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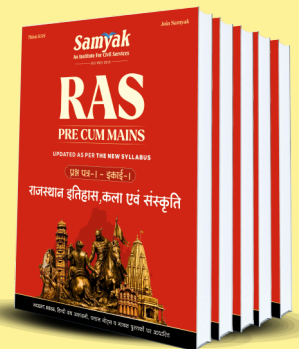
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Editorial

“Sankalp nahin, karm hi rachata hai itihaas”

We dream new dreams every morning; a beautiful future, brilliant success in examinations, and the happiness shining in our parents’ eyes. Dreaming of such happiness is not only good but is also the first step towards setting a goal. But remember, merely dreaming does not lead us to our destination. The peak is reached by the one whose steps cannot be stopped by the fatigue of the journey.

“Udyamena hi sidhyanti karyani na manorathaih |

Na hi suptasya simhasya pravishanti mukhe mrigaah ||”

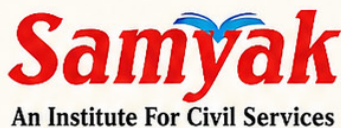
That is, merely wishing or thinking does not accomplish any task; for that, one has to make determined efforts. Just as a hunter does not get his prey merely by sitting at the mouth of a cave, the king of the forest too has to make efforts to obtain his food.

Buying good books, making a study table and taking colourful timetable printouts is only a beginning. Success does not come merely by appearing for an examination; it comes when you study those books with complete dedication, revise them again and again, and make their knowledge a part of your life. Behind every great victory lies the silence of years, unshakable discipline and the sacrifice of nights of sleep.

Therefore, give up the habit of merely “thinking” and “doing it tomorrow” from today itself. You have already made many plans; now is the time to turn them into reality. Start today and right now. A focused one minute and a small step taken by you will bring you one step closer to your dreams.

The day your dreams meet your hard work, success will embrace you. Rise, make a beginning, because history is not created by those who merely think, but by those who do!

Editor



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Essay Topics-

1. Social Justice and Welfare State: Reaching the Last Person
2. Contribution of Saint Traditions to Social Harmony in Rajasthan



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- The essay must be completely original; copied or AI-generated content will not be accepted.
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Edition	: 23rd Edition
Dates	: July 23 to August 2
Venue	: Glasgow (Scotland)
Organizer	: Commonwealth Games Federation
Participation	: Teams from 74 countries and territories
Mascot	: Finni (inspired by Scotland's national animal, the unicorn)
Opened by	: King Charles III and Queen Camilla of the UK

FLAG BEARERS & CEREMONIES

OPENING CEREMONY

Flag bearer - Mirabai Chanu (Weightlifter)

Torch bearer-Lovlina Borgohain (Boxer)

CLOSING CEREMONY

Flag bearer - Jasmine Lamboria (Boxer)

Sports: 10 sports

1. Athletics and Para-athletics
2. Swimming and Para-swimming
3. Artistic Gymnastics
4. Track Cycling and Para-track Cycling
5. Netball
6. Weightlifting and Para-powerlifting
7. Boxing
8. Judo
9. Bowls and Para-bowls
10. 3x3 Basketball and 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball

For the first time at the Commonwealth Games, Indian athletes and officials wore an official uniform made of a jute-viscose blend. This uniform is 100% biodegradable. It was jointly created by the National Jute Board, Gloster Jute Mills, and NIFT.

Rank	Country	 Gold	 Silver	 Bronze	 Total Medals
1	 Australia	70	45	56	171
2	 England	29	45	36	110
3	 Canada	19	20	23	62
4	 India	13	17	9	39
5	 Scotland	13	9	17	39

 Khel	 Gold	 Silver	 Bronze	 Total Medal
 Boxing	7	3	0	10
 Athletics	0	5	5	10
 Weightlifting	1	6	1	8
 Para Athletics	3	2	1	6
 Judo	2	1	1	4
 Para Powerlifting	0	0	1	1

INDIA'S OVERALL PERFORMANCE

39
TOTAL
MEDALS

13
GOLD

17
SILVER

9
BRONZE

4th
WORLD RANKING

123rd INDIAN CONTINGENT
ATHLETES

Medal winners

Boxing

Athlete	Category / Class	Medal
Preeti Pawar	Women (54 kg)	Gold
Jasmine Lamboria	Women (57 kg)	Gold
Sakshi Chaudhary	Women (51 kg)	Gold
Priya Ghanghas	Women (60 kg)	Gold
Arundhati Chaudhary	Women (70 kg)	Gold
Sachin Siwach	Men (60 kg)	Gold
Ankush Panghal	Women (80 kg)	Gold
Jadumani Singh	Men (55 kg)	Silver
Lovlina Borgohain	Women (75 kg)	Silver
Narendra Berwal	Men (90+ kg)	Silver

Athletics

Athlete	Category / Event	Medal
Sarvesh Kushare	Men's High Jump	Silver
Gulveer Singh	Men's 10,000m	Silver
Murali Sreeshankar	Men's Long Jump	Silver
Neeraj Chopra	Men's Javelin	Silver
Praveen Chithravel	Men's Triple Jump	Silver
Seema Kaliramana	Women's Discus Throw	Bronze
Yashvir Singh	Men's Javelin	Bronze
Tejaswin Shankar	Decathlon	Bronze
Selva Prabhu Thirumaran	Men's Triple Jump	Bronze
Gulveer Singh	Men's 5,000m	Bronze

Para-Athletics-

Athlete	Category / Event	Medal
Sharmila Dhankhar	Women's Shot Put F57	Gold
Dilip Mahadu Gavit	Men's 100m T47	Gold
Soman Rana	Men's Shot Put F57	Gold
Mohammed Basil	Men's 100m T47	Silver
Shubham Juyal	Men's Shot Put F57	Silver
Shilpa Shaila	Women's Shot Put F57	Bronze

Judo

Athlete	Category / Class	Medal
Asmita Dey	Women (48 kg)	Gold
Harsh Singh	Men (60 kg)	Gold
Yamini Mourya	Women (57 kg)	Silver
Unnati Sharma	Women (63 kg)	Bronze

Weightlifting

Athlete	Category / Class	Medal
Mirabai Chanu	Women's (48 kg)	Gold
Rishikant Singh	Men's (60 kg)	Silver
Muthupandi Raja	Men's (65 kg)	Silver
Gyaneshwari Yadav	Women's (53 kg)	Silver
Valluri Ajay Babu	Men's (79 kg)	Silver
Harjinder Kaur	Women's (69 kg)	Silver
Lovepreet Singh	Men's (110+ kg)	Silver
Bindyarani Devi	Women's (58 kg)	Bronze

- Para Powerlifting- Jhandu Kumar won the bronze medal in the men's heavyweight para powerlifting event.
- Note- The 2030 Commonwealth Games will be held in the city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Arundhati Choudhary, a resident of Kota district in Rajasthan, won the gold medal in the 70 kg category. Arundhati Choudhary secured victory against England's Chantelle Reid.

Monthly Summary

- What is the financial investment in HPCL-Rajasthan Refinery Limited, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Pachpadra? - **₹79,459 crore**
- What is the passenger capacity of the new terminal building at Jodhpur Airport, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi? - **20 lakh per annum**
- By whom was the Karnisar Solar Power Plant (Bikaner) project, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 4, 2026, established? - **By SJVN**
- Between which states was the agreement signed to settle the outstanding payments under the Narmada Award?- **Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh**
- Which district received the top institutional and district-level award under the State-Level Family Welfare Awards list for 2024-25? - **Chittorgarh**
- Which department of the state government has constituted a state-level textile cell for the effective implementation of the Rajasthan Textile and Apparel Policy-2025? - **Rajasthan's Department of Industries and Commerce**
- On which date did Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma launch the e-Mitra WhatsApp service? - **July 1, 2026**
- Where was the state-level 'Kisan Samman Samaroh' (Farmers' Felicitation Ceremony) organized on July 2, 2026? - **Apex Bank Auditorium, Jaipur**
- In which district of the state has the Department of Mines and Petroleum completely reserved a 10-square-kilometer area for the next five years, in view of the potential discovery of atomic minerals? - **Udaipur district**
- Which parliamentary constituency of the state is planned to be developed as the country's first 'Zero Fatality Parliamentary Constituency'? - **Kota-Bundi**
- What is the capacity of the modern mechanized transfer station inaugurated by the Jaipur Municipal Corporation in Jhalana on July 8, 2026? - **150 tonnes per day**
- Under what name did the Department of Industries and Commerce launch an initiative to identify and honor inspiring personalities who have made significant contributions to the state's economic, industrial, and social development? - **'100 Icons of Rajasthan' initiative**
- How much central assistance has the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti approved for Rajasthan under the Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0? - **More than ₹537.70 crore**
- Which product from Rajasthan has the Geographical Indication Registry recently awarded a GI tag? - **Jodhpur Mojari craft**
- What was Rajasthan's overall ranking in the Investment-Friendliness Index released by NITI Aayog? - **10th**
- On which date did Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma launch the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog'? - **July 21, 2026**
- What position did Rajasthan secure at the national level in the organ donation pledge campaign? - **Second place**
- Under the Prime Minister's Skill India Mission and the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision, Rajasthan became which state in the country to implement the PM SETU Yojana? - **Fifth state**
- In which district will the Centre of Excellence for Mines and Minerals be established by the Rajasthan Mines Department? - **In Jaipur**
- Which rank did Jaipur secure in the 'World's Happiest Cities 2026' list released by Time Out? - **Sixth**
- In how many state-funded universities have instructions been issued to establish 'Rajasthani Language Study Centres'? - **In 11 universities**
- Which authority launched the 'Waste to Art' Welcome Gate project? - **Jaipur Development Authority**
- On which date was 'Bharat Taxi' launched in the state? - **July 25, 2026**
- The state that became the first in the country to issue an exploration license for 'Rare Earth Elements' is—**Rajasthan**
- The theme of the 'National e-Governance Conference' held at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, on July 1–2, 2026, was— **"Viksit Bharat 2047: AI-Enabled, Data-Driven, and Secure Digital Governance"**
- Who inaugurated the Commonwealth Peace Mediation and Rule of Law Conference-2026 held in Jaipur from July 31 to August 2, 2026?— **Justice Surya Kant (Chief Justice of India)**

- Who organized the “Videsh Sampark – State Outreach Conference” in Jaipur?— **Ministry of External Affairs (Government of India) and the Government of Rajasthan**
- Who organized the Rajasthan Water Conclave-2026 held in Jaipur on July 24, 2026?— **The Economic Times**
- Where was the Pre-COP dialogue for UNCCD COP-17 held?— **In Churu**
- Which district administration in the state launched the ‘Aao Gaon Chalein’ (Let’s Go to the Village) campaign? – **Pali District Administration**
- Which renowned Rajasthani musician and founder of Veena Cassettes recently passed away?—**Shri Kesari Chand Maloo**
- Where was the state-level public conference for the ‘Viksit Bharat Rojgar evam Aajivika Mission-Gramin’ (VB-G-Ram-G Scheme) held in Rajasthan?—**In Beawar**
- ‘Operation Garudvyuh-2’ is a special campaign launched by whom?— **Kota Police**
- In which district will Rajasthan’s state-level Independence Day celebration for 2026 be held?—**In Bikaner**
- Which former Member of Parliament from Rajasthan was honoured at the House of Lords for his outstanding contribution to social service, diplomatic initiatives, and strengthening India–UK relations?— **Gaj Singh**
- Which rank did India secure in the United Nations Sustainable Development Report 2026?— **94th**
- Which city secured the top spot in the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2027? - **Seoul**
- Which country conferred its highest civilian honor, ‘Bintang Adipurna’, upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi? - **Indonesia**
- In which Indian city will Flinders University establish its campus? - **Bengaluru**
- Which edition of the India-Japan Annual Summit was held between July 1 and July 3, 2026? - **16th**
- Which economists of Indian origin have been appointed to the US Federal Reserve’s ‘Special Task Force’? - **Raj Chetty, Raghuram Rajan, Asha Sharma**
- Which country has the United States announced it will remove from its ‘State Sponsors of Terrorism’ list? - **Syria**
- Which country recently declared a ‘national emergency’ due to severe forest fires? - **Spain**
- From which date did the ‘Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission (Rural) Act, 2025’ come into effect? - **July 1, 2026**
- Under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Act, 2026, within how many months must the investigating agency/police/STF mandatorily complete the investigation from the date of FIR registration or case transfer? - **2 months**
- On which route did Prime Minister Narendra Modi flag off the country’s first hydrogen train on July 17, 2026? - **Between Jind and Sonapat**
- Which Indian heritage site was recently included in the UNESCO World Heritage List? - **Ancient Buddhist site of Sarnath**
- Which institution released the report titled “Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global” on July 2, 2026?— **NITI Aayog**
- Who is chairing the recently constituted high-powered task force on examination reforms? - **Nandan Nilekani**
- From where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi launch the next phase of the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme, named ‘Viksit UDAN’, on July 4, 2026? - **Jodhpur Airport**
- At which heliport was approval granted for helicopter operations using India’s first private ‘Point-in-Space’ instrument approach procedure?— **Undavalli Heliport (Andhra Pradesh)**
- What initiative did the Ministry of Panchayati Raj launch with the aim of strengthening the digital infrastructure of Gram Panchayats across the country? - **‘Danveer’ Initiative**
- On which date did the Union Cabinet approve the National Offshore Exploration Scheme – ‘Samudra Manthan’? - **July 31, 2026**
- What financial outlay has the Union Cabinet allocated for the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY)? - **₹5,070 crore**
- From which date will the permanent winter pollution master plan to curb seasonal air pollution in Delhi be implemented annually? - **November 1 to February 28**
- At which location was the first phase of the ‘Museum of Word’ inaugurated?— **National Library Complex, Kolkata**
- At which airport in India will the country’s first six-lane underpass be constructed beneath an operational runway as part of a new terminal? - **Varanasi Airport**

- Which state has recently become the country's sixth fully literate state? - **Uttarakhand**
- Which musical instrument has been included in the list of National Intangible Cultural Heritage by the Sangeet Natak Akademi of the Government of India? - **Nattarang**
- Who secured the top spot among the 'Most Powerful Women' in the Fortune India list for 2026? - **Nita Ambani**
- In which Indian state will Artificial Intelligence (AI) be introduced as a skill subject in government high schools, replacing the third-language option from the 2026–27 academic session? - **Karnataka**
- In which sanctuary has India's first AI-powered bird sanctuary been announced to be developed? - **Inside the Creek Flamingo Sanctuary**
- Which Indian state has implemented the 'State Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming' to prevent deaths and severe cases caused by snakebites by the year 2030? - **Kerala**
- How many indicators in total did NITI Aayog use to prepare the Investment Friendliness Index? - **84 indicators**
- What is the duration set for the mobile phone manufacturing scheme? - **5 years (from the financial year 2026-27 to 2030-31)**
- Which state is the focus of 'Mission Golden Spice' – the Integrated Lakadong Turmeric Value Chain Enhancement Project? - **Meghalaya**
- What is the financial allocation for the chemical park scheme, "Bharat Industrial Development Scheme – Chemicals (BHAVYA Rasayan)"? - **₹3,030 crore**
- Commercial production of Matcha tea has recently begun in India for the first time. Which state is associated with this initiative? - **Assam**
- According to the World Investment Report 2026 released by UNCTAD, what rank did India achieve in terms of FDI in the year 2025? - **11th place**
- Who launched the 'Roadmap to make India a leading bio-economy powerhouse by 2035'? - **NITI Aayog**
- Which Indian port has become the second port to have an 18-meter draft capacity? - **Kamarajar Port**
- Which airport has the Government of India recently notified as a point of entry for the import of drugs under the Drugs Rules, 1945? - **Navi Mumbai Airport**
- India's first indigenous 'expendable turbojet engine' in the 350 kg thrust class was recently successfully developed and assembled; who designed this engine? - **Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE)**
- On which date did Army Chief General Dhiraj Seth launch the indigenously developed Extreme Weather Grade (XWG) diesel? - **July 31, 2026**
- From where did ISRO conduct the first successful ground test of the solid motor for 'SOLVE' (Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments) on July 3, 2026? - **From Sriharikota**
- By whom was India's first private orbital rocket, Vikram-1, successfully launched? - **By Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace**
- Who is Anil Menon, who has recently been in the headlines? - **NASA astronaut of Indian origin**
- What is the name of the world's first modern underwater home? - **Vanguard**
- A pharmaceutical company from which country has launched 'Awiqli' in India, the world's first once-weekly basal insulin? - **Denmark**
- The government of which Indian state has launched the AI-based 'City Flood Alert' platform for accurate urban flood forecasting? - **The government of Andhra Pradesh**
- According to the Supercomputing Conference ISC-2026 held in Hamburg, Germany, which supercomputer secured the top spot on the global 'Top 500' list? - **Lianshine Supercomputer**
- How many gold medals did India win in total at the 2026 Commonwealth Games? - **13 gold medals**
- Who was awarded the FIFA Golden Boot at the 2026 FIFA World Cup? - **Kylian Mbappé**
- Neymar recently announced his retirement from international football; he is a star footballer from which country? - **Brazil**
- Which team was the runner-up in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026? - **England**
- Whom did P.V. Sindhu (India) defeat in the women's singles category of the Japan Open 2026 badminton tournament? - **Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)**
- Which film won the award for Best Feature Film at the 72nd National Film Awards for the year 2024? - **Article 370 (Hindi)**

- Which Indian film director has been honored with a place on the 'Wall of Filmmakers' at the Lumière Museum in France? - **S.S. Rajamouli**
- Who will be awarded the Golden Lion for Career Achievement? - **George Clooney**
- Which former Indian captain was recently inducted into the 'ICC Hall of Fame' at the ICC's annual conference in Edinburgh? - **Sourav Ganguly**
- Who has been honored with the 'Snehability National Award-2026'? - **Dr. Hemant Goyal**
- Who has been awarded the 60th Jnanpith Award? - **R. Vairamuthu**
- Who were the recipients of the prestigious Fields Medal in 2026? - **Hong Wang, Yu Deng, John Pardon, Jacob Tsimerman**
- Where was the 'AI for Good Global Summit-2026' held from July 7–10, 2026? - **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Who organized 'Bharat Tex 2026', held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from July 14 to 17, 2026? - **Bharat Tex Trade Federation**
- Who has been appointed by the Central Government as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog? - **Anurag Jain-**
- Who has assumed the office of Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities? - **Harjit Singh Grewal**
- Whom has Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant appointed as the Chairperson of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC)? - **Justice B.V. Nagarathna-**
- Who has recently assumed office as the Prime Minister of Britain? - **Andy Burnham**
- Which former West Indies all-rounder recently passed away at the age of 89? - **Sir Garry Sobers-**
- Where was 'Operation Southern Readiness 26-2' conducted on July 23, 2026? - **At the Southern Naval Command, Kochi**
- What was the theme of National Doctors' Day 2026, observed on July 1? - **"Behind the Mask – Who Heals the Healers?"**
- In which language is the book 'Aama Rashtrapati Aama Gaurav' written? - **Odia language**



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1. RAJASTHAN AFFAIRS

Prime Minister's Visit to Rajasthan and Key Gifts

Inauguration of HPCL-Rajasthan Refinery Limited-



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the HPCL-Rajasthan Refinery Limited at Pachpadra in Balotra district on July 4, 2026.
- It is India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex and is a joint venture between HPCL and the Government of Rajasthan.
- **Key Facts-**
 - Location: Pachpadra, Balotra
 - Financial Investment: ₹79,459 crore
 - Capacity: 9 million metric tonnes per annum
 - Petrochemical Capacity: 2.4 million metric tonnes per annum (integrated production capacity)
- Venture: Joint Venture (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Government of Rajasthan)
 - Equity Stake: HPCL (74%) and Government of Rajasthan (26%)
 - This is India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex.
- **Other Key Facts:**
 - The refinery has an index of 17.0, representing a world-class level of refining efficiency.
 - It is designed with state-of-the-art technology to process a blend of local crude from Rajasthan (Mangala, Bhagyam, and Aishwarya fields) and imported crude.
- Total employment generation: This project has created approximately 135,000 employment opportunities.
 - **Direct employment:** 35,000 workers.
 - **Indirect employment:** 100,000 jobs in ancillary and supporting sectors.
- This will provide raw materials on a large scale to sectors such as MSME, packaging, textiles, auto parts, and agri-films in the state, and accelerate industrial development.

Inauguration of the new terminal building of Jodhpur Airport

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new terminal building of Jodhpur Airport on July 4, 2026, and also launched the revised UDAN scheme.
- **Jodhpur Airport's new terminal-**
 - Cost: ₹480 crore
 - Area: 23,000 square meters
 - Passenger capacity: 2 million per annum
 - This terminal building features state-of-the-art passenger amenities and architecture inspired by Rajasthan's rich heritage.
 - It will enhance air connectivity in the state and boost tourism, trade, and employment opportunities in Western Rajasthan.

■ Revised UDAN Scheme-

- Union Cabinet Approval: March 2026
- Duration: 2026-27 to 2035-36 (ten years)
- Expenditure: ₹28,840 crore
- Objective: To connect smaller and remote cities—such as Tier-2 and Tier-3 towns—to the air network.
- Under the revised UDAN scheme, special emphasis has been placed on developing 100 airports from existing, unused airstrips to expand aviation infrastructure across the country.
- To address connectivity challenges in remote and inaccessible areas, 200 modern helipads will be developed.

Dedicated to the nation the railway doubling project in the state-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Churu-Sadulpur (58 km) and Churu-Ratangarh (46 km) rail doubling projects to the nation, constructed at a cost of approximately ₹892 crore.
- Benefits from these projects:
 - The rail connectivity network in north-west Rajasthan will be strengthened.
 - Pressure on rail traffic will be reduced, and the punctuality of trains will improve.
 - Rail line capacity will increase, enabling smoother, safer, and more punctual operations for both passenger and freight trains.
- Additionally, the Prime Minister inaugurated the four-laning project of the NH-125A Jodhpur Ring Road Section-2 (Karwar-Dangiyawas)—spanning over 30 kilometers and completed at a cost of approximately ₹737 crore.

Virtual foundation stone laying ceremony of Jaipur Metro Rail Project Phase-2

- The Prime Minister virtually laid the foundation stone for the Jaipur Metro Rail Project Phase-2 on July 4, 2026.
- The proposed Phase-2 will further expand this network in the north-south direction.
- Jaipur Metro Rail Project Phase-2
 - Length: 41 km (from Prahladpura to Todi Mod)
 - Total stations: 36
 - Elevated stations - 34 stations
 - Underground stations - 2 stations
 - Cost: ₹13,037.66 crore
 - Project completion timeline: By September 2031
 - Construction and operation: By Rajasthan Metro Rail Corporation Limited (a joint venture between the Government of India and the Government of Rajasthan)

- Upon completion of the Jaipur Metro Phase-2 project, Jaipur's total metro network will exceed 50 kilometers.
- Under Phase-1, an 11.64-kilometer-long metro service—comprising 11 stations—is currently operational in Jaipur along the North-West corridor, running from Mansarovar to Badi Chaupar.



Inauguration of major power transmission systems of the state-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated key power transmission systems of the state on July 4, 2026.
- Key power transmission systems inaugurated:
 - Power transmission system developed under Rajasthan REZ Phase-3, Part-H.
 - 530 circuit-km long power transmission system under Rajasthan REZ Phase-4, Part-F.

Inauguration of major power projects of the state-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated energy projects in the state on July 4, 2026.
- Bikaner Solar Power Project-
 - Established by: SJVN
 - Capacity: 1,000 MW
 - Cost: ₹5,492 crore
- Karnisar Solar Power Plant (Bikaner)
 - Established by: NHPC
 - Capacity: 300 MW
 - Cost: ₹1,677 crore
- Indigenously manufactured solar modules and solar cells have been used in both these energy projects.

Agreement on the settlement of outstanding Narmada Award payments:



- An agreement regarding the settlement of outstanding Narmada Award payments was recently signed in the presence of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- Signatory states: Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh.
- Objective: This agreement paves the way for the final settlement (one-time settlement) of long-pending disputes regarding the states' share in the construction costs of the Sardar Sarovar Project.
- This will ensure better utilization of Narmada River water.

■ Narmada River:

- Origin: Amarkantak Hills.
- Outflow: Gulf of Khambhat.
- Total length: 1,312 km.
- Flow: Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh.
- It is the largest west-flowing river in Peninsular India.

■ Tributaries:

- Right-bank tributaries: Hiran, Tendori, Barna, Kolar, Man, Uri, Hatni, Orsang.
- Left-bank tributaries: Burner, Banjar, Sher, Shakkar, Dudhi, Tawa, Ganjal, Chhota Tawa, Kundi, Goi, Karjan.

Launch of the e-Mitra WhatsApp Service-



- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma launched the e-Mitra WhatsApp service at the National e-Governance Conference on July 1, 2026.
- Under this initiative, citizens will be able to access 27 digital services by sending WhatsApp messages from their mobile phones.
- These services have been categorized into four groups:
 - Application Services – Applications for caste certificates, domicile certificates, EWS certificates, Rajasthan Police character certificates, and disability pensions.
 - Download Services – Direct downloading of documents.
 - Payment Services – Payment of electricity bills, water bills, Mahila Nidhi contributions, and EMIs.
 - Other Online Services – Class 5 and 8 results, IRCTC PNR status, and Police Department online services.

