashtra
- **Organizer:** Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of Maharashtra, Pawan Hans and FICCI
- **Objective:** To boost the potential of regional aviation.
- Recent policy initiatives for helicopter and small aircraft operations were discussed.

**EXIM Bank Business Summit 2025**

- Date & Venue: 24 June 2025, New Delhi
- **Organizer:** Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)
- Conference Theme: “Building Export Led Development for Developed India”
- Virtual Opening of New Offices:
  - Lucknow
  - Indore
  - São Paulo (Brazil)



# 10. INDEXES & REPORTS

## Global Gender Gap Report 2025

- Issuer: World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Draw Date: 12 June 2025
- Coverage: 148 countries
- **Four Dimensions of Evaluation:**
  1. Economic Participation and Opportunities
  2. Academic Achievement
  3. Health & Survival
  4. Political Empowerment
- **Global Positioning**
  - Global average of gender equality: 68.8%

### Top 5 countries:

Rank	Country
1	Iceland
2	Finland
3	Norway
4	United Kingdom
5	New Zealand

## India's Position

- Rank: 131st (129th in 2024)
- Gender Parity Score: 64.1%
- Situation in South Asia: Among the Lowest Ranked Countries

### Dimensional Performance

1. **Economic Partnerships and Opportunities**
  - Score: 40.7% (+0.9%)
  - Income equality: 29.9% (28.6% in 2024)
  - Labor Force Participation: 45.9% (stable, highest level)
2. **academic achievement**
  - Score: 97.1%
  - Increase in female literacy and higher education enrolment
3. **Health & Survival**
  - Improving sex ratio and life expectancy
4. **Political Empowerment**
  - Women MPs: 13.8% (14.7% in 2024)
  - Women Ministers: 5.6% (6.5% in 2024)
  - Total Score Drop: 0.6%

## Ranking in South Asia

Country	Rank
Bangladesh	24 (Jump of 75 places)
Nepal	125
Sri Lanka	130
India	131
Bhutan	119
Maldives	138
Pakistan	148

- Bangladesh has topped the region with remarkable progress in political and economic engagement.

## Global Trends Report 2025 (UNHCR)

- Theme: Forced Displacement in 2024
- Issuer: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- **Key facts:**
  - Total forcibly displaced people: 122.1 million (as of April 2025 )
  - Share in global population: 67%
  - Main Causes: War/Conflict (Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine)
- **Top 4 Countries (Displaced Population):**
  - Sudan: 14.3 million
  - Syria: 13.5 million
  - Afghanistan: 10.3 million
  - Ukraine: 8.8 million
- Of the refugees, 67% live in neighboring countries.
- Country with the largest number of refugees: Iran (3.5 million)

## India: Fastest growth among world's top-10 Equity Markets

- Market cap growth: ₹85.5 lakh crore → total ₹456 lakh crore
- Growth Rate (March 2025 onwards): 21.1%
- Ranked in the world: 5th largest stock market
- Main Factors: Active Role of Domestic Institutional Investors

## Comparison of Top Stock Markets ( March 2025 onwards)

Country	Returns (%)	Market Cap
India	21.1%	456
Germany	13.8%	257
Canada	10.8%	308
Hong Kong	9.0%	539
UK	7.5%	299
Japan	7.3%	590
Taiwan	5.2%	222
France	3.8%	291
USA	2.5%	4,523

### UNFPA Report 2025: The Real Fertility Crisis

- Population of India: 1.4639 billion (Largest in the world)
- Working Population: 68% (15–64 years age group)
- Total Fertility Rate (TFR): 1.9 (Below Replacement Level 2.1)
- **Population Structure (2025)**
  - 0–14 years: 24%
  - 10–19 years: 17%
  - 10–24 years: 26%
  - 15–64 years: 68%

### Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 – 2022–23 and 2023–24

- Issuer: Union Ministry of Education (18 June 2025)
- PGI 2.0: Upgraded version of the PGI (2017–18), comprising 6 key areas and 73 indicators:
  - Enrolment & Access
  - Infrastructure
  - Equality
  - Governance Procedures
  - Learning Outcomes
  - Teacher training

#### Scoring & Categories

- Total Score: 1,000 points scale
- Rating: 10 levels from Efficient (951–1,000) to Aspiring-3 (401–460)
- None of the states appeared in the top 4 categories (761+)
  - Chandigarh: 719 points – Prachesta-1 Category (701–760)
  - Meghalaya: 417.9 points – Akanshi 3 Category (Weakest Performer)
- Prachesta-3 (581–640) consists of 10 states/UTs, such as Punjab, Delhi, Gujarat, Rajasthan, etc.

### Energy Transition Index 2025

- Report: Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2025

- Issuer: World Economic Forum (WEF) & Accenture (18 June 2025)
- India's rank: 71st position (63rd in 2024)
- Key Pillars: Energy Security, Sustainability and Equality
- Only 28% of countries improved in all three areas.