Removal of the 'more than two children' condition in the Lado Protsahan Yojana:

- The state government has recently removed the restriction regarding having more than two children under the Lado Protsahan Yojana.
- Under the revised scheme, the benefits will also be extended to girls studying in recognized private schools and to the third child of a family. Lado Protsahan Yojana-

Lado Incentive Scheme



Launch Date
1 August 2024



Nodal Department
Women Empowerment,
Child and
Girl Welfare Department



Eligibility

- Must be a native / permanent resident of Rajasthan.
- The benefit is available for a girl child born in a notified medical institution under the scheme.



Objectives

- Ensure timely access to government benefits and services for girls from birth onward.
- Eliminate negative social attitudes, discrimination, and harmful practices against daughters.
- Promote girls' education and support campaigns related to saving and empowering the girl child.
- Strengthen girl-child welfare through innovation and effective policy interventions.
- Build a distinct identity, dignity, and support system for girls in society.



Benefits

Under the scheme, eligible beneficiaries will receive a total of ₹1.50 lakh in installments.

Installment	Description	Amount (₹)
1.	At birth and after institutional immunization	2,500
2.	On admission to Class 1 and completion of pre-entry vaccination	2,500
3.	On admission to Class 6	4,000
4.	On admission to Class 10	5,000
5.	On passing the Class 10 board examination	11,000
6.	On admission to Class 12	25,000
7.	On attaining 21 years of age	1,00,000
	Total	1,50,000



Departmental Coordination

- The Women Empowerment, Child and Girl Welfare Department is the nodal department for implementation, monitoring, and coordination.
- District administration and other line departments will provide necessary support for effective implementation of the scheme.



This is a flagship scheme of the State Government.

Distribution of State-Level Family Welfare Awards on the occasion of World Population Day-

- On July 11, 2026, the State Medical and Health Department virtually honored districts, panchayats, health institutions, and personnel for their outstanding work in the field of family welfare during a state-level ceremony organized to mark World Population Day.
- State-Level Family Welfare Award List 2024-25-

➤ Institutional and District-Level Awards-

- First Prize - Chittorgarh (₹18 lakh)
- Second Prize - Sikar (₹11 lakh)
- Third Prize - Kota (₹9 lakh)
- Fourth Prize - Karauli (₹5 lakh)

➤ Districts excelling in PPIUCD services-

- First Prize - Banswara (₹4 lakh)
- Second Prize - Pratapgarh (₹3 lakh)
- Third Prize - Nagaur (₹2 lakh)

➤ Best Panchayat Samiti Category-

- First Prize - Itawa (District Kota) (₹8 lakh)
- Second Prize - Balotra Panchayat Samiti (₹7 lakh)
- Third Prize - Phalodi (₹6 lakh)
- Fourth Prize - Dholpur Panchayat Samiti (₹2 lakh)

➤ Best Gram Panchayat Category-

- First Prize - Harrajpura (Panchayat Samiti Masuda, District Beawar) (₹5 lakh)
- Second Prize - Khedki Veerbhan (Kotputli-Behror) (₹4 lakh)
- Third Prize - Thikariya Kalan (Taleda, Bundi) (₹3 lakh)
- Fourth Prize - Bhojasar (Bhadra, Hanumangarh) (₹1 lakh)

➤ Best Health Institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations-

- Government Health Institutions – PHC Genta (Kota), CHC Neemrana (Kotputli-Behror), and Sub-District Hospital Rawatbhata (Chittorgarh)/ (₹1 lakh each)
- Private Hospital – Raj Hospital, Jodhpur
- Non-Governmental Organizations Anashaid Paramedical Foundation (Jhalawar) and FRHS India (Jaipur)

➤ **Individual Category Winners-**

- Highest Sterilization Motivation– Asha Verma (Sub-District Hospital, Bhawanimandi, Jhalawar); First Prize for motivating the highest number of people to undergo sterilization (up to two children).
- Best ANM – Jointly awarded to Madhu Srivastava (Bikaner) and Sarita Kumari (Jaipur).
- Best ASHA Sahyoginis – Kaushalya Devi (Hanumangarh), Asha Sharma (Jaipur), and Santosh Devi (Ajmer).
- Best Doctor – Dr. Sahab Singh Meena (SDH, Bayana, Bharatpur) – for performing the highest number of sterilization operations in the state.
- Best Performing Block – Taleda (Bundi)

- Rajasthan's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) is currently 2.1, which is exactly equal to the ideal national target for population stabilization.

Formation of a Textile Cell in the State-

- A dedicated state-level Textile Cell has been constituted by the Industries and Commerce Department of Rajasthan to ensure the effective implementation of the 'Rajasthan Textile and Apparel Policy-2025'.

■ **Key functions of the Textile Cell-**

- Addressing issues faced by the textile industry and promoting new technologies.
- Identifying obstacles through field visits to industrial areas.
- Maintaining continuous dialogue with entrepreneurs, exporters, and industry experts.
- Conducting case studies of major textile hubs (domestic and international) and participating in national and international exhibitions.

- Additionally, a district-level Textile Export Action Plan has been formulated; specific action plans have been prepared for 11 districts, which have been categorized into two groups-

- Champion Districts- Seven districts (Ajmer, Bhilwara, Jaipur, Banswara, Chittorgarh, Jodhpur, and Kota)
- Aspirational Districts- Four districts (Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Nagaur, and Churu)

■ **Share of the textile sector in Rajasthan's exports-**

Year 2024-25	Figures
Total exports from Rajasthan	Over ₹97,171 crore
Share of the textile sector	Approximately ₹13,500 crore
Textile sector's share in total exports	Over 13%

■ **Rajasthan Textile and Apparel Policy-2025-**



State-level meeting on the Chief Minister's Thar Border Area Development Programme and Dang/Magra/Mewat Regional Development Schemes-

- Date of event- July 13, 2026
- Venue- Pant Krishi Bhawan, Jaipur
- Chaired by- Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Shri Kirodi Lal Meena

■ **Chief Minister's Thar Border Area Development Programme**

- Launch- In the year 2025-26
- Funding- State
- Objective- To develop remote and strategic areas situated along the international border.

■ **Mewat Area Development Programme-**

- Inception- Year 1986-87
- Objective- To create basic amenities and additional employment opportunities for the people of the Mewat region.
- Mewat Region- Includes 807 villages across 14 blocks in the districts of Alwar, Khairthal-Tijara, and Deeg.

■ **Magra Area Development Programme-**

- Inception- Year 2005-06
- Objective- To improve the economic and social status of the residents of the Magra region.
- Currently, it is being implemented in 1,746 villages across 5 districts.

- Magra Region- The south-central part of Rajasthan (Beawar, Bhilwara, Pali, Chittorgarh, and Rajsamand) surrounded by hilly terrain, which does not fall under the Tribal Area Development scheme.

■ **Dang Area Development Programme-**

- Relaunch of the programme- Year 2005-06
- Objective- To develop basic amenities and promote all-round development in this region.
- This programme covers 2,192 villages across 8 districts (Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, Dholpur, Baran, Jhalawar, Bharatpur, Kota, and Bundi).
- Dang Region- Backward, dacoit-affected areas characterized by ravines and narrow valleys.

Conclusion of the “Toy Bank,” “Praveshotsav” (Enrollment Festival), and Tree Plantation Program-

- The “Toy Bank,” “Praveshotsav,” and Tree Plantation program, held at all Anganwadi centers across the state, concluded on July 1, 2026.
- This program was organized between June 24 and July 1, 2026.
- Its objective was to provide quality pre-school education to children in the 3–6 age group at Anganwadi centers.

Organization of the State-Level Farmers’ Felicitation Ceremony-

- A state-level farmers’ felicitation ceremony was organized on July 2, 2026, at the Apex Bank Auditorium (Jaipur) as part of ‘Cooperative Week’ in the state.
- This event was held under the ‘Sahkar Se Samridhi’ (Prosperity through Cooperation) program run by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, which aims to bring prosperity to cooperative institutions through new innovations and schemes.
- During this award ceremony, the Minister for Cooperation presented awards in the categories of progressive farmers, chairpersons of Village Service Cooperative Societies, and managers of Village Service Cooperative Societies.

Two new forest divisions will be created within the Alwar Forest Division—

- Two new forest divisions — Khairthal-Tijara and Kotputli-Behror—will now be carved out of the Alwar Forest Division.
- Following the reorganization, only 4 ranges (down from 7) will remain under the Alwar Forest Division.
- The creation of new forest divisions will reduce the administrative scope of individual divisions, thereby accelerating monitoring, the conservation of forest resources, and office operations.

Solar-battery Park to be set up in Bikaner; RERC approves Pugal project-

- The Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC) has approved the installation of a 2,450 MW solar plant and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with a capacity of 1,600 MW/6,400 MWh at the Pugal Solar Park in Bikaner.
- The Pugal Mega Solar-Battery Project will be the state’s largest solar and storage park.
- The entire project is scheduled for completion by the year 2028.

Land reserved for atomic minerals in the state-

- In light of the potential discovery of atomic minerals in Udaipur district, the state’s Department of Mines and Petroleum has fully reserved a 10-square-kilometer area in the Bhindar Tehsil of Udaipur for the next five years.
- Only the ‘Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research’ (AMD) will conduct detailed surveys and exploration activities within this reserved area.
- Note: Carbonatite rocks are found in this specific belt of Udaipur; these rocks have a high probability of naturally containing concentrations of uranium, thorium, and other significant radioactive substances.

E-Bhoomi Pujan of ‘Sahkar Van’ (Cooperative Forest)—

- The e-Bhoomi Pujan (ground-breaking ceremony) for the ‘Sahkar Van’ project was conducted to mark the 5th Foundation Day of the Department of Cooperation in the state.
- This forest will be developed on a 64-acre plot in Sumel village, Jaipur.
- It will utilize both the Miyawaki plantation technique and traditional plantation methods, featuring trees suited to the local climate, such as Khejri, Rohida, and Neem.

Gifts to Rajasthan on the 5th Foundation Day of the Department of Cooperation—

- On the occasion of the 5th Foundation Day of the Department of Cooperation, the state of Rajasthan received the following:
 - Laying of the foundation stone for 10 new grain storage warehouses.
 - Inauguration of 50 completed warehouses.
 - Handover of 100 warehouses to the State Warehousing Corporation.

Amendments to the Rajasthan Homestay (Paying Guest House) Scheme-2026—

- The Government of Rajasthan introduced amendments to the Rajasthan Homestay (Paying Guest House) Scheme-2026 on July 7, 2026.

- The objective of these amendments is to promote 'Ease of Doing Business' and digital governance within the state's tourism sector.
- **Amendments—**
 - The registration and renewal process for homestays (paying guest houses) has been made entirely online.
 - Provisional registration will be granted within 7 days upon submission of an online application and completion of all required documents.
 - Changes made to registration criteria-

Criteria	Previous Provision	New Provision
Maximum Number of Rooms	Maximum 5 rooms	Maximum 8 rooms
Mandatory Stay of House Owner	The house owner was required to reside on the premises	The requirement for the house owner to reside on the premises has been removed
Mode of Operation	Self-operation was mandatory	Operation through a caretaker is permitted

- **Rajasthan Homestay (Paying Guest House) Scheme-2026**
 - Launch- February 2026
 - Department/Ministry- Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan
 - **Objectives-**
 - To decentralize tourism.
 - To provide tourists with a safe and comfortable, home-like environment at affordable rates.
 - To create new livelihood and self-employment opportunities for local residents, especially rural families, small investors, and women entrepreneurs.

Zero Fatality District Action Plan-

- A high-level meeting chaired by the District Collector was recently held to bring road accident fatalities in the Kota-Bundi region close to zero.
- This plan/initiative was launched under the directives of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, with the aim of making Kota-Bundi the country's first 'Zero Fatality Parliamentary Constituency'.
- The 'Save Life Foundation' will assist the district administration in the formulation and implementation of this plan.

Historic Agreement between Rajasthan and the International Solar Alliance-

- Recently the Government of Rajasthan and the International Solar Alliance signed a historic agreement on 8 July 2026 titled 'Framework for Action – Advanced Clean Energy, Driven Sustainable Development'.
- Agreement Name: Framework for Action – Advanced Clean Energy, Driven Sustainable Development.
- Signatories: State Energy Secretary Ms. Aarti Dogra and ISA Director General Ashish Khanna.
- Rajasthan is the first province/state in the world with which the International Solar Alliance has signed such a 'Framework for Action'.
- **Key objectives of the agreement:**
 - A comprehensive plan will be prepared for Rajasthan, keeping in mind future requirements for the years 2030–35.
 - Measures such as energy storage, demand-side management, digitalization, and smart grids will be implemented to effectively integrate the increasing share of solar energy into the grid.
- Under the agreement, a pilot project based on 'Digital Twin technology' will also be launched at the Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam.
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**
 - Establishment: In 2015 in Paris.
 - Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.
 - Members: 128 countries.
 - It is a global international organization dedicated to ensuring the rapid expansion of solar energy.
 - It was established as a joint initiative of India and France during the Paris Climate Conference.

Commercial Taxes Department Implements Faceless and Randomized Scrutiny System-

- The state government has recently implemented a 'faceless and randomized scrutiny system' within the Commercial Taxes Department.
- Under this system, the selection and allocation of cases for the scrutiny of tax returns will be conducted entirely through a computer-based random system.
- This will eliminate direct contact between taxpayers and departmental officials, making the entire process fairer and more transparent.

Inauguration of Modern Mechanized Transfer Station in Jhalana-

- The Jaipur Municipal Corporation inaugurated a modern mechanized transfer station in Jhalana on July 8, 2026.
- This station aids in solid waste management and sanitation.

■ **Features of the station:**

- It has a capacity of 150 tonnes per day.
 - The station has been constructed based on the BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer) model.
 - It is equipped with 3 refuse compaction units, 5 hook-loader vehicles, and 7 containers.
 - A weighbridge has been installed to weigh all vehicles arriving from the wards.
- Currently, a mechanized transfer station with a capacity of 100 tonnes per day (100 TPD) is operational in Jhalana for door-to-door waste collection vehicles from the Malviya Nagar zone.

New Initiatives for the State During the Union Road Transport Minister's Visit-

- Recently, on July 8, 2026, Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari announced new National Highway projects for the state during his visit to Rajasthan.
- **Key initiative:**
- Link Road (NH-52 to Mukundra) – A link road will be constructed to connect NH-52 with the 8-lane Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, bypassing the Mukundra Wildlife Sanctuary. The estimated cost of this project is approximately ₹550 crore.
 - Greenfield Link Road – A 21-kilometer-long, 4-lane greenfield link road will be constructed to connect Kota to the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway via Balapura.
 - Atal Expressway (formerly proposed Chambal Express Highway) – A new expressway will be constructed parallel to the Chambal River, connecting Kota to Etawah.

Survey of Other Backward Class (OBC) families in the state –

- Recently, the Rajasthan State Commission for Backward Classes conducted a contemporary and empirical study regarding the political representation of Other Backward Classes in the state.
- **Objective of the survey –**
- To gather accurate and up-to-date data regarding the current social, educational, economic, and demographic status of OBCs in the state, and specifically their political representation in local bodies.
 - Based on this data, the Commission will submit legally sound and scientific recommendations to the state government.
- **Survey duration –**
- From July 10 to July 23, 2026.
- To make the survey process digital and transparent, the Commission has specifically developed the 'Rajdhara Survey Mobile App'.

'100 Icons of Rajasthan' initiative –

- The Department of Industries and Commerce recently launched the '100 Icons of Rajasthan' initiative.
- The objective of this initiative is to identify and honor inspiring personalities who have made significant contributions to the state's economic, industrial, and social development.
- Under this initiative, 100 distinguished individuals who have performed outstanding work in various fields across the state will be selected.
- The selection will comprise 55 women under the age of 55 and 45 men under the age of 45.

Vidhan Gaurav Yatra – Conference of former and current members –

- Date of event – July 15, 2026.
- Venue – Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- This event was organized as part of the 'Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- Presided over by: Vasudev Devnani (Speaker, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly)
- Objective: To provide a common platform for legislators, revive old memories, and allow young representatives to benefit from the experiences of senior public servants.
- The Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan, attended the closing ceremony of this conference as the chief guest.
- Events organized to mark the completion of 75 years of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly:
- Total events: Four (these will be held as part of the year-long 'Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations).
 - **Events:**
 - First event: 'Vidhan Gaurav Yatra' (Legislative Pride Journey)-held in July as a conference for former and current members.
 - Second event: A conference of women legislators from across the country-to be held in October.
 - Third event: A conference to educate youth about parliamentary etiquette-to be held in January.
 - Fourth event: The closing ceremony-featuring the participation of legislative leadership from across the country.
- 410 public representatives participated in this special event. This included 237 former MLAs, 163 current MLAs, and 10 additional former MLAs who had not registered for the event.

MoU between the Education Department and Piramal Foundation-

- An MoU was signed between the Education Department and the Piramal Foundation on July 16, 2026.

- Objective of the signed MoU: To implement significant reforms-such as integrating innovative technology and adopting a future-oriented approach-within the state's school education system.
- Through this initiative, learning outcomes for students in classes 8 to 12 will see marked improvement, and data and database governance will be made more robust and systematic than ever before via the PAL (Personalized Adaptive Learning) dashboard.
- Under this MoU, the Piramal Foundation will act as a Technical Support Unit, providing technical assistance to strengthen digital education based on Artificial Intelligence and Personalized Adaptive Learning across the state.

In the Spotlight: 'Panch Gaurav' Program-

- A review meeting regarding the progress and guidelines of the 'Panch Gaurav' program was held on July 17, 2026, under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Shri V. Srinivas.
- During the meeting, measurable targets were set across three phases to effectively evaluate the program's progress:
- Timeframe and Targets (with 2024-25 as the base year):

Timeframe	Target Year	Objective
Short-term	2026-27	Accelerating primary and immediate development works.
Medium-term	2029-30	Continuous evaluation of medium-term development indicators.
Long-term	2047	Laying the foundation for the district's holistic transformation and long-term action plan.

- Instructions were issued to leverage support from various departments and special funds-such as MPLAD (Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme), MLALADS (Member of Legislative Assembly Local Area Development Scheme), DMFT (District Mineral Foundation Trust), CSR, and industry organizations-for this program.

Rajasthan Receives Eight Redeveloped 'Amrit Stations'-

- On July 17, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated 75 redeveloped 'Amrit Stations' across 20 states to the nation from Jalandhar, Punjab.

- These redeveloped Amrit Stations include eight stations from Rajasthan, listed below:

1. Gotan Amrit Station
2. Deeg Amrit Station
3. Somesar Amrit Station
4. Dausa Amrit Station
5. Khairthal Amrit Station
6. Barmer Amrit Station
7. Jaisalmer Amrit Station
8. Gangapur City Amrit Station

- Facts regarding railways in Rajasthan:

- A financial provision of ₹10 thousand 228 crore has been made for railways in Rajasthan for the year 2026-27.
- Five pairs of Vande Bharat Express services are currently operational in Rajasthan.
- 85 railway stations in Rajasthan are being developed at a cost of ₹4 thousand 623 crore.
- The Jaipur-Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express service has been launched in Rajasthan.
- A mega coaching terminal has been commissioned at Khatipura at a cost of ₹205 crore.

Financial approval of 537 crore for Rajasthan under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0:

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, has approved central assistance of over ₹537.70 crore for Rajasthan under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0.
- The state will receive this amount as reimbursement for additional expenditure incurred from its own resources during the transition between the completion of the first phase and the commencement of the second phase.
- Category-wise allocation of central assistance (₹537.70 crore):
 - General Area – ₹307.45 crore
 - Scheduled Caste Component-₹177.73 crore
 - Scheduled Tribe Component – ₹52.52 crore
- Note: The duration of this scheme, which operates with a 50:50 partnership between the Central and State governments, has been extended by the Central Government until December 2028.

Jodhpuri Mojari Receives GI Tag -



- Jodhpur's traditional and world-renowned 'Mojari Craft of Jodhpur' has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The Geographical Indications Registry awarded the certificate for this to the Jodhpur Handicraft Exporters Association and the Gram Vikas Seva Sansthan.
- Currently, the domestic market for Jodhpur Mojari and leather products is valued at approximately ₹100 crore, while exports amount to around ₹10 crore.

■ GI-Tagged Products of Rajasthan

Name	Category	Place
Bagru Print	Handicraft	Jaipur
Bikaneri Bhujia	Food	Bikaner
Blue Pottery	Handicraft	Jaipur
Blue Pottery (Logo)	Handicraft	Jaipur
Kathputli	Handicraft	Rajasthan
Kathputli (Logo)	Handicraft	Rajasthan
Kota Doria	Handicraft	Kota
Kota Doria (Logo)	Handicraft	Kota
Makrana Marble	Handicraft	Nagaur
Molela Clay Art	Handicraft	Nathdwara
Molela Clay Art (Logo)	Handicraft	Nathdwara
Phulkari	Handicraft	Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana
Sanganeri Print	Handicraft	Jaipur
Thewa Art	Handicraft	Pratapgarh
Pokaran Pottery	Handicraft	Jaisalmer
Sojat Mehndi	Agricultural	Pali
Pichwai Art	Handicraft	Nathdwara
Jodhpur Bandhej	Handicraft	Jodhpur
Koftgari	Handicraft	Udaipur
Usta Kala	Handicraft	Bikaner
Kashidakari Craft	Handicraft	Bikaner
Sangri	Food Stuff	Rajasthan
Nagauri Ashwagandha	Agricultural	Nagaur
Jodhpuri Mojari	Handicraft	Jodhpur

■ Geographical Indication (GI) Tag-

- It serves as a basis or guarantee regarding the specific geographical origin, quality, and reputation of a product from a particular region, functioning as an intellectual property right.
- This tag is valid for 10 years.

Monthly Impact Assessment Study Report of De-regulation Phase-1 (Month of June)-

- On July 17, 2026, the 'De-regulation Cell' constituted under the Chief Secretary's Office released the monthly impact assessment report for June.
- **Findings of the report-**
 - In the month of June, ₹1.03 [crore/amount] in the sectors of real estate, renewable energy, textiles, tourism, and gems & jewellery... Investment proposals worth lakhs of crores were received.
 - **Leading districts-**
 - Top investment hubs: Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, and Kota.
 - Rapidly emerging districts: Didwana-Kuchaman, Sirohi, Beawar, Karauli, and Phalodi recorded an increase of over 50% in approved applications compared to the previous month.
- Women's workforce participation in technical and operational roles within industrial units has been recorded at 26% to 32%.
- **De-regulation Cell-**
 - This is a special administrative cell.
 - It has been constituted under the Office of the Chief Secretary.
 - **Objectives-**
 - To promote 'Ease of Doing Business' in the state.
 - To expedite approvals through the 'RajNivesh' portal.
 - To reduce the burden of unnecessary administrative compliance on entrepreneurs and citizens.

Rajasthan's performance in the Investment-Friendliness Index-

- Rajasthan has secured various positions across different categories in the Investment -Friendliness Index released by NITI Aayog.
 - Overall ranking – 10th place
 - Category of large states – 8th place (Leading state)
 - Regulatory ease – 2nd place.
 - Investment promotion policies – 3rd place.
 - Resources – 5th place among large states.

Launch event of 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog'-

- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma launched 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog' at the Chief Minister's residence on July 21, 2026.
- This program is a significant initiative aimed at connecting youth with nation-building, sports, and skill development through the medium of sports.

- Through team sports like cricket, volleyball, kabaddi, and football, youth leadership will be fostered in every panchayat and ward of the state, enabling youth to progress according to their talents.
- 'Suyog Yuva Clubs' will be established at the district level, which will be directly linked to clubs at the panchayat and ward levels.
- It is being launched as a pilot project in the Bagru Assembly constituency and Baran district.