#### Top 5 Countries

1. Sweden
  2. Finland
  3. Denmark
  4. Norway
  5. Switzerland
- Congo: Last Position

### India: World's 3rd largest Electricity Producer (IEA report)

- Duration: 2019 to 2024
- Location: India ranked 3rd (China – 1, US – 2)
- Energy source: Fossil, Hydropower, Renewable
- Main Contribution: Solar PV
- Investment Share: 50%+ investment in non-fossil energy in last 5 years in solar energy

### SIPRI Report 2025 – The Global Nuclear Weapons Status

- Issuer: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- Date: Data as of January 2025
- **Main Findings:**
  - The world is heading towards a new nuclear arms race
  - The effectiveness of Arms Control Agreements is weakening
- **Global statistics**
  - Total nuclear warheads: 12,241
  - Military Stock: 9,614
  - Deployed Warheads: 3,912
- Russia and the US have 90% of global warheads

### Major Nuclear Nations (with warheads)

Country	Warheads
Russia	5,469
America	5,177
China	600
France	290
UK	225
India	180
Pakistan	170
Israel	90
North Korea	50

- India: 180 warheads; Developing new Canisterized Missiles carrying Multiple Warheads (MIRVs)

### QS World University Rankings 2026

- Released Date: 19 June 2025
- India's Performance:**
  - IIT Delhi ranked highest in India (World Rank: 123)
  - This is the highest ranking of any Indian institution so far
  - 54 Indian institutions in the list (just 11 in 2014)
  - 8 new Indian institutions added for the first time — highest for any country
  - 12 IITs included in the list

### Top 10 Institutes in India (QS 2026 Global Rank)

Rank in India	Institute	Global Rank
1	IIT Delhi	123rd position
2	IIT Bombay	129th position
3	IIT Madras	180th position
4	IIT Kharagpur	215th position
5	IISc Bengaluru	219th position
6	IIT Kanpur	222nd position
7	University of Delhi	328th position
8	IIT Guwahati	334th position
9	IIT Roorkee	339th position
10	Anna University	465th position

### Top 5 universities in the world (QS 2026)

Rank	Institute
1	MIT, USA
2	Imperial College London, UK
3	Stanford University, USA
4	University of Oxford, UK
5	Harvard University, USA

### India's Wind Power Potential (2025)

- Total Installed Capacity: 51.5 GW (up from 46.42 GW in 2024)
- Annual Increase: 10.5%
- Global Rank: India Ranks 4th (After China, US, Germany)

### Top 5 Wind Power Producing States (as on 31st March 2025)

State	Installed capacity (MW)
Gujarat	12,677.48
Tamil Nadu	11,739.91
Karnataka	7,351.10
Maharashtra	5,284.61
Rajasthan	5,208.75

### States with the Highest Growth in 2024-25

- Karnataka ☑ 1,331.48 MW
- Tamil Nadu ☑ 1,136.37 MW
- Gujarat ☑ 954.76 MW

### Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2025 (StartupBlink)

- India's rank: 20th position (decreased)
- India, the US and China are the three countries whose 3 cities are in the top 20

### Global Top 10 Startup Cities

Rank	City	Country	Growth Rate(%)
1	San Francisco	United States of America	19.9%
2	New york	United States of America	25.5%
3	London	United Kingdom	29.8%
4	Los Angeles	United States of America	14.1%
5	Beijing	China	25.2%
6	Boston	United States of America	17.1%
7	Shanghai	China	38.4%
8	Paris	France	34.6%
9	Tel Aviv-Yafo	Israel	24.0%
10	Bangalore	India	13.8%

### Top Indian Startup Cities in 2025

City	Global Rank	Growth Rate (%)	Total Score
Bangalore	10	13.8%	77.567
New Delhi	11	15.5%	64.328
Mumbai	18	31.5%	48.451
Hyderabad	70	12%	11.966
Pune	79	13.3%	10.849
Chennai	88	6.7%	9.992
Ahmedabad	132	11.2%	6.576
<b>Jaipur</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>4.736</b>
Kolkata	187	45.7%	3.4
Chandigarh	257	4.4%	1.87

### IGI Airport included in ACI's Top 10 Hub List

- Ranking: 2024 Air Connectivity Report (ACI – Asia-Pacific & Middle East)
- IGIA (Delhi): India's sole representative in the top 10 hub airports
- Operation: GMR Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)
- Evaluation Criteria: Network Scale and Frequency, Economic weight of destination, Connection Quality and Efficiency

### Top 3 Airports (Hub Connectivity Index)

1. Dubai International Airport
2. Shanghai Pudong International Airport
3. Hamad International Airport (Doha, Qatar)

### Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Index 2025

- Issuer: United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- India's rank: 99th position (in top 100 for the first time)
- In 2024: 109th place
- Total countries: 167

### Performance of India's Neighbouring Countries:

- Maldives: 53rd place
- Bhutan: 74th position
- Nepal: 85th place
- Sri Lanka: 93rd
- Bangladesh: 114th place
- Pakistan: 140th position

### Top 5 Performing Countries

Rank	Country
1	Finland
2	Sweden
3	Denmark
4	Germany
5	France

- Only 17% of SDG targets on track to be met by 2030
- **Targets with Remarkable Progress:**
  - Mobile Broadband (SDG 9)
  - Electricity (SDG 7)
  - Internet Usage (SDG 9)
  - Decline in Under-5 and Neonatal Mortality (SDG 3)
- East and Southern Asia made the fastest progress.

### Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025

- Issuer: Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Sydney
- Edition: 19th Annual
- Number of countries: 163
- Score range: 1 (Peaceful) to 5 (Turbulent)

### GPI 2025 Key Findings:

Standard	Description
Top Countries	Iceland (Rank 1, Score: 1.095)
India's Ranking	Ranked 115th (score: 2.229) (116th in 2024)
Worst Rankings	Russia (rank 163, score: 3.441)
The most disturbed area	South Asia
Reform Countries	74 Countries
Decline countries	87 Countries
Decline in global peace	A decline of 0.36% compared to 2024
The Global Cost of Violence	\$19.97 trillion (11.6% of global GDP)

### NITI Aayog's 'Future Front' Series - Version 3

- Release Date: 24 June 2025
- Title: "India's Data Imperative: The Pivot Towards Quality"
- **Key Theme:** Emphasizing the need for data quality improvement to improve digital governance and service delivery.



# 11. IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Name of the Day	Sim	Theme (2025)
1 June	World Milk Day	Promoting the nutritional value of dairy	Let's Celebrate the Power of Dairy
2 June	Telangana Statehood Day	Anniversary of the formation of the state (2014)	☒
June 3	World Bicycle Day	Promote bicycles as simple, sustainable, eco-friendly mode of transport	☒
5 June	World Environment Day	Awareness on the importance of environmental protection	Ending Global Plastic Pollution
6 June	World Pest Day	Awareness on pest control and their effects	☒
June 7	World Food Safety Day	Awareness on the importance of food safety	Food Safety: Science in Action
June 8	World Oceans Day	Ocean Conservation & Awareness	☒
June 8	World Brain Tumor Day	Awareness and Alertness about Brain Tumor	☒
9 June	World Accreditation Day	Empowering MSMEs	Accreditation: Empowering MSMEs
10 June	International Day for Dialogue Between Civilizations	Promoting global peace, cooperation and mutual understanding (observed for the first time in 2025)	☒
12 June	World Child Labour Prohibition Day	Encouraging awareness and efforts for eradication of child labour	Progress is clear, but there's more to do: let's speed up efforts!
13 June	International Albinism Awareness Day	Clearing the misconceptions associated with albinism and protecting rights	☒
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	Recognising the contribution of blood donors; Promotion of voluntary blood donation	Give Blood, Give Hope: Together We Save Lives
15 June	Global Wind Energy Day	Spreading awareness on the role of wind energy and its benefits	☒
16 June	International Domestic Workers Day	Recognizing the rights and contributions of domestic workers	☒
16 June	International Family Remittance Day	Underlining the economic contribution and family support of migrant workers	Remittances financing development
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Promote global cooperation to tackle environmental problems such as land degradation and drought	Restore the land, open up opportunities

17 June	World Crocodile Day	Spreading awareness for conservation of crocodiles and related species	☒
18 June	International Day for Countering Hate Speech	Raising awareness of the social impacts of hate speech	Enhancing legal and unlawful measures against hate speech from a multi-stakeholder approach
18 June	Sustainable Gastronomy Day	Promote sustainable food systems, the protection of the environment and the local economy	☒
19 June	World Sickle Cell Day	Sickle Cell Disease Awareness and Empowering Communities	Global Action, Local Impact: Empowering Communities for Effective Self-Advocacy
20 June	World Refugee Day	Global solidarity with the rights, contributions and support of refugees	Solidarity with Refugees
22 June	World Rainforest Day	Awareness of the dangers of deforestation and climate change	Restore, Preserve, Thrive
23 June	International Olympic Day	Promote sports, unity, health and global cooperation	☒
23 June	UN Public Service Day	Recognition of public service and improvement in government services	☒
23 June	International Widows Day	Promoting widows' rights and social integration	☒
26 June	International Day Against Drug Abuse	Prevention of drug use and illicit trafficking	☒
26 June	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	Awareness against torture and support for victims	☒
27 June	Helen Keller Day	Awareness about visually impaired and hearing impaired people	☒
29 June	National Statistics Day	Explaining the Importance of Statistics in the Country	☒
29 June	International Day of the Tropics	Promote the protection and development of tropical ecosystems	☒
June 30	World Asteroid Day	Raising awareness of asteroid risk and planetary protection	Awareness, Education, and Action for Planetary Defense
December 4	International Day against Unilateral Coercive Measures (Declared)	Spreading awareness against restrictions that are imposed by one country on another (in 2025)	☒