Ranking awarded to cooperative stores-

- Secretary, Department of Cooperation On July 22, 2026, Dr. Samit Sharma announced that the department would issue monthly rankings for all District Cooperative Consumer Wholesale Stores based on nine parameters, and the best-performing stores would be felicitated at the end of the year.
- Current monthly rankings and positions:
 - Excellent Category (Top 10): Ajmer, Bikaner, Kota, Udaipur, Barmer, Bharatpur, Jodhpur, CONFED Jaipur, Beawar, and Hanumangarh.
 - Very Good Category: 7 stores
 - Good Category: 8 stores
 - Satisfactory Category: 7 stores
 - Unsatisfactory Category: 2 stores

Longest National Expressways in Rajasthan:

- Rajasthan has benefited the most from the construction of national high-speed corridors and greenfield expressways.
- Expressways spanning a total length of 1,192 kilometers have been constructed in the state; this figure exceeds that of any other state in the country.
- This information was provided by the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

Rajasthan Ranks Second Nationally in Organ Donation Pledge Campaign-

- At the national level, Rajasthan has secured the second position in the organ donation pledge campaign. As of July 22, 2026, 108,904 citizens in the state have pledged to donate their organs.
- Maharashtra holds the top spot.
- District Performance – Top districts based on total pledges:

1. Jhunjhunu	–	13,619 (First place)
2. Hanumangarh	–	12,828
3. Churu	–	10,780
4. Jaipur	–	8,152
5. Ajmer	–	6,722

Automatic Registration of 'e-Zero FIR' for Cyber Fraud of 1 Lakh or More in Rajasthan-

- Rajasthan Police has approved the automatic registration of an 'e-Zero FIR' upon the filing of a complaint regarding cyber financial fraud amounting to ₹1 lakh or more. This system has been implemented across Rajasthan effective July 23, 2026.
- Previously, the threshold for an e-FIR was ₹5 lakh; this has now been reduced to ₹1 lakh to ensure a larger number of victims can benefit from the facility.
- Upon the filing of a complaint, the police will immediately initiate actions—such as freezing bank accounts, placing a hold on the suspected funds, and gathering CDR/IPDR and CCTV footage—without waiting for the complainant's physical signature. The complainant will be required to visit the concerned police station to sign the copy of the FIR within 72 hours of the e-Zero FIR's registration.

Operational Procedure and Jurisdiction:

Fraud Amount	Investigating and Registering Unit
₹1 Crore or more	State-level Cyber Crime Police Station, Jaipur
₹1 Lakh to ₹1 Crore	Concerned District Cyber Police Station or local police station

First Fully Loaded Container Rake Dispatched from ICD Jodhpur-

- The Inland Container Depot (ICD) in Jodhpur, operated by RAJSICO, dispatched a train (rake) for the first time where every single container was fully loaded with export cargo, with no empty containers included.
- So far, 552 export containers have been dispatched from Jodhpur to Gujarat's Mundra Port.

Inauguration of 'Shakti Sangam Nari Kaushal Kendra' and 'RRR Centre' in Phagi—

- The 'Shakti Sangam Nari Kaushal Kendra' (Women's Skill Centre) and 'RRR Centre' (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Centre) were grandly inaugurated in the Phagi block of Jaipur district to promote skill development, livelihood enhancement, and waste management among rural women.
- This centre has been established through the joint efforts of Zila Parishad Jaipur, Finova Capital Private Limited (providing CSR support of ₹10 lakh), and the Shakti Sangam organization.
- Its objective is to give a new direction to the green economy and women's self-reliance by synergizing government initiatives with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Rajasthan becomes the first state in North India and the fifth in the country to implement PM-SETU—

- Under the Prime Minister's 'Skill India Mission' and 'Viksit Bharat-2047', Rajasthan has become the first state in North India and the fifth in the country to implement the PM-SETU scheme.
- Note: A proposal for the Bhiwadi cluster was approved during a meeting of the 'State Steering Committee' chaired by the Chief Secretary.
- **PM-SETU—**
 - Launch: October 4, 2025
 - Ministry: Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 - Model: Hub-and-Spoke model
 - Goal: To transform 1,000 government ITIs across the country over 5 years.
 - Total Budget: ₹60,000 crore (5 years)
 - Financial Participation:
 - Central Government: 50 percent
 - State Government: 33 percent
 - Private Industry: 17 percent
- PM-SETU: Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs

Centre of Excellence for Mines—

- A 'Centre of Excellence for Mines' will be established in Jaipur by the Rajasthan State Mines Department.
- This museum will house samples of the state's major minerals, ceramics, rare earth elements, and critical minerals; it will also be opened for research and study purposes.
- Currently, there are 82 types of minerals in the state, out of which 57 types are being extracted.

Jaipur: The World's Sixth Happiest City –

- Jaipur has been ranked as the sixth happiest city in the world in the 'World's Happiest Cities 2026' list released by the international media platform Time Out.
- Jaipur is the only Indian city to secure a place in the top 10.
- **Top ten cities –**
 1. Bath (UK)
 2. Panama City (Panama)
 3. Guadalajara (Mexico)
 4. Medellín (Colombia)
 5. Kraków (Poland)
 6. Jaipur (India)
 7. Chicago (USA)

8. Cape Town (South Africa)
9. Shanghai (China)
10. Gothenburg (Sweden)

'Rajasthani Language Study Centers' to be opened in 11 state universities-

- Recently, Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde directed the establishment of 'Rajasthani Language Study Centers' in 11 state-funded universities across the state.
- Universities where these centers will be established:

S. N.	Name of University	Location
1.	University of Rajasthan	Jaipur
2.	Jai Narain Vyas University	Jodhpur
3.	Mohanlal Sukhadia University	Udaipur
4.	Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University	Ajmer
5.	University of Kota	Kota
6.	Maharaja Ganga Singh University	Bikaner
7.	Vardhman Mahaveer Open University	Kota
8.	Govind Guru Tribal University	Banswara
9.	Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shekhawati University	Sikar
10.	Maharaja Surajmal Brij University	Bharatpur
11.	Raj Rishi Bhartrihari Matsya University	Alwar

'Waste to Art' Welcome Gate Project-



- This is an initiative launched by the Jaipur Development Authority to enhance the beautification and cultural identity of Jaipur city.
- Grand welcome gates based on the 'Waste to Art' theme will be constructed at three major entry points of Jaipur.
- **Objective:** To promote tourism, convey a message of environmental conservation, and showcase Rajasthan's culture and tradition of hospitality.
- Estimated Cost: ₹5.36 crore.

■ **Proposed Welcome Gates and their Cultural Themes:**

S. N.	Location/Route	Theme and Cultural Representation
1.	Delhi Kunda Turn to Amer Road	“Khamma Ghani” – A symbol of Rajasthan’s warm traditions and hospitality
2.	Ghat Ki Guni Toll Plaza	“Leheriya Design” – Represents Rajasthan’s colourful cultural heritage and folk art
3.	Ganga Marg (Opposite New Jaipur)	“Padharo Mhare Des” – Welcome through figures dressed in traditional Rajasthani attire

Launch of ‘Bharat Taxi’ in the state-

- Launch Date: July 25, 2026
- Launch Venue: HCM RIPA, Jaipur.
- Launched by: Chief Minister Shri Bhajanlal Sharma and Union Minister of State for Cooperation Shri Murlidhar Mohol.
- Core Concept: ‘Prosperity through Cooperation’ (Sahkar se Samridhi) and ‘The Driver is the Owner’ (Saarthi hi Maalik).
- Key MoUs: Signed by the ‘Sahkar Taxi Co-operative’ with RCDF, Jaipur Municipal Corporation, Jaipur Metro, and RSRTC.
- Social Security: Accident insurance cover of up to ₹5 lakh for registered drivers (‘Saarthis’).
- **Key features of ‘Bharat Taxi’:**
 - It is the country’s first cooperative-based mobility platform that transforms drivers (‘Saarthis’) from mere service providers into partners and co-owners of the organization.
 - Commission-free income: Under this system, no additional commission or deductions will be made from the drivers, ensuring they receive the full benefit of their hard work.
 - Share in profits: In addition to receiving direct payments, drivers will also be entitled to a share of the organization’s profits.
 - Security and rights: Accident insurance cover of up to ₹5 lakh has been provided to safeguard the rights and future security of the drivers.
 - Rajasthan has become the fourth state to adopt this model, following Delhi, Gujarat, and Maharashtra.

‘Contribution Agreement’ signed between RIICO and RVCF

- RIICO recently signed a contribution agreement for the ‘India Growth Fund-IV’ of the Rajasthan Venture Capital Fund (RVCF) with the aim of providing financial support to startups and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Rajasthan.
- Under this new agreement, RIICO will make an additional investment of ₹30 crore in the ‘India Growth Fund-IV’.
- With this additional investment of ₹30 crore, RIICO’s total investment commitment to the ‘India Growth Fund-IV’ has risen to ₹75 crore.

■ **Key facts related to this-**

Related Institution	RIICO and Rajasthan Venture Capital Fund (RVCF)
Related Fund	RVCF India Growth Fund-IV
Additional Investment by RIICO	₹30 crore
RIICO’s Total Investment Commitment	₹75 crore
Total Fund Size	₹250 crore
Target	Support 25 startups this year (Chief Minister’s announcement)
Major Target Sectors	FinTech, AgriTech, Healthcare, Clean Energy, Manufacturing, Digital Transformation

Approval of proposals for four new industrial parks in Rajasthan-

- Recently, in a meeting of the state-level committee chaired by the Chief Secretary, proposals for four new industrial parks being developed by RIICO under the ‘BHAVYA Yojana’ were reviewed. Approval was granted to forward these proposals to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India, for final approval.
- **Proposed industrial parks-**
 1. KBNIR Industrial Park - Kotputli-Behror
 2. Dausa-Bandikui Industrial Park - Dausa
 3. Bhojyara Industrial Park - Jaipur
 4. Udaipur Kalan Industrial Park - Kishangarh, Ajmer
 - Other facts regarding the proposed industrial parks-
 - Area- Approximately 2,000 acres
 - Potential investment- ₹8,000 crore to ₹10,000 crore.
 - Employment generation- Direct/ indirect employment opportunities for over 45,000 people.

■ **Bharat Industrial Development Scheme (BHAVYA)-**

- Notification date- 10 April 2026
- Duration- From Financial Year 2026-27 to 2031-32
- Financial outlay- ₹33,600 crore
- Objective- To develop 100 world-class industrial parks across the country.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Rajasthan Police and the University of Manchester (UK) –



- Taking a historic initiative in the fields of police welfare, mental health, training, and research, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Rajasthan Police Academy (RPA) and the University of Manchester (UK) on July 28, 2026.
- Subject: Police welfare, mental health, training, and global research.

■ **Key Facts-**

Point	Details
MoU Parties	Rajasthan Police Academy and University of Manchester
Main Objectives	Police welfare, mental health, stress management, capacity building, and joint research
Primary Collaborating Department	School of Health Sciences, University of Manchester
Effective Duration	5 years (extendable by mutual consent)

■ **Steps to be taken under the agreement –**

- Special studies on mental health and stress management will be conducted.
- Academic and capacity-building programs will be organized.

Rajasthan becomes the first state in the country to issue an exploration license for 'Rare Earth Elements' –

- The Department of Mines and Geology, Rajasthan, has executed the contract for the country's first exploration license for the scientific exploration of Rare Earth Elements (REE) and associated minerals.

- In 2024, the Central Government laid the foundation for an auction process to accelerate the exploration and mining of critical and strategic minerals.

- Under this initiative, an REE-associated mineralization block in the Navatala-Devigarh area of Balotra and Jodhpur districts was successfully auctioned.

- Following the successful bid by M/s Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDI), the State Mines Department executed the contract and issued official approval.

■ **Rare Earth Elements –**

- Rare Earth Elements are a group of 17 elements, comprising 15 lanthanides along with scandium and yttrium. They possess characteristics such as high density, magnetic strength, and electrical conductivity.
- **Applications-**
 - Electric vehicle and semiconductor manufacturing
 - Telecommunications
 - Defense and space research
 - Renewable energy and electronics

Establishment of Common Incubation Centers in seven districts-

- On July 29, 2026, the Rajasthan State Government sanctioned ₹14 crore to establish crop-specific Common Incubation Centers in seven districts of the state.
- These centers will provide new momentum to the local-level processing, value addition, packaging, and marketing of products.
- This move will encourage agro-based entrepreneurship under the 'One District-One Product' and 'Panch Gaurav' programs.

■ **Common Incubation Centers to be established-**

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| 1. Baran | - Garlic |
| 2. Chittorgarh | - Custard Apple (Sitaphal) |
| 3. Jalore | - Pomegranate |
| 4. Jhalawar | - Orange |
| 5. Jaipur | - Amla (Indian Gooseberry) |
| 6. Ajmer | - Rose |
| 7. Jaisalmer | - Date Palm |

Approval for the constitution of Permanent Lok Adalats in eight districts-

- Recently, the state government approved the constitution of Permanent Lok Adalats in eight districts of the state.

■ **The eight districts-**

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| 1. Phalodi | 2. Didwana-Kuchaman |
| 3. Khairthal-Tijara | 4. Beawar |
| 5. Barmer | 6. Deeg |
| 7. Kotputli-Behror | 8. Salumbar |

■ **Permanent Lok Adalat-**

- Constitution- Section 22-B of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987
- **Composition-**
 - One Chairperson
 - Two Members
- **Other facts-**
 - This court provides a mandatory pre-litigation mechanism for the conciliation and settlement of matters related to public utility services such as transport, postal, telegraph, etc.
 - The jurisdiction of Permanent Lok Adalats extends up to ₹1 crore.
 - The decision of the Permanent Lok Adalat is final and binding on all parties.

Among the leading states in the effective implementation of the National Natural Farming Mission—

- Rajasthan has emerged as one of the leading states in the country for the effective implementation of the National Natural Farming Mission.
- **Rajasthan's status at the national level:**
 - Cluster Formation: 2,380 clusters have been formed in the state so far, the highest number in India after Andhra Pradesh.
 - Farmer Engagement: More than 2.12 lakh farmers have been engaged through these clusters-the highest number in the country after Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
 - Area Coverage: Natural farming has been successfully adopted across an area of 91,166 hectares in the state.

Follow-up Camps—

- Dates: July 21 to August 31, 2026 (following the success of the Rural Service Camp-2026 and Urban Service Camp-2026).
- Venue: Across the entire state.
- 22 departments will participate in these camps.
- Objective: To provide immediate relief in rural and urban areas and to extend the benefits of public welfare schemes to the residents of the state.
- Powers delegated during the Rural Service Camp-2026 and Urban Service Camp-2026 will continue to remain in effect during the follow-up camps.

Ophioglossum chaturbhuji—

- A new fern species named 'Ophioglossum chaturbhuji' has been discovered in the Menal region of Rajasthan (border area of Bhilwara and Chittorgarh).
- This species is utilized for preventing soil erosion, maintaining soil fertility, and treating wounds, inflammation, and skin diseases.
- The new species has been named 'Ophioglossum chaturbhuji' in honor of Prof. Chaturbhuji Gena, a senior botanist from Rajasthan and former Vice-Chancellor of Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner.

In the News – Informer Reward Scheme

- On July 8, 2026, the Excise Commissioner approved a sum of approximately ₹18 lakh under the state government's Informer Incentive Scheme, resolving 30 long-pending cases within a short timeframe.
- **Informer Reward Scheme –**
 - Under this scheme, the identity of the informer providing information regarding the manufacture, storage, transportation, and sale of illicit liquor is kept strictly confidential.
 - Eligibility and Rules – If the information provided by the informer prevents an estimated revenue loss of ₹10 lakh or more, a reward of up to 4 percent of that amount is granted.
 - Maximum reward limit – ₹15 lakh.
 - Process under the scheme – Upon the recommendation of the concerned District Excise Officer, these cases are forwarded to the Udaipur headquarters for final approval.

In the News – Nukra Horse –



- The National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE), Bikaner, has initiated the process of scientific survey, documentation, and registration for the Nukra horse breed.
- The Nukra horse could become the country's ninth officially registered horse breed.

- Currently, there are approximately 15,000 Nukra horses in the country; of these, 9,000 are found in Punjab and 3,000 in Rajasthan.
- Breed characteristics –
 - Distinctive physical build and a calm temperament.
 - High flexibility of the ears.
 - Milky-white coat, pink nose and lips, and a strong, balanced physique.
 - Height approximately 160 to 170 centimeters.
 - Swift gait and high stamina.
 - Presence of one or two black marks on the body, known locally as 'Phulkari'.
- **8 recognized breeds in the country-**

1. Marwari	- Rajasthan (Marwar region)
2. Kathiawari	- Gujarat (Saurashtra region)
3. Bhimthadi	- Maharashtra (Pune, Satara, Solapur, and Ahmednagar)
4. Bhutia	- Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh
5. Manipuri	- Manipur
6. Spiti	- Himachal Pradesh
7. Zanskari	- Ladakh (Ladakh/Jammu & Kashmir region)
8. Kutchi-Sindhi	- Gujarat and Rajasthan

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'National e-Governance Conference' held at Rajasthan International Centre-

- The 29th edition of the National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) was held at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, on July 1-2, 2026.
- The theme of the conference was "Viksit Bharat 2047: AI-Enabled, Data-Driven, and Secure Digital Governance."
- The conference was organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and the Government of Rajasthan.
- Its objective was to foster collaboration in the field of e-Governance, showcase best practices, and deliberate on the latest aspects of digital governance in India for public service delivery.
- **Other initiatives launched at the conference-**
 - e-Mitra WhatsApp Service
 - Rajasthan Innovation Challenge
 - Rajasthan Language Model Training Hackathon
 - Automated Citizen Service Delivery Platform: 'Smart Rajasthan' Project
- **Other facts-**
 - 9 incubation centers and 65 launchpads have been established to promote innovation in the state.

Commonwealth Peace Mediation and Rule of Law Conference-2026

- Dates: July 31 to August 2, 2026
- Venue: The Lalit Hotel, Jaipur
- **Organizers:**
 - Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA)
 - Commonwealth Lawyers Association
 - Supreme Court Bar Association
 - Nivaran – Mediators of the Supreme Court of India
- Inauguration: July 31, 2026, by Chief Justice Justice Surya Kant
- Closing Ceremony: August 2, 2026; Presided over by Justice Vikram Nath (Judge, Supreme Court & Executive Chairman, NALSA)
- Theme: Commonwealth Peace Mediation and Rule of Law
- Chief Patrons: Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma (Acting Chief Justice, Rajasthan High Court) and Shri Hari Om Attri (Member Secretary, RSLSA)
- Objectives: To promote mediation as a means for the

peaceful and speedy resolution of disputes, establish global judicial cooperation, and make the justice system more people-centric.

- The 'Jaipur Declaration on Peace Mediation-2026' was adopted at the conclusion of this conference.

'Videsh Sampark' (External Affairs Outreach) – State Outreach Conference

- Date: July 16, 2026
- Venue: Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur
- Organizers: Under the joint aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs (Government of India) and the Government of Rajasthan
- Nodal Departments for the event: Rajasthan Foundation and the Department of National and International Migrant Rajasthanis
- **Co-chaired by:**
 - Smt. Shripriya Ranganathan, Secretary (CPV & OIA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
 - Shri V. Srinivas, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan
- The 'Videsh Sampark – State Outreach Conference' was organized in Rajasthan for the first time.
- **Objectives:**
 - To create awareness among the public and relevant stakeholders regarding legal procedures for traveling abroad.
 - To provide information on safeguards against fraudulent agents and methods of illegal migration.
 - To ensure the interests and welfare of Indian citizens and workers employed abroad.
 - To provide information regarding the Ministry of External Affairs' schemes and initiatives related to consular services, passports, visas, and the Indian diaspora.
- This program has been organized in Rajasthan for the first time.
- Foreign Outreach Program (Videsh Sampark Program)-
 - Launch: Year 2017
 - Concerned Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Prerna Pakhwada (Inspiration Fortnight)–

- 'Prerna Pakhwada' was organized in the state to mark the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee on July 1, 2026.
- The event is being held from July 1 to July 15, 2026.

- As part of this fortnight-long event, Chief Secretary Shri V. Srinivas inaugurated a tree plantation drive at the Convocation Center complex of the University of Rajasthan.

■ **Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee—**

- Birth: July 6, 1901, in Calcutta (into a Bengali Brahmin family).
- **Key Facts:**
 - Served as the Minister for Industry and Supply in Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.
 - Youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University (at the age of 33 in 1934).
 - Founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the precursor to the BJP.
 - Opposed the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir.

Statewide Special Helmet Awareness and Enforcement Campaign—

- Dates: July 2 – July 16, 2026 (15-day campaign).
- Organizer: Rajasthan Police.
- Objective: To make Rajasthan's roads safer and prevent untimely deaths resulting from two-wheeler accidents.
- Note: To ensure the effective implementation of the Rajasthan State Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan, a target has been set to reduce rising road accidents and the mortality rate in the state by 50 percent in a phased manner by the year 2030.

Lokmanthan-2026 (Curtain-Raiser Event)-

- Edition: 5th Edition.
- Date: July 1, 2026.
- Venue: Constitution Club, Jaipur.
- Main Theme: 'Hum Bharat Ke Log' (We, the People of India).
- Objective: To provide a common platform for thinkers, activists, folk artists, artisans, academicians, policymakers, and the youth, all inspired by the spirit of 'Nation First'.
- **Lokmanthan-**
 - It was launched in 2016 in Bhopal with the theme 'Liberation from Colonialism'.

Special Road Safety Compliance and Enforcement Campaign-

- **Objective-** Prevention of road accidents, raising public awareness, and strengthening citizens' right to safe movement.
- This campaign has been launched under the inspiration of Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma (Acting Chief Justice

of the Rajasthan High Court and Executive Chairman of the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority) and the initiative of Hariom Attri (Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority).

- During this campaign, joint inspection teams comprising the district administration, Transport Department, Police Department, and District Legal Services Authority will specifically inspect sleeper and luxury buses.

National Agriculture Leadership Award Ceremony-

- Edition- 17th
- Date- July 8, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Organizer- Agriculture Today Group
- Award Presenters- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde
- Winners- These awards were presented to Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat under two major categories.

■ **Agriculture Leadership Award-**

- Inception- Year 2008
- Founder- Agriculture Today Group
- This award was instituted based on the suggestion of agricultural scientist Dr. M.S. Swaminathan.

State-level Consultation Workshop to Strengthen Cybersecurity for State Data-

- Date- July 10, 2026
- Venue- Centre of Excellence for Revenue Research and Analysis, Jaipur
- Theme- Strengthening Cybersecurity Frameworks for State Data
- Organized by- Department of Information Technology and Communication, Government of Rajasthan, in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Government of India) and the National e-Governance Division.
- Held under the third phase of the national consultation process.
- Objective- To effectively tackle cyber threats, strengthen cyber resilience, enhance coordination among departments, and adopt best national and international practices.

Women's Safety Pledge Campaign (Mahila Suraksha Sankalp Abhiyan)—

- Dates: July 1 to July 29, 2026
- Venue: Across Rajasthan
- Organizer: Rajasthan Police
- Objective: Safety, dignity, and empowerment of women and girls.

- Through this state-wide campaign, extensive public awareness programs are being organized across all police districts of Rajasthan.

First Quarterly Sector Meeting on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)—

- Date: July 16, 2026
- Organizer: Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Department of Women and Child Development, Rajasthan
- Objective: To ensure the effective implementation of the 'Aadharshila' curriculum by enhancing the capacity of Anganwadi workers and female supervisors.

State-level Workshop on Increasing Investment in Agricultural Value Chains and Financial Assistance to FPOs—

- Date: July 17, 2026
- Venue: Yojana Bhawan, Jaipur
- Organizer: Rajasthan Institute of Transformation and Innovation (RITI)
- Subject: Banking support for agricultural value chains and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).
- Objective: To boost farmers' income, agricultural productivity, and the rural economy by strengthening access to institutional finance for agricultural infrastructure, value addition, food processing, storage, logistics, and Farmer Producer Organizations.

International Wedding and Tourism Conclave-

- Date: July 19, 2026
- Venue: Kukas, Jaipur
- Objective: To boost tourism by developing tourist sites in the state as wedding destinations.

Reform Festival and Brainstorming Camp (Chintan Shivir) 2026-

- Date: July 4–5, 2026
- Venue: Abu Raj, Rajasthan
- Organizers: Jointly by the Union Department of Legal Affairs and the Legislative Department
- Objective: To review the Ministry's key achievements, outline significant legal and institutional reforms, and deliberate on a future action plan to create a modern, efficient, and citizen-centric legal system aligned with the vision of 'Viksit Bharat @2047' (Developed India @2047).

Rajasthan Water Conclave-2026-

- Date: July 24, 2026
- Venue: Jaipur

- Organizer: The Economic Times
- Inauguration: Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma
- Objective: To discuss policies regarding water security, water conservation, and modern water management in the state.

Capacity Building Workshop on Export Promotion for Self-Help Groups-

- Date: July 24, 2026
- Venue: Constitutional Club, Jaipur
- Organizer: Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council (Rajeevika)
- Objective: To enable women artisans and rural entrepreneurs from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to access international markets by providing practical information on export potential, global market requirements, and export procedures.

Pre-COP Dialogue for UNCCD COP-17 to be held in Churu-

- Date: July 26, 2026
- Venue: Grand Shekhawati Hotel, Churu
- Initiator: Union Minister of Law and Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal
- Theme: 'A Country of the Gang Canal: Land, Water, and Climate Resilience in the Thar Desert'.
- Occasion: Commencement of the centenary year (1927–2027) of the Ganga Canal's establishment.
- Organizers: A joint initiative by the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

TB Eradication Campaign-

- Vision: The resolve for a "Niramay Rajasthan" (Healthy/ Ailment-free Rajasthan) and a "TB-free India."
- Special Campaign: A 100-day special "TB-free India" campaign was conducted from March 24 to July 5, 2026.
- Key Achievement (2025): 6,547 Gram Panchayats in the state were declared 'TB-free'.
- State-specific Active Tuberculosis Case-Finding (ACF) Campaign-
 - Following the success of the 100-day campaign, the ACF campaign was launched on July 14, 2026 (its timeline was extended until August 7, 2026).
- Note: In the year 2025, 6,547 Gram Panchayats in Rajasthan were declared 'TB-free'.

'Meet the Author' Program-

- Date of Event: July 26, 2026
- Venue: Information Centre, Department of Information and Public Relations, Jaipur

- Organizers: Jointly organized by Rajasthan Sahitya Akademi, Udaipur, and Sharanya Seva Sansthan, Udaipur.

Workshop on “Healthy and Educated Women, Empowered Nation”-

- Dates of Event: July 30 and 31, 2026
- Venue: SIAM Auditorium, Kota
- Organizers: Jointly organized by Agriculture University, Kota, and Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi.
- Objective: To ensure women’s engagement with health, education, self-employment, and organic farming.

‘Aao Gaon Chalen’ (Let’s Go to the Village) Campaign-

- An initiative of the Pali district administration.
- Objective: To reconnect people who have become estranged from their village roots with the soil of their villages.
- Recently, impressed by the campaign’s success, the state government has issued directives to establish ‘Migrant Cells’ in all districts.

‘Daru Nahin Doodh’ (Milk, Not Alcohol) Campaign-

- The ‘Daru Nahin Doodh’ campaign was presented as India’s sole case study at the 7th European Social Marketing Conference held in Montpellier, France.

Campaign Details-

- Launch: Year 2003-04
- Location: Rajasthan University
- Initiators: Rajasthan Yuva Chhatra Sanstha and Indian Asthma Care Society
- Objective: To keep the youth away from alcohol.

International Conference on Elections, Media, and Voter Education: Strengthening Democracy through Informed Participation

- Date: July 15, 2026
- Venue: Jaipur
- Theme: International Conference on Elections, Media, and Voter Education: Strengthening Democracy through Informed Participation
- Organizer: Chief Electoral Officer, Rajasthan, in collaboration with the Election Commission of India’s IIIDEM (New Delhi) and National Law University, Jodhpur.
- Global Participation: India, Georgia, Croatia, Uzbekistan, Nepal, the Philippines, and Guyana.
- Announcement: Electoral Literacy Clubs will be expanded into a nationwide campaign and established in every school across the country.
- The current Chief Electoral Officer of Rajasthan is Shri Naveen Mahajan.

Notable Personalities/Places/Others

Shri Kesari Chand Maloo-



- He was a renowned musician from Rajasthan and the founder of Veena Cassettes; he passed away recently.
- He was born in 1946 in Sujangarh (Churu).
- He played a significant role in gaining global recognition for Rajasthani folk music and culture.
- **Honours-**
 - Samagra Kala Sadhana Award (Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi)
 - DagarGharanaAward (Maharana Mewar Foundation)
- He produced albums featuring evergreen Rajasthani songs such as Ghoomar, Chirmi, and Kangasiyo.

Brahmadev Kumawat-

- He was a former Parliamentary Secretary and former MLA (Congress) from Masuda; he passed away recently.

- He won the 2008 Assembly elections as an independent candidate and later extended his support to the Congress party.

Reading Promotion Campaign-

- A reading promotion campaign was launched under the Chief Minister’s ‘Mission Padho Rajasthan’ (Mission Read Rajasthan) to improve students’ foundational education and make reading easier.
- Under this programme, reading sessions will be conducted daily during the 7th period in all schools across the state.

Darshana Rajpurohit-

- A resident of Barwa, Pali (Rajasthan), she secured the first position at the national level in the National Youth Parliament 3.0.
- While portraying MP Pragya Singh Thakur in the House, Darshana presented the ‘Women Empowerment and Equal Representation Bill, 2026’.

Dr. Jayesh Narayan Bhanu-

- He is a renowned poet and writer from Jaipur.
- He has been honoured with the 'Best Writer' award under the 'International Literary Award 2026' by the Sahitya Samrat Akademi.
- He received this honour for his popular self-penned story, '*Ek Aakhiri Khat*' (One Last Letter).

Shahrah - The Royal Route-

- This is a documentary film by Rahul Sood, an actor and filmmaker based in Jaipur.
- This film has been selected for the award section of the International Documentary Film category at the Durgapur International Film Festival-2026.
- The film is based on the history, significance, and current status of 450-year-old watchtowers and *sarais* (inns) situated along the trade route stretching from Amer to Ajmer.

Neeru Yadav-

- She is the Sarpanch of Lambi Ahir Gram Panchayat in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district and is known across the country as "Hockey Wali Sarpanch" (The Hockey-playing Sarpanch).
- She participated as a grassroots leader in the BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting-2026, where she shared experiences regarding Rajasthan's rural development model, women's leadership, and social innovations.

'Gurukul Samman' for Hiranand Kataria-

- Hiranand Kataria, a former international Kabaddi player and Vice-President of the Wushu Association of India, was honored with the 'Gurukul Samman-2026' for his

outstanding contribution to sports.

- This honor was conferred by the Gurukul Yoga Sansthan, Jaipur.
- Hiranand Kataria has served as the Vice-President of the Wushu Association of India and the President of the Rajasthan Wushu Association.

Angel Kunwar-

- She is a student at Swami Vivekananda Government Model School in Jhadoli, Sirohi district, Rajasthan.
- She has been selected for the international 'Shaktisat' Moon Mission.

'75 Years of NDA'-

- This is a documentary produced by Jaipur-based film director Tanuj Bhatia and his wife, Tanuka Laghate.
- It has been announced that this documentary will receive the award for Best Editing in the documentary category at the 72nd National Film Awards.
- The documentary is based on the glorious history of the National Defense Academy (NDA).

Book titled 'Rajasthan Mein Sahkarita' (Cooperatives in Rajasthan)-

- Author: Jaiprakash Yadav
- Launch Date: July 3, 2026
- The book was launched by Shri Gautam Kumar Dak, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Cooperatives and Civil Aviation.
- This book consolidates the history, development, achievements, and current scenario of the cooperative movement in Rajasthan in a single volume.

Sports/Sports Personalities

Anshuman Chaudhary, Anvi Rathore, and Manan Sharma -

- These Jaipur-based badminton players have been selected for the Indian team for the Badminton Asia Under-15 and Under-17 Junior Championships 2026.
- All three players will represent India in the competition scheduled to be held from September 8 to 13, 2026.
- **Player – Competition Category**
 - Anshuman Chaudhary – Under-17 Boys' Singles
 - Anvi Rathore – Under-15 and Under-17 Girls' Singles
 - Manan Sharma – Under-15 Mixed Doubles

Selection of Rajasthan Archers for International

Archery Tournaments -

- Based on selection trials conducted by the Archery Association of India at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) center in Sonapat (Haryana), five archers from Rajasthan have been selected for the Indian team for various international competitions.
- **Selected Players and Tournaments -**
 - Anuj Kumar – Sub-Junior Recurve Boys' Category (Asian Youth Archery Championship – Dubai)
 - Aryan Pareek – Sub-Junior Compound Boys' Category (Asian Youth Archery Championship – Dubai)
 - Pranjal Tholia and Khushi Kumawat (Selected for all three events) –

- Asian Youth Archery Championship – Dubai
- Korea Archery Association (KAA) Invitational Tournament
- Asia Cup Archery Competition – China and Iraq
- Sachin Chehchi – Asia Cup Archery Competition – China and Iraq

Selection of Three Jaipur Shuttlers for the Asia Junior Badminton Championship –

- Recently, Jaipur shuttlers Anshuman Chaudhary, Anvi Rathore, and Manan Sharma were selected for the Indian team for the Badminton Asia Under-15 and Under-17 Junior Championships.
- This championship will be held in China from September 8 to 13, 2026.
- **Player – Category**
 1. Anshuman Chaudhary – Under-17 Boys' Singles
 2. Anvi Rathore v Under-15 and Under-17 Girls' Singles
 3. Manan Sharma – Under-15 Mixed Doubles Event

Under-23 National Wrestling Championship-

- Wrestlers from Rajasthan won a total of four medals—one gold, one silver, and two bronze—at the Under-23 National Wrestling Championship held in Rohtak, Haryana.
- **Winners-**
 - Gold Medal- Ashwini Vishnoi (68 kg category)
 - Silver Medal- Komal Verma (50 kg Women's Freestyle)
 - Bronze Medal-
 - Nisha Saini (57 kg)
 - Maya Mali (72 kg)

NTPC National Ranking Archery Tournament-2026

- Event Dates- July 24 to July 30, 2026.
- Venue- Jagatpura Shooting Range, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- Organizers- Jointly organized by the Archery Association of India and the Rajasthan Archery Association.
- Categories- Senior, Junior, and Sub-Junior (Recurve and Compound events).

Sanyogita Shekhawat-

- She is a young shooter from Jaipur.
- She has been selected for the Indian team for the Skeet Shooting event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup 2026, to be held in Lonato, Italy.

Kyra Bhatia-

- She is a swimmer based in Jaipur.
- She won five gold medals at the All India IPSC Aquatic Championship 2026-27 held in Hisar, Haryana.

Uma Chaudhary-

- She is an athlete from Rajasthan.
- She won the silver medal (53.06 meters) in the women's javelin throw event at the 65th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championship held in Odisha.
- Rajasthan's Sanjana Chaudhary finished in seventh place with a best throw of 50.79 meters.

OP Sharma and Bhupendra Singh Bhati-

- They are residents of Rajasthan.
- They have been included in the commentary panel—as a statistician (OP Sharma) and a scorer (Bhupendra Singh Bhati)—for the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup match played between England and Australia at Lord's Cricket Ground, London.

Azeem Tariq-

- He is a football player from Nimbahera (Chittorgarh).
- He was selected for the Indian team for the Special Olympics Unified Football World Cup 2026.
- This tournament was held from July 5 to July 12, 2026, at the Charl  t   Stadium in Paris (France).

Nilesh Kumar-

- He is a resident of Rajasthan.
- He won a bronze medal while representing India at the South Asian Bodybuilding Championship held in Bhutan.

Surbhi Mishra-

- She is a former international player from Jaipur.
- She has been appointed as the coach of the Indian team for the World Junior Squash Championships 2026, to be held in Ontario, Canada.

Vanya Bohra and Shivay Dobwar-

- They are skaters from Jaipur.
- They have recently been selected for the Indian team for the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2026.

Rahul Sharma-

- He is a resident of Rajasthan. He won a gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol Standard (SH1) event at the World Shooting Para Sport World Cup 2026 held in Serbia.

Mona Agarwal-

- She is Mona Agarwal from Rajasthan.
- She won a bronze medal in the R2 10m Air Rifle Standing event (SH1 category) at the World Shooting Para Sport World Cup 2026 held in Serbia.
- She was also honored with the Arjuna Award 2024.

Miscellaneous Facts

- A state-level public conference for the 'Viksit Bharat Rozgar and Aajivika Mission-Gramin' (VB G-Ram-G Scheme) in Rajasthan was held at the Masuda Agricultural Produce Market in Beawar district.
- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma inaugurated HPCL's new flagship retail outlet at Mandapura in Pachpadra.
- A meeting was held on July 3, 2026, under the chairmanship of Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Chairman of the Finance Commission, to review the progress of the 7th State Finance Commission's report, which is currently under preparation.
- Approval has been granted to a proposal by the Ajmer Development Authority to name the under-construction multipurpose stadium near Panchsheel Vijayaraje Nagar as the 'Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium'.
- On the birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma announced that Woodland Park (Jaipur), Central Park (Jodhpur), the park at Ramchandrapura-Atwal Nagar (Kota), and the park in the Sector-12 scheme area (Udaipur) would be named after Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee.
- The Directorate of Integrated Child Development Services, under the Women and Child Development Department of the Rajasthan Government, has issued instructions to organize special community-based programs in the state's Anganwadis during July, August, and September 2026 to accelerate the 'Poshan Abhiyan' (Nutrition Mission).
- Operation Vishvahini – This is a campaign being conducted by the Rajasthan Police's Anti-Narcotics Task Force against the drug trade.
- Operation Trinetra – This operation is being conducted by the Rajasthan Police to dismantle the financial networks of drug smugglers.
- Operation Garudvyuh-2 – This is a special campaign launched by the Kota Police aimed at ensuring women's safety and protecting the youth and society from the trap of drug abuse.
- The state government has approved the construction of a Sainik School for girls in the Hathikheda area of Ajmer at a cost of ₹20 crore.
- An agreement has been signed between the Tribal Research Institute (TRI) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to establish digital libraries for tribal children in Rajasthan. The annual budget and action plan of ₹144.43 crore for the year 2026-27 were approved during a meeting of the Rajasthan Protected Area Conservation Committee, chaired by Chief Secretary Shri V. Srinivas.
- To strengthen maternal and child health services and further reduce the maternal mortality rate, the Rajasthan government launched a campaign on July 15 (a 5-day drive) for the intensive screening of health parameters for all pregnant women across the state.
- Jodhpur Discom has issued financial and administrative approval of ₹76.02 crore for the construction of a 132 kV Grid Sub-Station (GSS) in Gundoj village.
- A meeting of Industry and Trade Ministers from BRICS nations is scheduled to be held on August 6–7, 2026, at the Rambagh Palace in Jaipur.
- Rajasthan ranks first in the country in terms of labor deployment under the VB G Ram Ji scheme.
- The Rajasthan government's pavilion at 'Bharat Tex 2026'—held in New Delhi from July 14 to 17—was designed around the theme of Jaipur, the 'Pink City'; its grand entrance was modeled after the historic Ajmeri Gate.
- The Jaipur Zila Parishad issued financial approval of ₹12.50 lakh for the development of an eco-tourism site within the Amer Forest Range under the Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee District Upliftment Scheme.
- A state-level event was organized at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, to mark World Youth Skills Day (July 15, 2026).
- Rajasthan has achieved a historic milestone in the green energy sector by setting a record of 1,000 MW of installed rooftop solar capacity.
- RIICO has amended its rules regarding intermediate milestones for entrepreneurs acquiring industrial plots through the Direct Allotment Scheme-2025 and e-auctions by making partial amendments to Rule 3(AJ) and Rule 21 of the RIICO Disposal of Land Rules, 1979.
- Jal Arpan Program – This is a community celebration under the Jal Jeevan Mission, aimed at handing over the ownership (operation and maintenance) of completed drinking water schemes in villages to local Gram Panchayats.
- The seventh meeting of 'Raj Unnati' was held on July 20, 2026, under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister.
- The Government of Rajasthan has announced that rural and urban service camps will be organized until August 31, 2026.
- Colonel Rajyavardhan Rathore, Minister of Industries and Commerce, inaugurated the Deutz engine production unit at the TAFE Motors and Tractors Limited manufacturing plant in Alwar on July 20, 2026.
- Through the outbound portability feature of the Chief Minister Ayushman Arogya Yojana (MA Yojana), residents of the state can avail the scheme's benefits in all states across the country, except Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
- The 67th Annual Art Exhibition will be organized this year by the Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi, Jaipur.
- Rajasthan has secured the top position nationwide in the auction of major minerals, having conducted e-auctions for 141 mineral blocks.
- The Government of Rajasthan has been honored with the World No Tobacco Day Award-2026 by the World Health Organization. This honor was conferred in recognition of the effective implementation of the National Tobacco Control Program, innovations, and public participation-based activities during the year 2025-26.

- A Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra was inaugurated on July 25, 2026, at Charak Bhawan within the Sawai Man Singh Hospital complex. This is the second store opened by CONFED within the hospital premises.
- Greenery and Beautification Campaign – This is an initiative of the Jaipur Development Authority. Under this campaign, scientific and well-planned plantation techniques are being employed to transform Jaipur's major roads, dividers, intersections, and parks into world-class landscapes.
- 'Sumanohara Bawadi' in the Spotlight – This stepwell is one of the ancient and historic stepwells located in Mandore, Jodhpur. It will be preserved by the Government of Rajasthan.
- On July 27, 2026, a stakeholder consultation meeting was held to accelerate the development of the food processing sector; the meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary and attended by the Secretary of the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- Rajasthan ranks fourth nationwide in terms of the total amount deposited in Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan accounts.
- A meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of BRICS nations is scheduled to be held in Jaipur on August 12–13, 2026.
- 'Sapno ki Udaan' (Flight of Dreams) Program – Under this program, the Chief Minister interacted with the youth of the state.
- The state-level Independence Day celebration for 2026 will be organized in Bikaner.
- 'Jagruk Matdata – Jantantra ka Prahari' (Aware Voter – Guardian of Democracy) – This was a state-level essay competition organized by the State Election Commission, Rajasthan, as part of its voter awareness campaign.
- 'Guru Vandan' Program – This event was organized by the Devasthan Department on the occasion of Guru Purnima; saints were honored and paid tribute during the program.
- In a meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary on July 29, 2026, annual budget proposals amounting to ₹196.39 crore for the financial year 2026–27 were approved under Article 275(1) of the Constitution. The objective is to provide a new direction for the inclusive development of Rajasthan's remote and tribal-dominated areas.
- On July 30, 2026, the "Rajasthan Gaurav Samman Ceremony" was organized by the Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha.
- A workshop on capacity building for the effective operation of the "Nayi Kiran De-addiction Counseling Centre" was organized by the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Governance and Social Sciences, Jaipur, on July 30, 2026.
- The sixth session of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly will commence on August 20, 2026.
- On the occasion of the 16th Indian Organ Donation Day, the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) announced that Rajasthan would be honored with the 'State Award for Excellence in Organ Donation Awareness' for its remarkable work in this field.
- On July 31, 2026, the Department of Local Self-Government organized a state-level workshop and webinar under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0.
- RUHS has become the first medical college in the state to launch a cochlear implant clinic.
- Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, has been ranked sixth in the list of the world's ten happiest cities for 2026, released by Time Out.
- 'Sparsh Muhim' (Touch Campaign): This is a campaign launched in Ajmer district. It aims to promote child safety and encourage children to raise their voices against inappropriate touch.
- Ashok Sharma: A fast bowler from Jaipur, he has been included in India's 15-member squad for the T-20 series against Zimbabwe.
- The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Udaipur has become the first IIM in the country to launch a bachelor's course in Hindi.
- Divyanshi Jain, a resident of Jaipur, won the Under-13 title at the Dutch Junior Open 2026 squash tournament held in the Netherlands.
- Anamika Kanwar, a resident of Jaipur, has been selected for the Indian team for the FIH World Para Hockey Championship.
- To establish 'Classical Marathi Language Study Centres' in Rajasthan's universities, the Lok Bhavan has issued a directive to all universities to set up centres dedicated to the study of the classical Marathi language.
- Former MP Gaj Singh was honored at the House of Lords for his remarkable contributions to social service, diplomatic achievements, and the strengthening of India-UK relations.
- The Government of India has approved the release of approximately ₹486 crore to Rajasthan under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0.
- The Rajasthan government has issued two significant administrative approvals for the Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences, Jaipur, including the creation of 10 new posts for the institute's operations.
- The desert plant *Tribulus cistoides*, locally known as 'Badi Kanti', has been rediscovered in its natural habitat in the Maonda area of Sikar after nearly 150 years.
- Akanksha Chaudhary from Ajmer has won the title of Mrs. India-2026.
- The country's first 'Rare Earth Element' exploration license has been issued in Rajasthan.
- A trial run of the country's first Vande Bharat goods train is currently underway on the Kota-Nagda-Sawai Madhopur rail section, reaching a maximum speed of 145 kmph.

2. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

United Nations Sustainable Development Report 2026-



- Publisher- UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Global Scenario	
Top-ranked countries-	Bottom-ranked countries-
■ Finland (1st) ■ Sweden (2nd) ■ Denmark (3rd)	■ Chad ■ Central African Republic ■ South Sudan

Scenario regarding India-

- India's global rank- 94th
- This is India's best performance to date.
- Since 2015, India has improved by 18 places (from 112th to 94th).
- Score- 68.3 overall score

Major challenges facing India-

- India is facing serious challenges in seven of the 17 key SDGs-
- SDG-2 (Zero Hunger)- This is the most critical crisis.
 - Child wasting has risen to 19 percent (the highest in the world).
 - Child stunting stands at 29.3 percent and malnutrition at 12 percent.
- SDG-16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions)- The Press Freedom Index score has declined from 59.51 in 2015 to 31.96 in 2026.
- SDG-3 (Good Health)- The situation has worsened regarding mortality rates linked to air pollution and non-communicable diseases.

- SDG-12 & 13 (Environment and Climate)- A decline has been observed as per capita CO2 emissions from fossil fuels and cement production reached a record level of 2.21 tonnes.

■ Areas of India's success-

- SDG-7: Expansion of access to electricity.
- SDG-9: Significant increase in mobile broadband and internet usage.

■ India's position in the global and regional landscape-

- Since the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, countries in East and South Asia have recorded the most progress.
- Among major global economies, India (+18 places) and China (+14 places) have recorded the greatest improvement since 2015.
- Despite significant improvement in rankings, India lags behind Bhutan, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

■ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-

- Comprise 17 interconnected goals and 169 associated targets.
- Adopted in 2015 by 193 UN member states under the '2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'.
- Objective: To achieve peace, prosperity, and sustainable development by 2030 by addressing global challenges such as poverty, inequality, climate change, and environmental degradation.
- Core principles-
 - Universality and integration
 - Leave no one behind
 - Multi-stakeholder partnerships
 - Regular monitoring through the Global Sustainable Development Report

■ India's domestic SDG framework-

- NITI Aayog-
 - Nodal agency for the implementation and monitoring of SDGs in India.
 - Operates the 'SDG India Index & Dashboard'.
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation-
 - Tracks progress data in the country through 277 indicators under the National Indicator Framework.

- Supported by the 'Data for Development Coordination Forum' in collaboration with NITI Aayog and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office.
- **Ministry of Panchayati Raj-**
 - Responsible for the localization of SDGs at the grassroots level.

Global Air Power Ranking 2026

- Issuer: World Air Forces Management Agency
- In determining this ranking, a country's air power is evaluated based on the total number of aircraft, their quality, and the general composition of the inventory.
- In this list, various military branches of the US (Air Force, Navy, Army, and Marine Corps) have secured four of the top five spots.
- The Indian Air Force has secured the sixth position, surpassing the Chinese and Japanese air forces.
- List:

Rank	Country	Military/Air Force Branch	TVR
1	USA	US Air Force	242.9
2	USA	US Navy	142.4
3	Russia	Russian Air Force	114.2
4	USA	US Army	112.6
5	USA	US Marine Corps	85.3
6	India	Indian Air Force	69.4
7	China	Chinese Air Force	63.8
8	Japan	Japanese Air Force	58.1
9	Israel	Israeli Air Force	56.3
10	France	French Air Force	55.3

QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2027

- The QS Best Student Cities 2027 ranking has recently been released.
- Seoul, the capital of South Korea, has secured the first position with a perfect score of 100.
- **Indian Cities:**
 - Mumbai - Global Rank 91 - Score 61.8
 - New Delhi - Global Rank 99 - Score 60.3
 - Bengaluru - Global Rank 114 - Score 56.1
 - Chennai - Global Rank 123 - Score 54

Ethnic Unity and Progress Promotion Law

- Chinese President Xi Jinping has implemented the 'Ethnic Unity and Progress Promotion Law' in the country, effective from July 1, 2026.
- Objective: To homogenize language, education, culture, and national identity.

- This could weaken the identity of minorities living in China.

Prime Minister's Visit to Indonesia-



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid an official visit to Indonesia from July 6 to 8, 2026.
- This marks the Prime Minister's fourth visit to Indonesia and his first bilateral visit since India-Indonesia relations were elevated to the level of a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in May 2018.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also conferred with Indonesia's highest civilian honor, the 'Bintang Adipurna'.

Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)-

- Cooperation on the BrahMos missile system.
- Air-to-air missile cooperation agreement.
- Extension of the framework agreement on cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.
- Strategic joint venture between the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and PT Krakatau Steel to establish a stainless steel slab manufacturing plant in Indonesia.

Announcements-

- Assistance from India for the conservation and restoration of the Prambanan temple complex in Yogyakarta.
- Supply of 100 tonnes of high-quality DWR 162 wheat seeds to Indonesia.
- Commemoration of the "Tagore-Dewantara Year of Cultural and Educational Diplomacy".
- Launch of the Indonesia Open Network (ION) based on India's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) architecture.
- The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore will establish a campus in Indonesia.

Prime Minister's Visit to Australia-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid an official visit to Australia from July 8 to 10, 2026.



- During this visit, both countries agreed on 18 key agreements, including a uranium supply agreement, defense and security cooperation (JDSC), and cybersecurity (PACTS).

■ **Outcomes of the visit-**

➤ **Joint Declaration on Defense and Security Cooperation (JDSC)-**

- It renews the Joint Security Declaration (2009).
- It identifies areas of cooperation such as force interoperability, capacity building, the maritime domain, defense industrial cooperation, cybersecurity and technology, counter-terrorism measures, and an integrated approach to defense risk management.

➤ **Maritime Security Cooperation Framework (MSCF)-**

- Enhances maritime security cooperation by promoting information sharing, capacity development, and operational coordination.

➤ **India-Australia Civil Nuclear Agreement-**

- Implements the India-Australia Civil Nuclear Agreement signed in 2014.
- Enables the supply of uranium from Australia to India.

➤ **Australia-India Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technology, and Supply Chains (PACTS)-**

- It builds upon the 2020 framework agreement on cyber and cyber-enabled critical technology cooperation.
- It aims to support national and regional security and foster cooperation to make critical supply chains more resilient.

➤ **Operation of Rooftop Solar Training Academy-**

- This project has been established and is operated at the Pandit Deendayal Energy University in Gandhinagar, in collaboration with the Department of Climate Change, Environment & Water; the Green Jobs Sector Skill Council of India; and ReNew.
- It aims to train 2,000 women and youth as solar technicians, installers, and assistants.

➤ **MoU under the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership-**

- It aims to foster trilateral cooperation in emerging technologies and innovation under the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) partnership.

➤ **Letter of Approval to Victoria University-**

- Permission granted to Victoria University to establish and operate its campus in Gurugram.

➤ **Letter of Intent (LoI) handed over to Flinders University to establish its campus in India (Bengaluru).**

➤ **Repatriation of Indian artifacts- Three ancient Indian artifacts were brought back.**

- 11th–12th century granite statue of Nandi
- 11th-century bronze trident associated with Bhadrakali
- 12th-century basalt statue of Lord Murugan (Skanda)

Prime Minister's Visit to New Zealand-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid an official visit to New Zealand from July 10 to 11, 2026, at the invitation of New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon.

■ **Agreements-**

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India's Ministry of Defence/Indian Navy and the New Zealand Defence Force to enhance defence dialogue, coordination, and logistics support.
- Agreement on creating joint nautical charts, data sharing, and capacity building.
- Establishment of a working group to combat terrorism, exchange information, and foster mutual coordination.
- Cooperation between India's National Disaster Management Authority and New Zealand's National Emergency Management Agency to address earthquakes, tsunamis, and coastal hazards.
- Cooperation for the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex in Lothal, Gujarat, and exchanges in the fields of art and culture.

■ **Announcements-**

- Strategic Partnership and Roadmap 2030- Both nations have elevated their relationship to the status of a 'Strategic Partnership'.
- Bilateral Trade Target- A goal has been set to increase mutual trade to 7 billion New Zealand Dollars (₹35,000 crore) by 2030.
- Maritime Security- A maritime security dialogue has been initiated, and New Zealand has prioritized maritime security under the 'Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative' (IPOI).

16th India-Japan Annual Summit-

- Dates- July 1 to 3, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Leadership- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Japan Sanae Takaichi
- This was Japanese PM Takaichi's first official visit to India.

■ Summit Outcomes-

➤ Defence and Technical Co-development (UNICORN Project)-

- Agreement reached on the technical aspects of the UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) project between the two countries; this marks the first defence co-development agreement between India and Japan.

➤ Economic Security-

- A joint declaration on economic security cooperation was issued.
- Emphasis was placed on strengthening supply chains in semiconductors, critical minerals, pharmaceuticals, ICT, and clean energy, and on reducing reliance on any single country.

➤ Artificial Intelligence and Digital Partnership-

- Collaboration between India's IndiaAI Mission and Japan's GENIAC Initiative.
- MoU signed between IIT-Bombay, BharatGen, and Japan's National Institute of Informatics for the development of Large Language Models.

➤ Clean Energy-

- Commitment to promoting a clean ammonia project in Odisha.
- Signing of new agreements in the fields of batteries and green hydrogen.

➤ Investment and Infrastructure-

- Target to attract an investment of 10 trillion yen from Japan over the next 10 years.
- Review of the progress of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project.
- Launch of a New Generation Mobility Partnership to boost the railway, automotive, and logistics sectors.

Project Freya-

- Ukraine and nine Western nations recently announced an air defense alliance named 'Project Freya'.

- This alliance will develop an integrated missile defense shield to mitigate the threat posed by Russian ballistic missiles to Europe.
- The participating countries include Ukraine, France, Germany, the UK, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and the Netherlands.

Robert and Matilda-

- These are humanoid robots.
- A symbolic wedding was organized for them at the Pushkin Library in Moscow, Russia; however, the marriage was not legally valid.
- **Objective:** To generate public interest in artificial intelligence and advanced robotic technology and to promote them on a large scale.

India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement-



- The bilateral investment agreement signed between India and Israel on 8 September 2025 came into force on 4 July 2026.



- Israel is the first OECD member country to sign a bilateral investment agreement under India's new Model Investment Treaty.



- This new agreement replaces the old 1996 treaty, which India terminated in 2017 under its new investment policy.

Provisions of the Agreement

1. Definition and Scope of Investment



- Portfolio investments and currency assets are excluded from the protection of this treaty.
- Only investments made in accordance with the host country's domestic laws will be protected.

2. Sovereign Right to Regulate



- Both countries retain the right to regulate for public health, environmental protection, taxation, and national security.
- Shell companies have been denied the benefits of this treaty in order to prevent treaty shopping.

3. Dispute Settlement Mechanism



- Before approaching international arbitration, investors must use the host country's domestic remedies for at least 3 years.
- International arbitration may begin only after domestic judicial proceedings are completed or after a period of 5 years has elapsed, whichever is earlier.

4. Taxation and National Security Exceptions



- Tax-related disputes are generally excluded from the scope of international arbitration.
- Decisions related to national security are excluded from judicial review and from the jurisdiction of arbitral tribunals.

Official Visit of the President of India to the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of North Macedonia, and Romania—

- President of India Droupadi Murmu undertook state visits to the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of North Macedonia, and Romania from July 19 to 25, 2026.
- **Outcomes of the visit—**
 - **Outcomes of the visit to the Republic of Moldova—**
 - This marks the first-ever state visit by an Indian President to Moldova.
 - India has decided to double the number of ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) training slots for Moldovan professionals, including specialized courses in AI and emerging technologies.
 - Addressed the India-Moldova Business Forum regarding bilateral trade, investment, and supply chains.
 - **Outcomes of the visit to the Republic of North Macedonia—**
 - India acknowledged North Macedonia's commitment to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), the International Solar Alliance (ISA), and the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA).
 - India announced the doubling of ITEC training slots for North Macedonia, including specialized courses in Artificial Intelligence.
 - **Outcomes of the visit to Romania—**
 - While addressing the India-Romania Business Forum, an appeal was made for investments under the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' (Developed India 2047).

Appointment of three economists of Indian origin to the US Federal Reserve's 'Special Task Force'—



- Three economists of Indian origin have been appointed to the five-member Special Task Force constituted by the US Federal Reserve (America's central bank) to review and modify its monetary policy.

■ Economists of Indian origin appointed—

- **Raj Chetty—**
 - Member, Liquidity Dependence Panel.
 - He has been included in the panel dealing with the flow of money in the market.
 - He will present a data-driven assessment of the costs, benefits, and impact of the current balance sheet framework.
- **Raghuram Rajan—**
 - Co-chair, Balance Sheet Policy Task Force
 - Rajan, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India and former Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India, has been appointed to co-lead the Balance Sheet Policy Task Force.
 - This task force will closely examine the costs, benefits, and institutional implications of the Federal Reserve's balance sheet.
- **Asha Sharma—**
 - Chair, Productivity and Employment Task Force
 - CEO of Microsoft's gaming unit 'Xbox'; born in India and raised in the US.
 - Asha will submit a report to the Fed on new dimensions of employment and productivity in the US market.

Miscellaneous Facts

- Teeth belonging to a 66-million-year-old mammal named 'Purgatorius' have been discovered in Colorado, USA.
- The World Bank recently upgraded Sri Lanka from the 'lower-middle-income' to the 'upper-middle-income' economy category. This is a significant achievement for the country following the economic crisis of 2022.
- A bilateral investment agreement between India and Israel has recently come into effect. Its objective is to ensure secure and transparent investment between the two nations. The timeframe for resolving investment-related legal disputes has been reduced from five years to three years.
- According to the annual report by Swiss wealth manager Julius Baer Group Ltd., Singapore remains the most expensive city in the world for the wealthy for the fourth consecutive year. The report ranks Mumbai, India, as the 22nd most expensive city.
- The US has announced plans to remove Syria from the 'State Sponsor of Terrorism' list. Removal from this list will result in the lifting of financial and military export sanctions imposed on Syria.

- Japan's Sanae Takaichi recently approved a budget of ₹3,885 crore to establish a national intelligence agency named the 'National Intelligence Bureau'. Japan has announced the creation of its own intelligence agency for the first time since World War II.
- New York State (USA) has announced a one-year moratorium on new data centers that consume 50 megawatts or more of electricity.
- Mauritius will become the 111th member country of the ICC.
- China has recently announced the formation of a World AI Cooperation Organization. This organization will create a platform to connect AI-related needs and technologies.
- The world's largest aviation festival, 'EAA AirVenture Oshkosh,' was held in Oshkosh, USA. It is often referred to as the 'Mahakumbh' (grand gathering) of the aviation world. It took place from July 20 to July 26, 2026.
- A humanoid robot will assist teachers in instructing 11th and 12th-grade students at a school in the USA. The robot has been named 'Sally'.
- France has recently banned the use of social media for children under the age of 15.
- The USA has signed a civil nuclear cooperation agreement with Saudi Arabia for a period of 30 years.
- The Spanish government recently declared a 'national emergency' due to severe wildfires.
- Mohammed Shahabuddin – He was the 22nd President of Bangladesh and recently resigned from his post.
- Apple has once again become the world's most valuable listed company, overtaking the AI chip company Nvidia to claim the top spot.
- The US Senate has appointed J. Clayton as the next Director of National Intelligence. He will replace the former director, Tulsi Gabbard.

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3. NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission (Rural) Act, 2025

- Recently, with the objective of holistic development of rural India and securing the livelihoods of rural families, Parliament unanimously passed the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission (Rural) Act, 2025 in 2026.
- To accelerate the vision of 'Viksit Bharat,' the Union Minister for Agricultural Development launched the scheme nationally on 2 July 2026.



Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission (Rural) Act, 2025

- Introduced in Lok Sabha – 16 December 2025
- Passed in Lok Sabha – 18 December 2025
- Passed in Rajya Sabha – 18 December 2025
- Presidential Assent – 21 December 2025
- Notified – 11 May 2026
- Implemented Nationwide – 1 July 2026

Work Areas

- Water Conservation Works** – Water conservation, groundwater recharge, water harvesting, and ecology-related works.
- Rural Infrastructure** – Village roads, pathways, drains, and connectivity routes.
- Livelihood-related Works** – Self-help groups (SHGs), agriculture, and allied activities.
- Monsoon and Climate Adaptation Works** – Works to reduce the impact of extreme weather events such as flood and drought.

Technical Assistance

- Technology-enabled livelihood facilitation
- Digitized systems for monitoring the scheme
- Mobile application support for rural workers
- Transparency and information-management support at every stage

Objectives



- Strengthen livelihood security in rural areas
- Create durable assets
- Link rural India with the goal of 'Viksit Bharat @2047'

Key Features



Sponsored Programme – Centrally sponsored programme with Union–State financial sharing.



Successor Legislation – Expanded framework based on the 2005 Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).



Employment Duration – 125 days of employment in one financial year.



Demand-based Employment – Work should be provided by the Gram Panchayat within 5 working days of application.



Unemployment Allowance – If work is not provided within 7 working days of the due date, unemployment allowance shall be paid as per rules by the State Government.



Wage Rate – Wages of unskilled workers are revised upward with an additional daily increase linked to inflation.



Funding Pattern – 60:40 Centre–State sharing ratio. Note: For North-Eastern States and Union Territories, the ratio is 90:10.



Banking Facility – Wage payments are routed through bank and post office accounts.



Mode of Wage Payment – Aadhaar-enabled direct transfer.



Wage Payment Cycle – Wages should preferably be paid within 15 days.

Comparative Summary: MGNREGA 2005 vs. Viksit Bharat Act, 2025

Parameter	Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, 2005	Viksit Bharat Act, 2025
Guaranteed Employment	100 days in a financial year	125 days in a financial year
Funding / Resource Framework	Separate rules for wages, materials, etc.	Project-oriented livelihood framework; Centre–State sharing (60:40)
Additional Expenditure	No specific provision	Additional support provisions where required
Work Selection	Projects identified by the Gram Panchayat	Broader local planning and formal participation
Agriculture Linkages	No specific provision	Stronger support for agriculture and allied activities
Monitoring	Block and state-level systems	Online/mobile-based monitoring, GIS, and social audit
Technology	Added gradually over time	Biometric tools, geo-tagging, and mobile attendance

Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Act, 2026-

- Passed in Lok Sabha – July 29, 2026
- Passed in Rajya Sabha – July 30, 2026
- Presidential Assent – July 31, 2026
- This Act amends the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024.
- **Objective** – To ensure stringent punishment for those guilty of fraud in public examinations, make the investigation and judicial processes faster and more effective, and provide timely and clear justice to affected candidates.
- This is India's first dedicated law to curb examination fraud, question paper leaks, and organized examination scams.
- Comparison of penal provisions (2024 Act vs. 2026 Bill)-

Category of Offence	Previous Position (2024 Act)	New Provision (2026 Bill)
Individual Offender	➤ Imprisonment of 3 to 5 years ➤ Fine up to ₹10 lakh	➤ Imprisonment of 5 to 10 years ➤ Fine up to ₹50 lakh
Service Provider	➤ Fine up to ₹1 crore ➤ 4-year ban	➤ Fine up to ₹5 crore ➤ 8-year ban
Accountability of Director/ Senior Management	➤ Imprisonment of 3 to 10 years ➤ Fine of ₹1 crore	➤ Imprisonment of 5 to 10 years ➤ Fine of ₹5 crore
Organized Crime/ Syndicate	➤ Imprisonment of 5 to 10 years ➤ Minimum fine of ₹1 crore	➤ Imprisonment of 7 to 10 years ➤ Minimum fine of ₹10 crore

- **Expedited and focused investigation mechanism-**
 - The Central Government may constitute dedicated STFs (Special Task Forces) to investigate organized examination-related crimes.
 - The investigating agency/police/STF must mandatorily complete the investigation within two months from the date of FIR registration or the transfer of the case.
- **Judicial Process and Special Fast-Track Courts-**
 - Each State and Union Territory (in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court) shall notify Sessions Courts as Special Fast-Track Courts.
 - Time-bound Hearing-
 - Disposal/judgment of the case is required within three months of filing the charge sheet.

- Hearings will be conducted on a daily basis without any unnecessary adjournments.
- Transfer of Pending Cases- All existing pending cases shall be transferred to these courts and disposed of within three months.
- Special Public Prosecutors- Special lawyers shall be appointed for effective prosecution.

■ Appeal Process-

- An appeal against a judgment or order shall lie only before a two-judge bench of the High Court.
- **Time-limit-**
 - Generally, the appeal must be filed within 30 days of the judgment (with a maximum limit of 90 days, beyond which no appeal shall be entertained).
 - The High Court must dispose of the appeal within three months of its admission.

The Country's First Hydrogen Train-

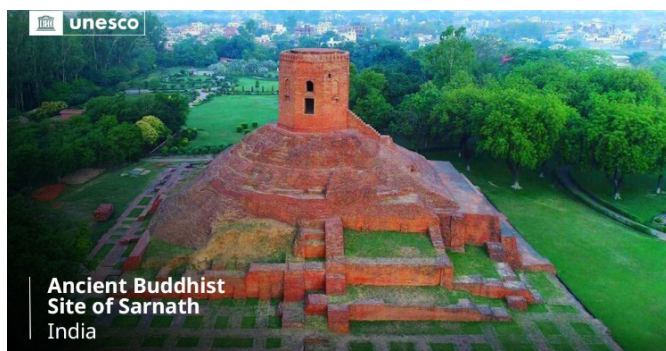


- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the country's first hydrogen train on July 17, 2026, running between Jind and Sonipat in Haryana.
- **Features-**
 - Coaches- 10 coaches.
 - Powered by a 1200 kW hydrogen fuel cell propulsion system.
 - **Speed-**
 - Design speed- 110 km/h.
 - Operational speed- Maximum 75 km/h.
 - Passenger capacity- Approximately 2,600.
 - Phase- Developed from the design stage through prototype construction.
 - The hydrogen train project has been developed in accordance with the design approvals and technical specifications of the Research, Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO).

■ Technology Used-

- Hydrogen fuel cell technology generates electricity through a chemical reaction using hydrogen.
- The primary energy source is a proton exchange membrane fuel cell. It generates electricity by reacting hydrogen and oxygen within a proton-conducting perfluorosulfonic acid polymer membrane.
- This process produces only water vapor and heat as by-products.
- **Hydrogen-**
 - Hydrogen is a high-energy fuel, yielding 120 MJ/kg (megajoules per kilogram) compared to 43 MJ/kg for diesel.
 - It is a low-maintenance fuel with a manageable carbon footprint.
- With the inauguration of this train, India will join the select group of nations operating hydrogen-powered rail transport. Currently, this group includes Germany, Japan, China, and the USA.

Sarnath Included in the UNESCO World Heritage List-



- On July 25, 2026, the “Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath”—nominated by India for the 2025-26 cycle—was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List during the 48th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Busan, South Korea.
- This is India’s 45th site to be recognized on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- **Significance of Sarnath-**
 - Historical and Religious Significance
 - Dharmachakka Pavattana (Turning of the Wheel of Dharma): After attaining enlightenment in Bodh Gaya, Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon at Sarnath (also known as Mrigadava or Rishipattana).
 - Birthplace of the Sangha: It was here that the Buddhist monastic order (Sangha) originated and the Noble Eightfold Path was expounded.

- Four Major Pilgrimage Sites: Out of the four sacred sites of Buddhism (Lumbini, Bodh Gaya, Sarnath, and Kushinagar), three are now included in the UNESCO list.

➤ The area inscribed on the UNESCO list includes the following key sites in Sarnath-

- Chaukhandi Stupa: The place where Buddha met his first five disciples.
- Dhamek Stupa: A massive cylindrical stupa marking the exact site of the first sermon.
- Dharmarajika Stupa: Built by Emperor Ashoka to house the relics of Buddha.
- Mulagandhakuti Vihara: Buddha’s first ‘Varshavas’ (monastic residence during the rainy season) in Sarnath.
- Ashoka Pillar: A pillar dating back to the 3rd century BCE; its Lion Capital serves as India’s National Emblem.
- With 45 sites on this list, India ranks sixth globally and second in the Asia-Pacific region in terms of the highest number of World Heritage Sites.
- Additionally, 69 sites from India are included in the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List.

Report on “Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global” -



- NITI Aayog released a report titled “Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global” on July 2, 2026.
- The report presents a comprehensive assessment of the current status of Ayurveda globally and outlines a phased roadmap to establish Ayurveda on the world stage.
- It proposes a three-pillar framework for the globalization of Ayurveda, comprising:
 - **Availability –**
 - Global operational models and workforce, global exports and manufacturing, international R&D, and Ayurveda education aligned with global standards.
 - **Acceptability –**
 - Adherence to regulations and guidelines, international collaboration (academic and industrial), insurance coverage, and adapting Ayurveda to local needs and cultural contexts.

➤ **Propagation –**

- Strategic branding and strengthening the global identity of Ayurveda; ensuring international recognition and promotion, medical value tourism, and a presence in global institutions.

- The report also reflects India's broader commitment to "One Earth, One Health."

High-Powered Task Force Constituted for Examination Reforms –



- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the constitution of a high-powered task force to reform the examination system.
- Infosys Chairman Nandan Nilekani will chair this high-powered task force.
- **Members of the task force:**
 - **Chairperson –** Nandan Nilekani –
 - **Members –**
 - Prof. V. Kamakoti – Director, IIT Madras
 - Dr. S. Somanath – Former Chairman, ISRO
 - Anita Karwal – Former Chairperson, CBSE
 - Tapan Deka – Former Director, IB
 - Amrit Lal Meena – Senior IAS officer and logistics expert

Launch of 'Viksit Udan'–

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Viksit Udan'—the next phase of the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme—from Jodhpur Airport on July 4, 2026.

■ **Viksit Udan—**

- Approval by the Union Cabinet: March 25, 2026
- Launch: July 4, 2026
- Outlay: Approximately ₹29,000 crore
- Duration: 10 years
- Objective: To promote air travel in Tier-II and Tier-III cities and remote areas.
- **Under this scheme—**
 - Expansion of regional aviation infrastructure through the development of 100 aerodromes from existing unserved airports, with an investment of ₹12,159 crore.
 - Provision of operational and maintenance support for regional airports, development of 200 modern helipads (investment of ₹3,661 crore), and continued Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of ₹10,043 crore to sustain regional airline operations.

Launch of innovative initiatives aimed at strengthening Ayurveda education, research, scientific communication, and digital administration—

- On July 3, 2026, the Ministry of AYUSH launched three major initiatives aimed at promoting research, education, scientific writing, and digital transformation.
- These initiatives represent significant steps towards further strengthening the evidence-based Ayurveda research ecosystem in the country.

■ **Key initiatives—**

- **Research Methodology Textbook under the 'Ayurveda Prabodhini Granthmala'—**
 - A textbook authored by 50 research scientists and faculty members, designed in alignment with the outcome-based, dynamic curriculum prescribed by the NCISM for postgraduate and doctoral AYUSH education.
- **Launch of 'Expression of Interest' for CCRAS Prayatna 2026-27—**
 - The objective is to enhance scientific writing and publication skills through structured, institution – based workshops.
- **CCRAS Digital Ecosystem Dashboard-**
 - This dashboard has been developed to enhance accessibility, transparency, and public outreach, as well as to facilitate the dissemination of research findings and institutional resources.
- **CCRAS – Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences**

Approval for India's first "Point-in-Space" instrument approach procedure-

- Recently, approval was granted for India's first private "Point-in-Space" instrument approach procedure for helicopter operations at Undavalli Heliport (Andhra Pradesh).
- The "Point-in-Space" procedure has been developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- This procedure is fully compliant with DGCA regulations and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards.
- **Point-in-Space Technology-**
 - It is an advanced, satellite-based helicopter navigation system that enables helicopters to land safely without the need for traditional landing infrastructure.
 - It is highly beneficial during adverse weather conditions and in areas where ground-based navigation aids are unavailable. It enables safe and precise flight operations under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR).

Launch of Hub-and-Spoke International Flight Operations from Amritsar—

- On July 28, 2026, the Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the hub-and-spoke international flight operation facility from Amritsar.
- With this facility, it has become the country's second airport to be included in India's initial hub-and-spoke framework for international passenger movement.
- Prior to this, India's first hub-and-spoke operation was successfully launched in Varanasi on June 25, 2026.
- **Hub-and-Spoke Operation—**
 - Hub-and-spoke international flight operation is an aviation network system in which passengers from smaller cities are brought to a central, large airport and then transported to their final destinations via international flights.

Central Government proposes continuation of 'PM-AJAY' –

- The Central Government has proposed continuing the PM-AJAY scheme for the period 2026–31 with an increased financial outlay.
- **PM-AJAY –**
 - Full Name: Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyudaya Yojana
 - Launch: Financial Year 2021–22
 - Ministry: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 - Funding: 100% funded by the Central Government
 - Objective: Socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Castes (SCs).

- This scheme is the result of the merger of three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes:
 1. Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY)
 2. Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatravas Yojana (BJRCY)
 3. Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCA to SCSP)
- On July 29, 2026, Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia unveiled the theme—'Scale Without Boundaries'—for the 10th edition of the India Mobile Congress 2026.

Launch of the 'Danveer' Initiative-

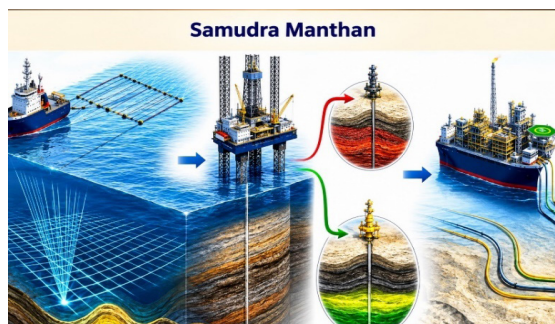
- On July 29, 2026, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched the citizen-participation initiative 'Danveer' in New Delhi, aiming to strengthen the digital infrastructure of Gram Panchayats across the country.
- This initiative by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been developed in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and DigiHaat.
- **Danveer-**
 - It is a transparent, fully digital, and verifiable platform.
 - Through this platform, citizens and organizations can voluntarily donate computers and digital equipment to Gram Panchayats.

■ Key Facts Table-

Key Point	Details
➤ Name of Initiative	➤ Danveer
➤ Concerned Ministry	➤ Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India
➤ Launch Date	➤ July 29, 2026
➤ Launched by	➤ Shri Vivek Bhardwaj (Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj)
➤ Technical Development Partners	➤ National Informatics Centre (NIC) and DigiHaat
➤ Associated Mobile App	➤ 'Meri Panchayat' App
➤ Main Objective	➤ To strengthen digital infrastructure in Gram Panchayats by addressing the shortage of computers.

National Offshore Exploration Scheme – 'Samudra Manthan' –

- On July 31, 2026, the Union Cabinet approved the National Offshore Exploration Scheme – 'Samudra Manthan'.



- It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- Ministry: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- Financial Outlay: ₹84,084 crore.
- Implementation Period: Up to the financial year 2030-31.
- Objective: To better utilize India's offshore energy potential.
- **Scope of the Scheme:**
 - Acquisition and interpretation of high-quality seismic data on a large scale.
 - Accelerated exploration drilling in deep and ultra-deep waters, and scientific drilling in newly discovered basins.
 - Development of shared infrastructure for offshore production and evacuation.
 - Establishment of oil and gas manufacturing and service sectors, capacity building, digital program management, and international cooperation.

■ **Benefits:**

Area	Expected Outcome
Resource Reserves	Acceleration in the process of accumulating reserves exceeding 600 million metric tonnes of oil equivalent.
Energy Security	Increased domestic oil and gas production will strengthen India's self-reliance and long-term energy security.
Economic Growth	Large-scale employment generation, promotion of private and strategic public investment, and long-term economic opportunities.
Technology & Manufacturing	Development of domestic manufacturing and world-class offshore technology under 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY)-

₹5,070 Crore 'PM Surya Sarovar Yojana' Approved by the Cabinet

Key Highlights



5,000 MW

Floating solar projects with a total capacity of 5,000 MW will be developed



Across the Country

Floating solar plants will be installed on reservoirs across India



Energy Storage (ESS)

Energy storage systems will help boost solar power generation

- The Union Cabinet approved the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY) on July 31, 2026.
- Financial outlay under the scheme: ₹5,070 crore.

■ **Target Capacity-**

- 5,000 MW of floating solar PV projects.
- 10,000 MWh of energy storage systems (minimum 2 hours of battery storage).

■ **Timeline-**

- Project duration: FY 2026-27 to 2030-31.
- Period for financial assistance: Up to FY 2032-33.
- Upon successful commissioning, eligible floating solar photovoltaic projects will receive Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of ₹1 crore per MW, along with assistance of up to ₹50 lakh per project for bathymetry, hydrography, environmental studies, etc.

■ **Benefits of the scheme-**

Sector	Outcome or Impact
Capacity Expansion	➤ A massive increase of 5,000 MW over the country's current floating solar capacity of approximately 700 MW.
Land Conservation	➤ Reduced pressure on scarce land resources. ➤ Multi-purpose utilization of water bodies and industrial ponds.

Environment Conservation	➤ Reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 10 million tonnes annually.
Employment Generation	➤ Creation of approximately 16,000 to 17,000 full-time job opportunities across the project value chain.
Grid Stability	➤ Improved grid reliability and power supply due to the integration of energy storage systems.
Domestic Manufacturing	➤ Boost to local manufacturing of flotation systems, PV cells, modules, and batteries under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

- Note- According to the National Institute of Solar Energy, a floating solar capacity of 102.18 GW is available in India's water bodies.

Launch of 'Favara-UPI' Cross-Border Payment Corridor between India and the Maldives-

- The Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) announced the successful launch of the integration between the Maldives' instant payment system, 'Favara', and India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on July 30, 2026.
- Partner Entities: Maldives Monetary Authority, Reserve Bank of India, and NPCI International Payments Limited.

■ Features:

- **Real-time Transfer:** Maldivian citizens can instantly send funds to beneficiaries in India using 'Favara'.
- **Currency Conversion:** Transactions originate in Maldivian Rufiyaa and are credited to the recipient's account in India in Indian Rupees.
- **Initial Banks:** The service has been launched with two banks—Bank of Maldives PLC and Maldives Islamic Bank PLC.
- **Permitted Remittances:** Remittances related to family maintenance and permitted gifts can be made through person-to-person transfers under this system.
- India's UPI is currently accepted in ten countries: Cambodia, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and Greece.

Delhi Government Notifies Permanent Winter Pollution Master Plan -

- The Delhi government has notified a permanent winter pollution master plan to control seasonal air pollution in the national capital.

- This plan will remain in effect annually from November 1 to February 28.

■ Provisions -

- Vehicles without a valid pollution control certificate will not be supplied fuel at petrol pumps, CNG stations, or LPG stations in Delhi throughout the year.
- Entry of non-Delhi registered vehicles that do not meet BS-VI emission standards will be restricted from November 1 to January 31.
- Parking charges at authorized parking facilities will be doubled from November 1 to February 28.
- 50 percent of employees in government and private offices will work from home from November 1 to January 31.
- Office timings will be staggered to reduce traffic congestion during peak hours.
- Demolition work and dust-generating open construction activities will be prohibited from November 1 to January 31.
- It will be mandatory for large commercial buildings and major construction sites to install anti-smog guns or misting systems.
- Strict action will be taken against the open burning of waste.

Swar Prerna Veethika -

- On July 1, 2026, All India Radio (Akashvani) unveiled a photo gallery named 'Swar Prerna Veethika', dedicated to the enduring bond between the broadcaster and India's legendary musicians.
- The photo gallery was inaugurated by Padma Vibhushan Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia.
- It was launched to mark the completion of 90 years of All India Radio and as part of the preparations for the centenary of radio broadcasting in India in 2027.

TribeX-

- On July 7, 2026, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram launched 'TribeX' during a national workshop on 'Empowering Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)' held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- It has been launched as a key initiative to digitize tribal education and preserve India's rich traditional heritage.
- It is the first-of-its-kind digital learning platform dedicated to tribal art, culture, traditional knowledge, and skill development.
- The platform will initially offer 20 free certificate courses covering various forms of tribal art—including painting, handicrafts, handloom, artifacts, and traditional musical instruments—with plans to expand the offering to over 100 free certificate courses.

Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) Report 2025-26



UNIFIED DISTRICT INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR EDUCATION PLUS (UDISE+) REPORT 2025-26



- The Union Ministry of Education released the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2025-26 report on school education in India on 7 July, 2026.

Key Findings of the Report-

 1. Increase in the Number of Teachers-	In 2025-26, the number of teachers has increased to 1.02 crore, which is 8.3% higher than 2022-23 (94.83 lakh).
 2. Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR)-	- Compared to the 30:1 norm recommended by the National Education Policy, the PTR has improved- - Foundational level - 10:1 - Preparatory level - 12:1 - Middle level - 17:1 - Secondary level - 21:1
 3. Dropout Rate-	- The dropout rate has decreased - - At the elementary level - from 2.3% in 2024-25, it has declined to 1.8%. - At the secondary level - from 8.2% in 2024-25, it has declined to 7.0%.
 4. Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)	At the secondary level, GER has increased from 68.5% in 2024-25 to 71.7%.
 5. Retention Rate-	- At the secondary level - it has increased from 47.2% to 51.9%. - At the middle level - it has increased from 82.8% to 83.7%.
 6. Transition Rate-	- The rate of students moving from one class/stage to the next stage has improved - - From Foundational to Preparatory - 99.2% - From Preparatory to Middle - 93.8% - From Middle to Secondary - 88.3%
 7. Reduction in Single-Teacher and Zero-Enrolment Schools-	- Single-teacher schools - the number has declined to 1,00,843 (a decrease of 3%). - Zero-enrolment schools - the number has declined to 5,663 (a drop of about 29%).

Mizoram's "Museum of Natural History" Granted 'Designated Repository' Status-

- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified the Museum of Natural History at Mizoram University, Aizawl, as the 21st designated repository.
 - The Union Ministry issued this notification under Section 39 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
 - The museum is located within the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot.
 - It will preserve biological specimens of organisms such as pteridophytes, macrofungi, reptiles, amphibians, fish, moths, beetles, and butterflies.
- Designated Repository-**
- These constitute a vital part of India's biodiversity governance.
 - They undertake the safe storage, preservation, documentation, and scientific management of authentic biological specimens acquired under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Launch of the Centre of Excellence and National Portal on Human-Wildlife Conflict—

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav launched the Centre of Excellence on Human-Wildlife Conflict and the National Portal on Human-Wildlife Conflict in Coimbatore on July 10, 2026.
- Centre of Excellence—** This centre will serve as a national platform for the scientific and evidence-based management of human-wildlife conflict, capacity building, policy support, and innovation.
- National Portal—** A dedicated digital platform was launched to facilitate data management, knowledge sharing, and rapid decision-making.
- Additionally, the Environment Minister released the first edition of 'Current Status of Human-Wildlife Conflict in India – An Overview'.

Digital Risk Report 2025-26-



- Edition: Second Edition
- Date of Release: July 13, 2026
- Issuer: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- Objective: To safeguard India's banking, financial, and digital payment ecosystems against cyber threats and to strengthen security mechanisms.

e-VSP Portal-

- On July 15, 2026, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Law and Justice, launched the e-VSP portal of Vidhi Sahitya Prakashan in New Delhi.
- This portal will facilitate the expansion of digital access to legal knowledge by making significant judgments from the Supreme Court and High Courts, legal journals, reference books, and other legal literature available online in Hindi.

Inauguration of the first phase of the 'Museum of Words'-

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the first phase of the 'Museum of Words' at the National Library complex in Kolkata on July 19, 2026.
- It is dedicated to India's languages, words, and the country's multilingual heritage.
- It has been developed by the National Library of India under the Union Ministry of Culture.

'Bhashini Rajyam'-

- The Digital India Bhashini Division launched 'Bhashini Rajyam' on July 21, 2026. The primary objective of this initiative is to strengthen voice-based digital public services in Konkani and other Indian languages.

Country's first six-lane underpass—

- India's first six-lane underpass will be constructed beneath the operational runway at the new terminal of Varanasi Airport.
- This underpass will be approximately 450 meters long.
- The construction of this underpass is scheduled to be completed by September 2027.

Uttarakhand Becomes the Country's Sixth Fully Literate State-

- Uttarakhand has become the country's sixth fully literate state under the National Education Policy-2020 and the ULLAS program.
- Uttarakhand Governor Gurmeet Singh declared the state fully literate after it met the central criteria.
- Previously, Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim had attained this status.

Naltarang-



- The Sangeet Natak Akademi (under the Government of India) has included the 'Naltarang'—an instrument of the Maihar Vadya Vrind—in the list of National Intangible Cultural Heritage.
- **Naltarang-**
 - It is an Indian musical instrument.
 - It was created by Ustad Alauddin Khan using gun barrels, modeled after the Jaltarang.
 - It is classified as a type of Ghan-vadya (idiophone/solid percussion instrument).
- The Maihar Vadya Vrind was established in 1918 by the legendary musician Ustad Baba Alauddin Khan.

Fortune India 'Most Powerful Women' 2026-

- Fortune India released its list of the 'Most Powerful Women' for the year 2026 on July 10, 2026.
- The list includes one hundred women from the country who have demonstrated impactful leadership in business, technology, healthcare, media, and public life.
- **Top Powerful Women-**
 1. Nita Ambani – Chairperson, Reliance Foundation
 2. Roshni Nadar Malhotra – Chairperson, HCL Tech
 3. Reddy Sisters – Apollo Hospitals Group
 4. Savitri Jindal – Jindal Group
 5. Priti Adani – Chairperson, Adani Foundation

ADR Report – Criminal Cases Against 14 Chief Ministers

- The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) recently released a report detailing the assets and criminal cases of Chief Ministers across the country's states and union territories.
- According to the report, Karnataka CM D.K. Shivakumar is the wealthiest Chief Minister, possessing assets worth a total of ₹1,413 crore.
- Meanwhile, Jammu & Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah tops the list of Chief Ministers with the lowest assets, holding assets worth ₹55 lakh, while Rajasthan CM Bhajanlal Sharma ranks third with assets worth ₹1.46 crore.

Hurun India Women Leaders List 2026

- Recently, 117 influential women from the country were featured across 12 categories in the Hurun India Women Leaders List 2026.

- Meena Bindra topped this list of leaders.

List of Top Women-

- **Meena Bindra-**
 - Company- BIBA
 - Category- Fashion-Lifestyle
- **Tushara Shankar-**
 - Company- Lupin
 - Category- Social Change Makers
- **Vaishali Nigam-**
 - Company- ReNew Power
 - Category- New Economy
- **Preetha Reddy-**
 - Company- Apollo Hospitals
 - Category- Veterans
- **Sudha Murty-**
 - Company/Field- Literature
 - Category- Authors
- **Ananya Birla-**
 - Company/Field- Business
 - Category- Social Media Influencer
- **Faye D'Souza-**
 - Company/Field- Journalism
 - Category- Independent Journalist
- **Kanika Shori-**
 - Company- Square Yards
 - Category- Startup Founders
- **Roshni Nadar-**
 - Company- HCL
 - Category- Wealth Multipliers
- **Priya Nair-**
 - Company- HUL
 - Category- Professional CEO

Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026-

- Parliament has recently passed the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

Objective-

- To provide legal protection to the National Song, 'Vande Mataram'.
- To make it a punishable offense to willfully prevent the singing of the National Song or to cause

disruption in a gathering where it is being sung.

- Penalty- Punishable by imprisonment for up to three years, a fine, or both.
- Amendment- This Bill amends Section 3 of the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.
- **Vande Mataram-**
 - Meaning- "Mother, I bow to thee."
 - Composer- Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.
 - Publication- Published in the literary magazine Bangadarshan on November 7, 1875.
 - It was included in the novel Anandamath, published in 1882.

Miscellaneous Facts

- Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Chirag Paswan inaugurated a Common Incubation Centre at Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Agricultural University, Maharashtra. This centre has been established in collaboration with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and the Government of Maharashtra under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' (Self-Reliant India Campaign).
- A banyan tree, estimated to be around 700 years old, has been discovered in Munger, Bihar. Based on radiocarbon dating, it has been identified as the oldest banyan tree with a verified date.
- A state-of-the-art Skill Development Centre has been officially inaugurated at the CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune.
- The Central Government has released ₹24.06 crore as grant-in-aid for 202 projects under the Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana.
- On July 4, 2026, the Prime Minister inaugurated the CG Semi Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test facility in Sanand, Gujarat.
- The Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched the 'National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction.' The scheme aims to focus on prevention, awareness generation, capacity building, treatment, rehabilitation, and social reintegration.
- The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) under the Union Ministry of Textiles has launched a national innovation competition titled 'Handloom Hackathon 2026 – Weaving Innovation.' The initiative aims to leverage technology, design, entrepreneurship, and sustainable solutions to strengthen India's handloom sector.
- On July 12, 2026, India's Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan unveiled a statue of social reformer and freedom fighter Mannathu Padmanabhan and

- inaugurated the 'Mannam Smriti Mandapam' at the Mannam International Centre in Delhi.
- A Guinness World Record has been set in the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency by planting over 3.61 lakh saplings in one hour using the Miyawaki method. v Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, inaugurated the 31st 'Divya Kala Mela' at Rabindra Sadan, Kolkata, on July 14, 2026.
 - On July 15, 2026, the National Medicinal Plants Board (Ministry of Ayush) and the University of Delhi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen research and innovation in the field of medicinal plants.
 - On July 15, 2026, the National Rainfed Area Authority organized a brainstorming workshop on "Satellite and Drone-based Surveys for Watershed Development Planning and Monitoring" in Jaipur, Rajasthan, under the World Bank-supported REWARD program.
 - The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) celebrated its 98th Foundation Day in New Delhi on July 16, 2026.
 - The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) launched their year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations, spanning from July 16, 2026, to July 16, 2027.
 - On July 16, 2026, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in collaboration with the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), organized a national webinar on the theme 'Jaagruk Jigar – Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat' (Aware Liver – Drug-free Youth for Developed India) through the 'Mera Yuva Bharat' platform.
 - A new flight service on the Daman-Delhi-Daman route was launched on July 16, 2026, from the newly operationalized NaMo Airport in Daman.
 - On July 17, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the state-of-the-art Mother and Child Centre and the state-of-the-art Neurosciences Centre at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 75 redeveloped railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme on July 18, 2026.
 - On July 21, 2026, the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVT) signed an agreement with GD Goenka University to grant it NCVT recognition as an awarding body.
 - Currently, National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) service centers have been established in 22 Legislative Assemblies.
 - Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis launched the 'Bharat Taxi' service in Maharashtra on July 23, 2026.
 - Recently, Mr. Ravneet Singh (Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries) and Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan (Minister of Education) resigned from the Union Council of Ministers.
 - Under the 'One District One Product' initiative, 1,244 products have currently been identified across 773 districts of the country.
 - Orientation Program Launched – This program was initiated on July 25, 2026, for newly elected or nominated Rajya Sabha members following the 2026 biennial elections.
 - DISHA 2.0 – The 'Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice' (DISHA) 2.0 scheme is a Central Sector Scheme to be implemented across India for the period 2026–31.
 - On July 31, 2026, Union Minister Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel released a compilation titled "51 Kahaniyan Badlav Ki, Panchayat Swaraj Ki" (51 Stories of Change, of Panchayat Swaraj) in New Delhi.
 - The Government of India recently extended the tenure of Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri by one year; he will continue to serve as Foreign Secretary for another year beyond July 14.
 - The Government of India has constituted a high-level committee headed by Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navalkar to study illegal immigration and unusual demographic shifts.
 - The Kerala government will launch its own airline service named 'Co-Keralam'. Its objective is to provide air travel to the general public at affordable rates.
 - For the first time in Gujarat, two air-filled rubber dams using Korean technology are being constructed; these are being built on the Heran and Ambika rivers.
 - Among 205 major global cities, Ahmedabad has been identified as the city with the second-highest heat risk.
 - Chief Minister's Cashless Teacher Medical Scheme ('Guru Dakshina'): This is a scheme by the Uttar Pradesh government under which government teachers will receive free medical treatment worth up to ₹5 lakh annually.
 - The Amarnath Yatra has become the country's first 'zero-landfill pilgrimage'.
 - Hindi will be included as an official language starting from the budget session of the Assam Legislative Assembly; alongside Assamese, English, and Bodo, Hindi will also be used in the Assembly.
 - An archaeological team discovered a 2,500-year-old stepwell during excavations in the Malaiyadipatti area of Tamil Nadu's Tenkasi district.
 - The Karnataka government has announced the establishment of the country's first government-run AI university in Bengaluru.

- India has officially launched its campaign for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for the 2028–29 term; the campaign is anchored in the ‘SHANTI’ vision (Securing Holistic Advancement through Norms, Trust, and Integrity).
- Unjha Cumin and Unjha Fennel from Gujarat have been granted the GI (Geographical Indication) tag by the Government of India.
- The Government of India has announced the launch of courses in engineering biology in the country.
- According to a report by the global research organization Climate Central, India has emerged as a global hotspot for ‘sleep loss’ caused by climate change.
- Punjab has become the first state in the country to announce the creation of separate prison barracks for the transgender community.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually laid the foundation stone for the world’s largest curd production plant in Howrah, West Bengal; the facility will process 3 million liters of milk.
- The Karnataka government has announced that, starting from the 2026-27 academic year, AI will be taught as a skill-based subject instead of a third language in state government high schools.
- NHAI has launched the ‘Marg Mitra’ AI help center, which will serve as a single-window platform for travelers on national highways.
- It has been announced that the country’s first AI-powered bird sanctuary will be established within the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary in Mumbai.
- According to the ‘State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World-2026’ report recently released by the United Nations, approximately 520 million Indians are unable to regularly afford a healthy and balanced diet.
- In a survey conducted for the ‘Travel + Leisure’ 2026 Readers’ Choice Awards, Udaipur ranked 12th and Jaipur ranked 16th on the list of the world’s 25 best tourist cities.
- Delhi ranks first among 18 states and Union Territories in registering e-Zero FIRs for cases of cyber-financial fraud.
- Kerala has implemented a ‘State Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming’ to prevent deaths and severe cases resulting from snakebites by 2030.
- The Meghalaya government recently approved the Electric Vehicle Policy 2026; under this policy, buyers of electric vehicles will receive an incentive of up to ₹25,000, and registration fees will be completely waived.
- The Kerala government has launched the ‘Digital Square’ initiative to promote technology in primary schools; the initiative aims to develop skills such as gaming and animation among children.
- The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM & WS), Pahalgam, organized a 22-member mountaineering expedition to the Khyam Tso mountain range in the Runtse Phu region of Ladakh.
- On July 31, 2026, the Union Cabinet approved the extended Khelo India Scheme and increased assistance to National Sports Federations, with a combined outlay of ₹36,441 crore for the period from 2026-27 to 2030-31.
- West Bengal has constituted a high-level committee, headed by former Supreme Court Judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, to review the draft bill for a Uniform Civil Code.
- Anurag Kumar – He is the Delhi Police Commissioner who has been in the spotlight following the police action taken during recent protests at Jantar Mantar.
- Pali MLA Bhimraj Bhati and Kama MLA Nauksham Chaudhary represented India at the NCSL (National Conference of State Legislatures) Summit held in Chicago, USA, from July 27 to 29, 2026.

4. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Investment Readiness Index-

- Issuer- NITI Aayog
- Objective- To conduct an evidence-based and comparative assessment of the capacity of states and Union Territories to create an enabling, favorable, and sustainable environment for investment.
- Scope of Assessment- 28 states and 8 Union Territories.
- Total Indicators- 84 indicators.
- **Pillars- There are 8 pillars of assessment:**
 1. Infrastructure
 2. Business Environment
 3. Resources
 4. Government Policy
 5. Regulatory Ease
 6. Institutional Environment
 7. Financial Soundness
 8. Environmental Resilience

■ Score-based Performance Categories-

Category	Score	Key States / Findings
Top Performers	Above 50 points	Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Goa, and Odisha
Leading States	45 - 50 points	Total 15 states included
Emerging Performers	40 - 45 points	Total 8 states / Union Territories
Aspirational States	Below 40 points	Total 8 states / Union Territories

■ Ranking based on Peer Groups-

- Large States-
 - 1. First- Gujarat
 - 2. Second- Maharashtra
 - 3. Third- Tamil Nadu
- **Hilly and North-Eastern States-**
 - 1. First- Uttarakhand
 - 2. Second- Assam
 - 3. Third- Himachal Pradesh
- **City-States and Union Territories-**
 - 1. First- Goa
 - 2. Second- Delhi
 - 3. Third- Chandigarh

■ Significance and Utility of the Index-

- It is not merely a periodic assessment but serves as a strategic reform tool for states.
- It encourages states to learn from each other's performance and best practices, while fostering healthy competition.
- It assists policymakers in identifying state-level gaps and implementing targeted reforms.
- Investors gain an objective assessment of the facilities, infrastructure capacity, and business environment available across different states.
- Strengthens the state-level ecosystem to attract private, domestic, and foreign investment in order to achieve the goal of 'Viksit Bharat @2047'.

Launch of Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme-

- On July 15, 2026, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS).
- Total budgetary outlay: ₹62,500 crore
- Scheme duration: 5 years (from Financial Year 2026-27 to Financial Year 2030-31)
- Predecessor scheme: Production-Linked Incentive (PLI-LSEM) scheme for Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing (which was valid until March 31, 2026).
- Target production: ₹39,00,000 crore (₹39 lakh crore)
- Direct employment generation: Approximately 60,000
- **Objectives-**
 - To achieve self-reliance in the technology sector.
 - To generate significant economic value through domestic manufacturing.
 - To secure Indian patents and build indigenous brands in design and Research & Development (R&D).

■ Incentive Structure-

S.No	Category of Incentive	Incentive Rate	Objective
1.	Incentive on eligible sales	2.25% - 5%	To promote domestic manufacturing of mobile phones in India

2.	Domestic sourcing incentive (additional)	Up to 1.5%	To encourage indigenous sourcing of key components/ sub-assemblies
3.	Design and R&D incentive (additional)	3%	To promote Indian brands, product design, and research & development

■ **Other Key Facts-**

- India has become the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer.
- Currently, 99.2% of mobile phones used in India are manufactured domestically.
- In 2025, smartphones became the largest product category exported from India.

Approval of Semicon 2.0-

- On July 15, 2026, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved 'Semicon 2.0' to develop the country's semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem.
- A total budget of ₹1,27,500 crore has been allocated for this initiative.

■ **Key pillars of Semicon 2.0 – It comprises 6 pillars:**

1. Design – Advancing India in the semiconductor chip design intellectual property (IP) sector and strengthening chip/system manufacturing.
2. Machinery and Materials – Incentivizing companies involved in R&D and the production of machinery, chemicals, and gases required for chip manufacturing.
3. More Fabs – Attracting silicon, compound, discrete, and display fabs.
4. ATMP/OSAT Industry – Providing incentives to bring advanced packaging technologies to India.
5. Research & Development – Moving beyond 28nm-110nm nodes to develop more advanced nodes and technologies in collaboration with global centers.
6. Talent Development – Expanding training at the university level.

India becomes a party to the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement-

- On July 20, 2026, India officially accepted the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Fisheries Subsidies Agreement.
- India became the 123rd WTO member country to submit its instrument of acceptance.
- This decision reflects India's commitment to the livelihoods of coastal communities, food security, employment, and sustainable fisheries management.

■ **Key facts regarding the agreement –**

- The agreement was adopted at the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference in June 2022 and came into force on September 15, 2025, following approval by two-thirds of the members.
- It prohibits government subsidies that facilitate illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and overfishing.
- This agreement focuses solely on marine fishing; aquaculture and inland fisheries fall outside its scope.
- The agreement curbs subsidies provided to industrial-scale fishing fleets operating in distant waters, thereby safeguarding the interests of India's traditional and small-scale fishers.
- Disputes regarding fisheries subsidies will be resolved in accordance with the WTO's dispute settlement rules.

Launch of the "Golden Spice" Mission–

- On July 21, 2026, Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Launched "Mission Golden Spice – Integrated Lakadong Turmeric Value Chain Enhancement Project" for turmeric cultivation and value chain development in Meghalaya, alongside Sangma.
- Financial Outlay: ₹175.45 crore
- Duration: Five years (2025–2030)
- Objective: To promote Meghalaya's GI-tagged Lakadong turmeric.
- Mission Leadership: MDoNER and the North Eastern Council (NEC).
- **Implementation in two phases:**
 - Phase 1: Strengthening the value chain.
 - Phase 2: Expansion and scaling up operations.

Cabinet approves the chemical park scheme "Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan (BHAVYA-Rasayan)":

- The Union Cabinet recently approved the 'Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan' (or BHAVYA-Rasayan) scheme to establish three dedicated chemical parks in the country.
- Scheme Announcement: Union Budget 2026-27.
- Financial Allocation: ₹3,030 crore
 - Infrastructure & Utilities: ₹3,000 crore
 - Administrative Expenses: ₹30 crore
- Duration: Five years (FY 2026-27 to 2030-31).
- Park Area: A contiguous land area of at least 8 square kilometers (minimum 2,000 acres).

- Grant Structure: The Central Government will provide a grant of up to ₹1,000 crore per park, subject to a minimum contribution of ₹500 crore by the State Government.
- **Essential Infrastructure:**
 - Common Effluent Treatment Plant.
 - Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility (TSDF).
 - Water supply and distribution system.
 - Solvent recovery and distillation facilities.
 - Steam generation and distribution network.
 - Pipeline network, logistics, and warehousing facilities.
- **Benefits of the Scheme:**
 - Strengthening the entire value chain of upstream, downstream, and ancillary industries, leading to efficient resource utilization. ...and logistics costs will decrease.
 - Shared infrastructure will lead to cost reductions, making Indian industry more competitive globally.
 - The Indian chemical industry will be able to better integrate into the global value chain.
 - Centralized waste management facilities will ensure better compliance with environmental regulations and foster sustainable development.
 - Growth in the chemical sector will have a positive impact on other allied industries, generate large-scale employment, and help achieve the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) by 2047.

India's First Direct Commercial Container Freight Train Reaches Nepal-

- On July 28, 2026, Indian Railways successfully operated the first direct commercial container freight train from Kolkata Port (India) to the Biratnagar Customs Yard (Nepal).
- This train (comprising 40 wagons) was operated under the revised India-Nepal Rail Transit Protocol and carried a consignment of canola.
- Note: The Jogbani (India)-Biratnagar (Nepal) broad-gauge rail link was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India and the then Prime Minister of Nepal in June 2023. This direct commercial rail service to Biratnagar commenced following the signing of a revised Letter of Exchange in November 2025.
- **Significance-**
 - It will boost the movement of import and export goods, benefiting exporters, importers, logistics operators, and industries in both countries.
 - It will improve the efficiency, reliability, and competitiveness of cross-border trade.
 - This initiative reflects Indian Railways' commitment to enhancing international rail connectivity, building modern transport infrastructure, and facilitating ease of doing business.

BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026-

- According to the BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026, India has become the world's second-largest supplier of maritime personnel, providing 311,936 maritime professionals to the global shipping industry.
- India's total share in the global maritime workforce has reached 12.16%. **Currently, India ranks second only to the Philippines in the global maritime workforce.**
- **Category-wise breakdown of the Indian maritime workforce-**
 - Officer category: India supplies 140,718 officers, representing 13.41% of the global officer workforce.
 - Ratings – The 171,218 Indian seafarers serving on commercial vessels account for 11.29% of the global ratings workforce.
- **BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report –**
 - Issued by – BIMCO and the International Chamber of Shipping.
 - It is published every five years.
 - First edition – 1990.
 - Report–It presents the most comprehensive assessment of the global supply and demand for seafarers.

Union Cabinet approves continuation of PM-KI-SAN scheme from 2026-27 to 2030-31-

- On July 31, 2026, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved the continuation of the PM-KISAN scheme from the year 2026-27 to 2030-31.
- A total financial allocation of ₹3.15 lakh crore has been approved for the extended period of the scheme.
- **PM-KISAN-**
 - Full Name- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi
 - Launch- February 2019
 - Benefit- Financial assistance of ₹6,000 per year is transferred directly to the bank accounts of eligible landholding farmer families in three equal installments.

Launch of FCRA 2.0 portal and e-OCI system-

- Recently, the Government of India launched the FCRA 2.0 portal and the e-OCI (Electronic Overseas Citizen of India) card.
- Objective- To make foreign contribution regulation and services for the Indian diaspora completely digital and simplified.
- **FCRA 2.0 Portal-**
 - It digitizes all processes under the FCRA.
 - Enables real-time monitoring of foreign funds.

■ **e-OCI Card (Electronic Overseas Citizen of India)-**

- Functions as an online procedural system for the Indian diaspora.
- Eliminates the need for repeated re-issuance of the OCI booklet upon obtaining a new passport after the age of 20.

Commercial production of Matcha tea begins-

- Commercial production of Matcha tea has commenced for the first time in India at the Chota Tingrai Tea Estate in Assam.
- Matcha is a fine powder made from traditional Japanese green tea. It contains higher levels of antioxidants and nutrients compared to regular green tea.

Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE)-2025

- The National Statistical Office recently released the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE)-2025 report.

■ **Key findings of the report:**

- There are approximately 3.9 million (39 lakh) informal establishments across 46 major cities in the country, employing 19.8 million (1.98 crore) workers.
- These cities account for 13% of the country's total informal enterprises, 16% of employment, and 21% of Gross Value Added (GVA).
- Hyderabad has the highest number of informal workers (1.57 million / 15.7 lakh).
- Kolkata has the highest number of informal enterprises (0.884 million / 8.84 lakh).
- Women constitute 26% (5.2 million / 52 lakh) of the total informal workforce.
- Female participation is highest in Visakhapatnam (42.5%) and Surat (41.4%), while it is lowest in Srinagar (10.5%).
- Gross Value Added per worker is highest in Pimpri-Chinchwad, Hyderabad, and Delhi.
- The average annual wage is highest in Jaipur (₹2.33 lakh per annum).

World Investment Report 2026-

- According to the World Investment Report 2026 released by UNCTAD, India rose to the 11th position globally in terms of FDI in 2025.
- **Findings of the report regarding India:**
 - India has reached the 11th position among countries attracting FDI globally.
 - India attracted FDI worth US\$ 38.89 billion in 2025, marking a 44% increase compared to 2024 (US\$ 27.09 billion).

- The value of announced greenfield investments in India declined to \$74.12 billion (2025) from \$111.14 billion in 2024.
- FDI by Indian companies abroad rose by 47% to reach \$35.66 billion in 2025, up from \$24.26 billion in 2024.

Indicator	2024	2025	Change
FDI Inflow into India	US\$ 27.09 billion	US\$ 38.89 billion	+44% increase (Global Rank: 11th)
India's Outward FDI	US\$ 24.26 billion	US\$ 35.66 billion	+47% increase (Global Rank: 18th)
Announced Greenfield Investment (in India)	US\$ 111.14 billion	US\$ 74.12 billion	Decreased

- UNCTAD (UN Conference on Trade and Development)
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
 - Established: 1964
 - Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
 - Member Countries: 195 states.

India's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone-

- The Department of Telecommunications (under the Union Ministry of Communications) and the Government of Madhya Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on July 30, 2026, to establish the first phase of India's first telecom manufacturing zone.
- Under this agreement, India's first telecom manufacturing zone is being set up in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- It is envisioned as an integrated 'plug-and-play' industrial cluster spanning 350 acres.
- A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be formed for this purpose, with the Madhya Pradesh government holding a 51% stake and the Department of Telecommunications holding a 49% stake.
- The Central Government is providing 100% financial assistance for the first phase; ₹493 crore has been allocated for the development of core infrastructure. Meanwhile, the Madhya Pradesh government has provided significant support, including making approximately 170 acres of land available free of cost for the project.
- **Objective:** To strengthen India's domestic telecom manufacturing ecosystem.

Report: "India's Next Growth Frontier – Reducing Anti-Competitive Market Distortions to Build on India's 2010–2023 Reform Progress" –

- Issuer: Competere Foundation for Trade and Competition Policy (in collaboration with CTIL)
- Core Index: Market Distortions Performance Index
- India's Current Ranking (2023): 57th place (82nd place in 2010)
- Evaluation Period: 2010 to 2023
- **Key Pillars of Evaluation:**
 1. Protection of property rights
 2. Domestic competition
 3. International competition

Approval of National Investment Policy for Urea-2026 (NIPU-2026) for Aatmanirbhar Bharat-

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Department of Fertilizers' proposal for the 'National Investment Policy for Urea-2026 (NIPU-2026)' to attract new investment in the urea sector and make the country self-reliant in urea production.
- This policy will boost investment for setting up new gas-based urea manufacturing units in the country and reduce India's dependence on imports by increasing indigenous urea production.
- Compared to NIP-2012, each new plant set up under NIPU-2026 is estimated to result in savings of over ₹250 crore.
- Currently, there are 33 urea manufacturing units operating in India with a total reassessed/installed capacity of 269.42 LMT (Lakh Metric Tonnes).

Greenfield Shipbuilding Cluster to be established in Porbandar-

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has granted in-principle approval for two major strategic maritime projects in Gujarat under the Shipbuilding Development Scheme.

1. Greenfield Shipbuilding Cluster in Porbandar-

- Location- Gulf of Kutch, Porbandar district, Gujarat (Area- approximately 2,000 acres)
- Operation- Joint Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and the Gujarat Maritime Board.
- Features- Modern shipyard, ancillary manufacturing units, shared infrastructure, and capacity development center.

- Capacity- Construction of large commercial vessels with an annual production capacity of 1.2 to 1.5 million Gross Tonnage.

2. State-of-the-art Ship Repair Facility in Vadinar-

- Cost- ₹1,570 crore
- Developer- Joint development by Cochin Shipyard Limited and Deendayal Port Authority.
- Significance – It will be possible to repair ships up to 300 meters in length, thereby significantly reducing India's dependence on foreign shipyards.

Parivartan Scheme-

- Recently, the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs approved the operational guidelines for the 'Parivartan' scheme. This scheme aims to accelerate the process of replacing old and highly polluting trucks and buses in the National Capital Region (NCR) with BS-VI compliant or electric vehicles.

■ Key facts regarding the scheme-

- Total approved budget: ₹9,585 crore (approved by the Union Cabinet).
- Central budgetary support: ₹5,041 crore (provided by the Central Government).
- Implementing agency: Executed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- Financial nodal agency: National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB).
- States/Regions involved: Delhi, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh.

■ Key incentives for beneficiaries-

- Interest subsidy: 5% interest subsidy on vehicle loans.
- OEM discount: Minimum 8% discount on eligible new vehicles offered by Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs).
- Fuel voucher assistance: Monthly fuel vouchers for eligible vehicles replacing diesel or CNG vehicles.
- Electric vehicle incentives: One-time financial assistance and the facility for 'Certificate of Deposit' trading upon switching to EVs.
- Tax and fee waivers: Concessions on motor vehicle tax for 10 years and a 100% waiver on registration fees for new vehicles, provided by the governments of Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi.

- PARIVARTAN- Programme for Accelerated Renewal and Incentivization of Vehicle Assets for Reducing Transport Air Pollution and Network Emissions.

Roadmap Released to Make India a Bio-economy Powerhouse by 2035-

- On July 16, 2026, NITI Aayog launched the 'Roadmap to Make India a Leading Bio-economy Powerhouse by 2035' at the National Media Centre in New Delhi.
- Issuing Body- NITI Aayog.
- Collaborating Institutions- Department of Biotechnology, Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises, industry representatives, and academicians.

■ Bio-economy Targets and Statistics-

Year	Bio-economy Size	GDP Contribution / Target
2014	US\$ 10 billion	Initial stage
2025	US\$ 195.3 billion	4.8% of national GDP
2035 (Target)	US\$ 691 billion	Mission-mode roadmap target
2047 (Target)	US\$ 2.6 trillion	Creation of over 30 million (3 crore) high-value jobs

- Six 'National Bio-Missions'- Six specialized platforms designed to transform the country's scientific and manufacturing capabilities into large-scale national impact-
 1. GeneIndia- Genetics and advanced medical research.
 2. AgriBio 2.0- Climate-resilient crops and bio-inputs.
 3. BioX Foundry- AI-enabled biofoundries and digital biology.
 4. One Health Grid- Integrated disease surveillance and pandemic preparedness.
 5. Marine Biotechnology- Marine bio-products and blue economy.
 6. Biopharma Next- Cell and gene therapy, biologics, biosimilars, vaccines, and next-generation bio-manufacturing.
- **Key Proposals Regarding Funding and Infrastructure-**
 - Bio-economy Development Fund- Creation of a special fund of ₹50,000 crore under the existing ₹1 lakh crore research, development, and innovation framework.

Vishwas, 2026-

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), under the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment, has launched a one-time dispute resolution initiative named "Vishwas, 2026".
- Its objective is the amicable settlement of disputes related to the levy of damages/penalties under Section 14B of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, and Section 128 of the Social Security Code, 2020.

Metallurgical & Engineering Consultants (India) Limited-

- The Ministry of Steel has approved the grant of 'Miniratna Category-I' status to Metallurgical & Engineering Consultants (India) Limited (MECON), a Schedule-A PSU.
- **MECON-**
 - Established- Year 1959
 - Headquarters- Ranchi
 - It is a leading PSU in the country specializing in engineering, consultancy, project management, and contracting.
- PSUs are classified into three categories based on their profits and net worth-
 1. Maharatna
 2. Navratna
 3. Miniratna- Miniratnas are classified into Category-I and Category-II.
- **Criteria for obtaining Miniratna Category-I status:**
 - a. Must have earned continuous profit over the last three years.
 - b. Must have a positive net worth.
 - c. Must have earned a pre-tax profit of ₹30 crore or more in at least one of the last three years.

SHE-LEAPS-

- The Central Government recently launched the SHE-LEAPS application at the National Rural Development Conference held in New Delhi.
- Its objective is to build a robust and sustainable rural economy.
- The SHE-LEAPS mobile application has been developed by the "Digital India Corporation" and implemented under the LokOS platform.
- SHE-LEAPS will be implemented across 34 states and Union Territories.
- It is a digital platform designed to empower women associated with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in rural India.
- SHE-LEAPS supports livelihood generation, enterprise development, and financial inclusion for rural women, providing assistance to both agricultural and non-agricultural rural enterprises.
- SHE-LEAPS: Self-Help Entrepreneur-Livelihoods and Enterprise Application for Prosperity and Sustainability.

Launch of the 'PRAGATI' Project-

- On July 7, 2026, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the national initiative 'PRAGATI'.
- **Objectives-**
 - To transform 20,000 rural youths into agri-entrepreneurs.

- To bring about significant improvements in the income, productivity, and livelihoods of 20 lakh (2 million) small and marginal farmers across the country.

■ Target Areas-

- Reducing costs while increasing production; ensuring crop diversification and value addition.
- Increasing income through horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries, and beekeeping.
- Expanding soil health management, farm mechanization, drone usage, and digital advisory services.

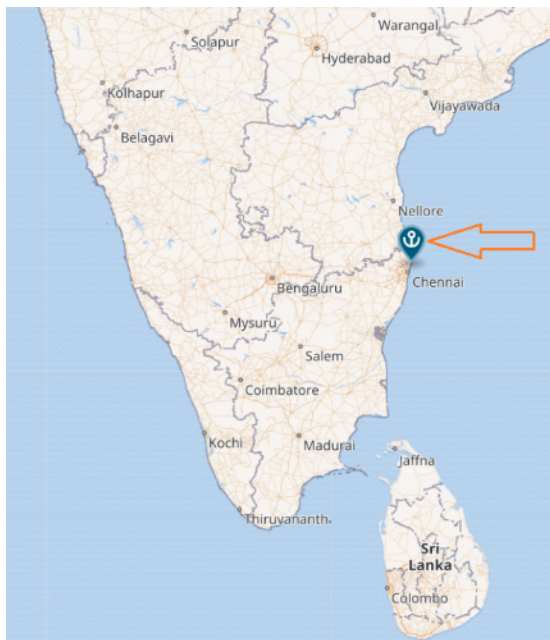
■ Project Scope-

- This initiative will primarily be implemented in agriculture-intensive states such as Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Assam, and Jharkhand.

Kamarajar Port-

- Kamarajar Port has recently become India's second port (after Visakhapatnam Port) to possess an 18-meter draft capacity.
- To achieve this, under the 'Capital Dredging Phase-VI' project, the depth of the outer approach channel was increased from 20.0 meters to 23.0 meters, and the inner approach channel was deepened to 22.0 meters.
- With an operational draft of 18.0 meters, the port is now capable of handling fully loaded Capesize vessels of up to 170,000 tonnes.
- An investment of approximately ₹440 crore has been made in this project.

■ Kamarajar Port-



- It is a seaplane cargo hub and India's first corporate major port.
- Geographical Location: Coromandel Coast, East Coast (Chennai).
- Establishment: March 1999.
 - It was formally declared India's 12th major port under the Indian Ports Act, 1908.
- Commercial Operations: February 1, 2001.

National Launch of the 'Letter of Authorization' for Sustainable Deep-Sea Fishing

- The Department of Fisheries, Government of India, organized the national launch event for the 'Letter of Authorization for Sustainable Deep-Sea Fishing Practices' in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on July 9, 2026.
- On this occasion, the Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan, formally launched the Letter of Authorization and also released the 'Odisha Deep-Sea Fishing Mission (2026–2036) Document'.

■ What is the Letter of Authorization?

- This Letter of Authorization is a mandatory and transparent framework established under the 'Guidelines for Sustainable Deep-Sea Fishing Practices by Indian-Flagged Fishing Vessels, 2025'.
- Features-
 - It is issued in the name of a specific vessel and cannot be transferred to any other party.
 - It is linked to the 'RealCraft Fishing Vessel Registration Portal', enabling real-time tracking, monitoring, and transparent operations of the vessels.
 - It is issued/renewed at a nominal fee and eliminates procedural hurdles through digital processes.

■ Odisha Deep-Sea Fishing Mission (2026–2036)-

- This is a flagship 'Blue Economy' initiative of the Government of Odisha.
- Aims to establish Odisha as a leading hub for deep-sea fishing and marine exports.
- Aims to boost employment and fishermen's income through modern infrastructure, value chain development, scientific fisheries management, and market linkages.
- Odisha and Fish Production-
 - Odisha is one of the country's major fish-producing states.
 - Approximately 95 percent of Odisha's population consumes fish, with a per capita consumption of 19.16 kg.

- By the year 2025-26, Odisha had produced 12.70 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of fish.
- During the year 2025-26, the state exported 1,00,897 metric tonnes of seafood valued at ₹5,428.67 crore, primarily driven by shrimp and other high-value fish species.
- During the financial year 2025-26, India exported seafood worth ₹73,890 crore.

Miscellaneous Facts-

- On July 1, 2026, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the construction of the 117.7 km-long Kanpur-Kabrae access-controlled greenfield highway—part of the Bhopal-Kanpur Economic Corridor—under the National Highways (O) programme.
- Indian Railways approved the installation of an electronic interlocking system at 13 stations on the Durg-Taroki section of the Raipur Division (South East Central Railway) at a cost of ₹226 crore.
- NHAI has introduced a multi-lane free-flow tolling system at the Manoharpur toll plaza on NH-48, Jaipur.
- The Central Government has amended the Drugs Rules, 1945, to bring cell or stem cell-derived products, gene therapy products, and xenotransplants under the ambit of the centralized licensing approval authority framework.
- MANAS (Narcotics Prohibition Intelligence Centre) – This is the national narcotics helpline. Through this platform, citizens can provide confidential information regarding drug-related activities, seek advice, and access rehabilitation-related assistance at any time.
- On July 2, 2026, the National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Kundli, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Massey University, New Zealand, aiming to strengthen academic and research collaboration in the fields of food technology, food processing, innovation, and higher education.
- On July 6, 2026, the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry called upon the leather and footwear industry to set an export target of at least US\$ 15 billion over the next five to six years.
- The Government of India has notified Navi Mumbai Airport as a point of entry for the import of drugs under the Drugs Rules, 1945. With this new amendment, the total number of entry points (road/rail/sea/air) has reached 42.
- South Eastern Coalfields Limited's (SECL) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, 'SECL ke Sushrut', has become the first CSR scheme of any coal Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) to be notified in the Gazette of India.
- On July 7, 2026, NLDL (the operational arm of the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation) and the Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Government of Punjab, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to drive digital transformation in Punjab's ecosystem through the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP).
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal commenced a visit to Spain on July 14, 2026, featuring high-level meetings aimed at strengthening the India-Spain economic partnership.
- On July 15, 2026, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved two projects proposed by the Ministry of Railways, with a total cost of approximately ₹3,907 crore. The projects are: Paradip-Haridaspur and Rajkharsawan-Dangoaposi.
- The Centre for Trade and Investment Law, in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), released a guide titled 'Going Global: A Practical Guide for Indian MSMEs' in New Delhi on July 16, 2026.
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal undertook a five-day visit to Spain, Belgium, Finland, and Estonia from July 13 to 18, 2026. The objective of this visit was to deepen India's economic partnership with Europe, expand investment ties, strengthen technological cooperation, and foster business-to-business relations.
- A target was set to achieve a coal gasification capacity of 100 million tonnes by the year 2030 under the National Coal Gasification Mission.
- The second round of negotiations for the India-Israel Free Trade Agreement (FTA) concluded at the Vaniya Bhawan in New Delhi from July 20 to July 23, 2026.
- On July 27, 2026, Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced the formation of a task force aimed at supporting the toy sector and identifying measures necessary to achieve a 5 percent share of the global toy market by 2032.
- In the 2025-26 financial year, India's exports reached a record \$863.1 billion; within this, merchandise exports stood at \$441.8 billion and service exports at \$421.3 billion.
- The Government of India has decided to impose stock-holding limits on sugar traders across the country, effective from August 1, 2026. This order will remain in force until November 30, 2026.

- On July 30, 2026, the Union Ministry of Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with InterGlobe Aviation Limited, aiming to promote India as a preferred global tourism destination.
- On July 30, 2026, Invest India signed an MoU with the Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association (APACMed) to foster investment, innovation, and sustainable growth in India's medical technology (MedTech) sector.
- According to the Reserve Bank of India, total household debt in India has reached 45.5% of the GDP, driven by an increase in non-housing retail loans such as personal loans and credit card debt.
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the report of the Technical Advisory Committee on the Index of Services Production. The base year for this index has been set as 2024-25. It will be the first index to measure the monthly performance of the country's formal services sector.
- According to the GROHE-Hurun India Real Estate Rich List 2026, the 'Gautam Adani family' has emerged as the country's wealthiest real estate business family.
- Plastic Notes: The note-printing arm of the Reserve Bank of India has issued a global tender for polymer substrate sheets.
- NITI Aayog has released a roadmap to position India among the world's top three biotechnology powers by 2035. The plan proposes the creation of a 'Bio-economy Growth Fund' worth ₹50,000 crore.
- The Internet and Mobile Association of India recently launched the E-commerce Council of India.
- The National Stock Exchange recently launched an Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment. This move aims to make gold trading more transparent and organized.
- According to an IPL valuation study by the US investment bank 'Houlihan Lokey', Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) holds the top spot in terms of both business value and brand value.
- Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar attended the 'EMF Global ACE-2026' conference—organized by the Event Management Federation in Kathmandu, Nepal—as the chief guest and jury chair.
- Britain's Josh Kerr broke the world record for the men's mile race at the London Diamond League, clocking a time of 3 minutes 42.66 seconds and surpassing Hicham El Guerrouj's 27-year-old record.

5. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Defence Technology

INS Mahendragiri



- On July 11, 2026, the Indian Navy inducted the indigenously built advanced stealth frigate 'INS Mahendragiri' into its Eastern Fleet at a ceremony held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, presided over by Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh.
- Design: By the Warship Design Bureau.
- Construction: By Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.
- Naming: Named after the 'Mahendragiri' mountain range in the Eastern Ghats.
- Construction Material: Over 75% indigenous content used.
 - The country's Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and defence industries made significant contributions to its construction.
- Displacement: Approximately 6,670 tonnes.
- Speed: 28 knots.
- **Technology Integration:**
 - Radar-evading capability.
 - High level of automation.
 - Advanced stealth technology.
 - Modern Combined Diesel or Gas (CODAG) propulsion system.
 - Surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missile systems.
 - Anti-submarine warfare systems and advanced electronic warfare capabilities.
 - Integrated Combat Management System.
- **Utility:** Useful for anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine operations, as well as humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and search and rescue missions.

- This is the sixth stealth frigate built under Project 17A; the other five are as follows:

1. INS Nilgiri
2. INS Udaygiri
3. INS Himgiri
4. INS Taragiri
5. INS Dunagiri

INS Malvan-

- The Mahe-class INS Malvan was recently commissioned at Karwar on July 22, 2026.
- **Features-**
 - It is an anti-submarine vessel and the second in the series of shallow-water vessels.
 - Built by- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.
 - More than 80 percent indigenous content has been used in its construction.
 - Naming- Named after the coastal town of Malvan in Maharashtra, a region linked to the maritime legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Successful development of the first indigenous expendable turbojet engine in the 350 kg thrust class-

- India's first indigenous 'expendable turbojet engine' in the 350 kg thrust class has recently been successfully developed and assembled.
- Its manufacturing and assembly were completed by Hyderabad-based Azad Engineering, based on the design provided by the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE).

Significance-

Aspect	Significance
Technical Complexity	Mastering jet-engine technology is highly complex due to the need for advanced metallurgy, high precision, and stringent manufacturing standards.
Strategic Use	Expendable turbojet engines are primarily used in UAVs, missile systems, and drones.
Industrial Capability	This achievement demonstrates the growing capability of the Indian private sector to manufacture complex defence and aerospace components.

First successful flight test of the 'Kusha' missile-

- On July 23, 2026, DRDO conducted the first successful flight test of the 'Kusha'—a long-range surface-to-air missile—from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- It has been developed by various DRDO laboratories and industry partners.
- The 'Kusha' missile system is capable of neutralizing various types of aerial threats—including fighter aircraft, missiles, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), and large enemy aircraft—across a wide range of distances and altitudes.

Launch of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft 'Machilipatnam'—

- The Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft 'Machilipatnam' was formally launched on July 29, 2026.
- Built by: Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- Named after: The historic port city of 'Machilipatnam'.
- **Features-**
 - Anti-submarine warfare: Capability to detect and engage enemy submarines in shallow waters.
 - Underwater surveillance: Effective underwater surveillance capability in coastal waters.
 - Capable of successfully executing low-intensity maritime operations.
 - Equipped with specialized capabilities for neutralizing mines.
- More than 80 percent indigenous content has been used in its construction, reinforcing the commitment to 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) in the defense manufacturing sector.

Second Indigenous Diving Support Vessel 'Nipun' Handed Over to the Navy-



- On July 30, 2026, the second Diving Support Vessel (DSV) 'Nipun', built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, was handed over to the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam.

■ Features -

- Meaning of the name – 'Skilled, proficient, and adept at a specific task'
- Indigenous construction – Approximately 75 percent of the vessel is made from indigenous materials.
- Classification standards – Its design and construction comply with the classification standards of the Indian Register of Shipping.
 1. Saturation Diving – Equipped with state-of-the-art diving equipment that enables long and complex deep-sea diving operations.
 2. Side Diving Stage – Features a dedicated side diving stage for the safe and effective operation of divers.
 3. Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) – Provides real-time assistance to divers during underwater surveillance, search, and rescue operations.
 4. Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV) – Acts as a primary support vessel to safely evacuate naval personnel from distressed submarines during emergencies.

Army Chief Launches Indigenous Extreme Weather Grade Diesel-

- On July 31, 2026, Army Chief General Dhiraj Seth launched the indigenously developed Extreme Weather Grade (XWG) diesel in New Delhi.
- This special diesel has been jointly developed by the Indian Army and oil marketing companies.
- This special diesel will enhance the mobility, safety, and operational capability of combat and logistics vehicles in extreme climatic conditions.
- It will also be suitable for widespread civilian use in high-altitude regions and areas experiencing severe winter conditions.
- Conventional diesel can thicken at very low temperatures and clog fuel filters, hindering vehicle operations in high-altitude and freezing regions; in contrast, XWG diesel resolves this issue and remains effective at temperatures as low as minus 42 degrees Celsius.
- As it complies with BS-6 standards and IS-1460:2025 specifications, it can be used in the Indian Army's existing vehicle fleet without requiring any engine modifications or recalibration.

Unicorn Mast Technology-

- Unicorn Mast (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) is a high-tech stealth antenna technology that helps evade enemy radar.
- This technology consolidates a warship's communication, radar, and other radio antennas into a single unit.

- Currently, warships are equipped with multiple antennas for various functions, which increases their radar signature and makes them easier to detect on enemy radar.
- Unicorn technology integrates all these antennas into a single tower. This reduces the ship's radar signature, makes it easier to conceal its location, and makes it difficult for enemy radar to detect or track it.

SOLV-



- On July 3, 2026, ISRO conducted the first successful ground test of the solid motor for SOLV (Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments) at Sriharikota.
- It will be instrumental in safely bringing the astronauts of the 'Gaganyaan' human space mission back to Earth.
- **SOLV-**
 - SOLV is a new test rocket specifically developed by ISRO.
 - Its function is to carry the Gaganyaan 'Crew Module' into the air to test its parachute system.
 - The rocket will transport the crew module to an altitude of 10 to 17 kilometers. From there, the module will separate, and a total of 10 parachutes will be deployed to decelerate it before it lands in the sea.

JL-3 Missile-

- This is a Chinese missile that has been successfully tested by China from a nuclear submarine in the Pacific Ocean.
- Strike range: Over 8,000 km.

Baaz Battalion-

- The Indian Army has announced the formation of the 'Baaz' Battalion to strengthen drone capabilities and manage drone operations.
- This battalion will be placed under the Army Aviation Corps.
- Its role will involve long-range surveillance, target identification, and launching attacks when necessary.
- The battalion will operate the MQ-9B (being procured from the US), Israel's Heron and Hermes, as well as domestically developed drones.

Successful Flight Test of Pinaka Rocket-



- On July 8, 2026, the DRDO successfully conducted a flight test of the long-range guided Pinaka rocket at the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur.
- The rocket was tested for a minimum operational range of 60 kilometers, as specified by the user.
- It was designed and developed by the Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with the High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL).
- **Other features-**
 - Range: Approximately 120 kilometers.
 - The rocket is backward-compatible, meaning it can be integrated into existing launch systems without requiring significant structural modifications.

DAC Approves Capital Acquisition Proposals Worth 52,000 Crore-

- On July 3, 2026, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved various acquisition proposals for the defence forces, valued at approximately ₹52,000 crore.
- **For the Indian Army-**
 1. UAV Electronic Warfare System 'Akash Tarang': This will provide effective protection to Army troops against aerial attacks.
 2. Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile System: This will enhance the infantry's capability to counter enemy mechanized threats.
 3. Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) System: This will provide medium-range air defence against various types of long-range aerial attacks.
 4. Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS): Equipped with multi-spectral sensing capabilities, this will boost the Army's counter-action capability and effectiveness.
 5. Active Protection System for Tanks: This will strengthen the tanks' defence systems and significantly extend their operational lifespan and capability.

6. Jet-based Kamikaze Drone System: These offer superior lethality and enhanced electronic warfare capabilities over extended periods, while also being cost-effective.

■ **For the Indian Navy-**

1. Multi-Influence Ground Mine – Capable of thwarting enemy maneuvers.
2. Naval Shipborne Unmanned Aerial System – Will enhance the Indian Navy's situational awareness.
3. Land-Based Test Facility (LBTF) for Electric Propulsion Systems – Will meet the testing requirements for motors and associated propulsion systems of Indian Navy assets.

■ **For the Indian Air Force-**

1. Fixed-Wing Based High-Altitude Pseudo-Satellite – Will perform continuous intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR), telecommunication, and remote sensing tasks for the Indian Air Force.

Samudra Pradakshina-

- Recently, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh formally welcomed the team upon the successful return of 'Samudra Pradakshina'—the first-ever tri-service, all-women global circumnavigation sailing expedition—on July 22, 2026.
- In this expedition, nine women officers from the three armed forces completed a successful 314-day voyage aboard the Indian Army's sailing vessel, IASV-Triveni, covering a distance of approximately 25,500 nautical miles across four oceans.
- The expedition was virtually flagged off by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh from Mumbai on September 11, 2025.

- Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace successfully launched India's first private orbital rocket, Vikram-1. The test was successful on the very first attempt.

■ **Vikram-1-**

- Manufacturer- Skyroot Aerospace
- Launch Date- July 18, 2026
- Launch Site- Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh)
- Payload Capacity- Approximately 350 kg into Low Earth Orbit (LEO)
- Vehicle Length- Approximately 22 meters
- It is the country's first privately developed orbital launch vehicle.
- It is constructed entirely using a carbon-composite structure, solid-fuel boosters, and 3D-printed liquid engines.
- The majority of the rocket's structure is made from advanced carbon fiber material, making it lightweight yet extremely strong.
- Skyroot Aerospace-
 - Establishment- Year 2018
 - It became India's first unicorn company in the space sector.
 - Prior to this, a sub-orbital mission named Vikram-S (2022) was launched.

Anil Menon-

- He is a NASA astronaut of Indian origin.
- He launched to the International Space Station aboard Russia's Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft on July 14, 2026.
- This was his first spaceflight.
- He will stay in space for eight months and study the effects of space on the human body.



Space Technology

Successful Launch of Vikram-1-



Biotechnology, Information Technology, and Other Technologies-

Vanguard-

- It is the world's first modern underwater habitat built for scientists in Florida, USA.
- It was constructed by the British ocean technology company DEEP and is located 17 meters below the sea surface.
- It can accommodate four scientists simultaneously for five days or longer.
- It will be used for coral reef conservation, climate change research, and astronaut training.

Spudcell (Artificial Cell)-

- Scientists at the University of Minnesota, USA, have succeeded in creating an artificial cell. This new cell has been named 'Spudcell'.
- This cell can ingest nutrients, grow, divide, and compete with other cells. It was created using approximately 100 types of proteins, lipids (fats), and 36 genes.
- Although it is not yet considered fully alive, it possesses several key characteristics of life.
- The cell is not yet fully self-sufficient; it cannot produce its own ribosomes (protein-synthesizing structures).

Placenta-on-a-Chip-

- The National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health (Mumbai) and IIT Bombay have developed a 'placenta-on-a-chip'.
- It is a lab-grown microsystem made of transparent plastic that replicates key functions of the human placenta in a laboratory setting.
- It will enable the study of pregnancy complications and the testing of the effects of drugs on the fetus.

U-World U1-

- This is a modern, human-like robot.
- It was created by a Chinese company and can converse using artificial intelligence.
- Its skin feels realistic to the touch, and it can mimic 90 percent of human movements.

IIT Bombay develops new AI-based flood warning system-

- Researchers at IIT Bombay have developed an advanced AI-based flood warning system for vulnerable areas.
- The system accurately predicts floods at a 30-meter resolution using satellite radar data and machine learning.
- This AI system identifies flood-prone areas with an accuracy of over 93 percent.

Awikli-

- Recently, the Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk launched 'Awikli' in India, the world's first once-weekly basal insulin. It will be available for patients with Type-1 and Type-2 diabetes.

CS-68 Variety-

- This is a mustard variety developed by scientists at the Fatehpur Agricultural Research Center and ICAR-Karnal.
- Compared to standard mustard, this variety yields twice as much, even in adverse and fluctuating (hot and cold) weather conditions.

City Flood Alert Platform-

- Recently, the Andhra Pradesh government launched the 'City Flood Alert' AI platform for accurate urban flood forecasting.
- The system can predict rainfall 48 hours in advance and issue flood warnings six hours ahead of time.
- This platform was launched in Vijayawada, an area prone to flooding from the Budameru River.

Inauguration of the Indian Standard Time (IST) Dissemination Demonstration Network -

- On July 16, 2026, an Indian Standard Time (IST) dissemination demonstration network based on "White Rabbit Technology" was inaugurated at the Regional Reference Standards Laboratory in Bengaluru.
- It has been jointly developed by the Department of Consumer Affairs, CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, and the Indian Space Research Organisation.
- This demonstration network enables the secure dissemination of UTC (NPLI)-traceable Indian Standard Time using "White Rabbit Technology," which is based on the Precision Time Protocol.

56th International Physics Olympiad 2026-

- Five members of the Indian team secured gold medals at the 56th International Physics Olympiad 2026 held in Bucaramanga, Colombia.
- Competing against 381 students from 87 countries, India jointly secured the first place globally alongside China, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, and Taiwan.
- **Indian students who won medals-**
 - Kanishk Jain – Pune, Maharashtra
 - Riddhesh Anant Bendale – Indore, Madhya Pradesh
 - Rishit Garg – Dwarka, New Delhi
 - Shreshth Suraiya – Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - Swarit Joshi – Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- **Team guidance and mentors for the competition-**
 - Team Leaders – Prof. Anvesh Majumdar and Dr. Leena Joshi.
 - Scientific Observers – Prof. Anand Dasgupta and Ms. Nisha Kelkar.

37th International Biology Olympiad-

- Edition- 37th
- Dates- July 12 to 19, 2026
- Venue- Vilnius, Lithuania
- **India's Performance-**
- **Four Indian students won 1 gold and 3 silver medals-**
 1. Bhavya Gunwal (Mahendragarh, Haryana) – Gold Medal

2. Saumil Maiti (Howrah, West Bengal) –Silver Medal
3. Nishit Kalani (Pali, Rajasthan) – Silver Medal
4. Anmol Kumar (Mansa, Punjab) – Silver Medal

58th International Chemistry Olympiad-

- Edition- 58th
- Dates- July 10 to 19, 2026
- Venue- Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **India's Performance-**
- All four Indian students won gold medals-
 1. Debadatta Priyadarshi (Bhubaneswar, Odisha) – Gold
 2. Harshit Singla (Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab) – Gold
 3. Kabir Chhillar (Delhi) – Gold
 4. Sandeep Kuchi (Hyderabad, Telangana) –Gold

67th International Mathematical Olympiad-

- Edition: 67th
- Venue: Shanghai, China
- India's Performance:
- India's six-member team won 2 gold and 4 silver medals.
- The Indian team secured the 7th (unofficial) rank among 117 countries.
- **Indian Medalists:**
 1. Mr. Aarav Gupta (Delhi) – Gold
 2. Mr. Abel George Mathew (Karnataka) – Gold
 3. Mr. Bairav Murugan (Karnataka) – Silver
 4. Mr. Kanav Talwar (Delhi) – Silver
 5. Ms. Sanjana Philo Chacko (Kerala) – Silver
 6. Ms. Shreya Shantanu Mundhra (Mumbai) – Silver

Miscellaneous Facts-

- The Indian Navy's training ship, INS Sudarshini, participated in the 'International Naval Review 250' and 'Sail4th 250' celebrations hosted by the United States.
- NASA announced new agreements worth \$600 million to prepare for a permanent human presence on the Moon. Under this initiative, four robotic lander missions will be launched by the end of 2028.
- Microsoft, Singtel, and Tata Communications signed an agreement to build the '1-2SEA' submarine cable system. Spanning approximately 3,600 km, this cable will connect India to AI hubs in Malaysia and Singapore. Two landing points for the cable will be established in India at Machilipatnam and South Chennai.
- According to the ISC-2026 supercomputing conference held in Hamburg, Germany, the 'Lineshine Supercomputer' developed by China has secured the top spot on the global 'Top 500' list. It has surpassed the US-based 'El Capitan'.
- A Marine Jet (MJP) high-speed waterjet system, manufactured in India for the first time, was successfully tested in Goa.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently completed military field trials of an indigenous Quantum Key Distribution system.
- For the first time in the country, a Railway Under Bridge (RUB) was constructed at Platform No. 6 of Udhna Railway Station in just nine hours using state-of-the-art technology.
- The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has recently approved the Wegovy injection for treating Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatohepatitis (MASH), a severe form of fatty liver disease; this is the country's first approved GLP-1 therapy.
- The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has granted approval for the use of the country's first dengue vaccine.
- The Department of Dental Surgery at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, has recently developed an AI-based oral cancer screening device.

6. SPORTS

Football

FIFA World Cup 2026

- Edition: 23rd
- Dates: June 11 to July 19, 2026
- Duration: 39 days
- Host Nations: USA, Canada, Mexico
- Participating Teams: 48 teams
- Matches: 104 matches
- It is a quadrennial international men's football championship contested by the national teams of FIFA's member associations.
- It is being co-hosted by 16 cities—11 in the United States, 3 in Mexico, and 2 in Canada.
- Winner: Spain
- **Runner-up: Argentina :-** Spain defeated Argentina 1–0 in the FIFA World Cup final.
 - FIFA Golden Glove Award: Unai Simón
 - FIFA Young Player Award: Pau Cubarsí
 - FIFA Golden Boot Award: Kylian Mbappé
 - FIFA Golden Ball Award: Rodri



FIFA World Cup 2026 – Team of the Tournament

- FIFA, the governing body of football, has announced the 'Team of the Tournament' for the FIFA World Cup 2026.
- FIFA Best XI List

Position	Player	Country
Goalkeeper	Bento / Vozinha	Cape Verde
Defender	Marc Cucurella	Spain
Defender	Lisandro Martínez	Argentina
Defender	Dayot Upamecano	France
Defender	Pedro Porro	Spain
Midfielder	Rodri	Spain
Midfielder	Jude Bellingham	England
Midfielder	Michael Olise	France
Forward	Kylian Mbappé	France
Forward	Erling Haaland	Norway
Forward	Lionel Messi	Argentina

Neymar –

- He is a star Brazilian footballer. He has announced his retirement from international football.
- Neymar has scored 80 goals in 130 matches for Brazil.

Cricket

ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026



- Edition: 10th
- Dates: June 12 – July 5, 2026
- Organizer: International Cricket Council (ICC)
- Venue: England and Wales
- Participating Teams: 12
- Winner: Australia
- Runner-up: England
 - Australia defeated hosts England by seven wickets in the final.
 - Australia claimed the world title for a record seventh time (2010, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2020, 2023, 2026).

Beth Mooney-

- She is a star opening batter for Australian cricket who has become the world's number-1 T20 batter.
- Beth Mooney has reached the top spot for the fifth time with 785 rating points.

Tammy Beaumont-

- She is an English female cricketer who has announced her retirement from international cricket.
- She has scored the highest number of centuries (twelve) for England in ODIs.

Yastika Bhatia-

- She is a wicketkeeper-batter for the Indian women's team. She became the first Indian female batter to have her name inscribed on the Lord's 'Honours Board'.
- She played an innings of 113 runs off 158 balls.

Heather Knight-

- She is a former captain of the England women's team who recently announced her retirement from international cricket.
- She holds the record for playing the most matches (320) for England across all three formats.

Justin Greaves-

- He is a pace all-rounder from the West Indies (Caribbean).
- He became the first player in the world to bowl five consecutive 'wicket-maidens' (taking a wicket without conceding a run in five consecutive overs) in a Test match played against Pakistan.

Ajinkya Rahane-

- He is a middle-order batter and former Test vice-captain of the Indian cricket team. He has recently retired from all formats of international cricket.
- Rahane made his ODI debut in 2011 and his Test debut in 2013.

Chess

Ashwath S. -

- He is a chess player from Tamil Nadu.
- He became India's 98th Grandmaster at the age of 17.

Vladimir Kramnik -

- He is a Russian chess Grandmaster and former World Champion.
- He was suspended by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) for a period of one year (minimum).

V.S. Rathanvel -

- He is a 25-year-old chess player from Coimbatore.
- He became India's 99th Grandmaster.

Bodhana Sivanandan -

- She is an 11-year-old chess player of Indian origin.
- She broke legendary chess player Judit Polgár's 38-year-old record by achieving her first International Master (IM) norm at the Dole Trophy tournament held in France.
- Bodhana achieved this feat at the age of just 11, whereas Polgár had secured her first IM norm in April 1988 at the age of 11 years and 9 months.

Hockey

Marshal Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament 2026

- Edition: 7th
- Dates: June 23 to July 3, 2026
- Venue: Amit Singh Bakshi Hockey Stadium, Air Force Station Jalahalli
- Participating Teams: 16 teams
- Final Match:
 - Played between the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy.
 - Winner: Indian Air Force (won 2-1)
 - Runner-up: Indian Navy
 - A cash prize of ₹10,00,000 was awarded to the winning team, and ₹8,00,000 to the runner-up team.

Badminton

Japan Open 2026 Badminton-

- Edition- 43rd
- Dates- July 14 and 19, 2026
- Venue- Tokyo, Japan
- Category/Level- Super 750
- **Winners and Runners-up-**
 - **Men's Singles-**
 - Winner – Christo Popov (France)
 - Runner-up – Koki Watanabe (Japan)
 - **Women's Singles-**
 - Winner – P.V. Sindhu (India)
 - Runner-up – Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)
 - **Men's Doubles-**
 - Winner – Fajar Alfian-Muhammad Shohibul Fikri (Indonesia)
 - Runner-up – Kim Won-ho-Seo Seung-jae (South Korea)
 - **Women's Doubles-**
 - Winner – Kong Hee-yong-Kim Hye-jeong (South Korea)
 - Runner-up – Jia Yifan-Zhang Shuxian (China)
 - **Mixed Doubles-**
 - Winner – Huang Dongping-Feng Yanzhe (China)
 - Runner-up – Tse Ying Suet-Tang Chun Man (Hong Kong)
- Note- Indian badminton star P.V. Sindhu clinched the Japan Open 2026 title by defeating Japan's three-time world champion Akane Yamaguchi (21-17, 21-17).

Tennis

Wimbledon 2026-

- Dates- June 29 to July 12, 2026
- Venue- All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London
- Court- Grass court
- **Winners-**
 - **Singles-**
 - Men's Singles- Jannik Sinner (Italy)
 - Women's Singles- Linda Nosková (Czech Republic)
 - **Doubles-**
 - Men's Doubles- Harri Heliövaara (Finland) and Henry Patten (Great Britain)
 - Women's Doubles- Guo Hanyu (China) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)
 - **Mixed-**
 - Mixed Doubles- Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador) and Jeļena Ostapenko (Latvia)

Wrestling

Under-15 Asian Wrestling Championships 2026-

- Dates- June 27 – July 5, 2026
- Venue- Pattaya, Thailand
- Freestyle, Greco-Roman, and women's wrestling categories for the under-15 age group were held during this event.
- India won a total of 21 medals (8 gold, 6 silver, and 7 bronze) at this championship.

Under-20 Asian Wrestling Championships 2026-

- Dates- July 2026
- Venue- Pattaya, Thailand
- India won a total of 20 medals (4 gold, 7 silver, and 9 bronze) at this championship.

Others

Anahat Singh-

- She is an Indian squash player.
- She won the title in the junior category at the World Squash Junior Championships by defeating Egypt's Ruqayya Salem in the women's singles event.
- She became the first Indian to win this title, surpassing the record set by Joshna Chinappa, who was the runner-up in 2005.

Animesh Kujur-

- He is a 23-year-old Indian sprinter who completed the 100-meter race in just 10.14 seconds at the 'Fast Arms Fast Legs' meet held in Germany. He has become the fastest Indian sprinter in the 100-meter race outside India.

Neeru Dhanda-

- She is an Indian shooter from Haryana who won the gold medal in the trap event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup.
- Neeru became the first Indian woman to win an individual trap gold medal at the World Cup.

Dame Sarah Storey-

- She is a 48-year-old British Paralympic cyclist who has announced her retirement. She is the most successful Paralympic athlete in British history.
- She has won 30 Paralympic medals, including 19 gold medals.



Sangram Singh-

- He is an Indian star mixed martial artist.
- He recently won the Strike Asia Championship title by knocking out Pakistan's Mohammad Abid Ali in just 1 minute and 20 seconds.

Miscellaneous

- The USA holds the record for the highest combined attendance for a host nation in FIFA World Cup history.
- India tops the Athletics Integrity Unit's (AIU) global list of doping violators (162 cases). Kenya ranks second and Russia third on this list.
- England's Sophie Ecclestone has become the highest wicket-taking spin bowler in the T20 World Cup.
- Indian cricketer Shubman Gill has been nominated for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for June. This marks the fifth time Gill has been nominated for this award.
- Recently, 19-year-old Andrea Kimi Antonelli won the British Grand Prix sprint race at Silverstone. Antonelli has moved ahead in the Formula 1 Drivers' Championship, surpassing Lewis Hamilton.
- India's top-seeded Grandmaster Abhijit Gupta won the title at the Pune International Grandmaster Round-Robin Chess Tournament with 7.5 points.
- Jayden Adams – A 25-year-old South African footballer who recently passed away.
- India's Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah have reached the number 2 spot in the International Table Tennis Federation's men's doubles rankings.
- Devajit Saikia, Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), has been appointed as the chairman of the ICC's newly formed Governance Review Committee.

- India's 15-year-old cricketer Vaibhav Suryavanshi set the world record for the youngest player to score a half-century in international cricket. He achieved this feat at the age of 15 years and 118 days during a T20 match against Zimbabwe, completing his half-century in 18 balls.
- Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand has been appointed as the interim President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- At the ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) held in Hangzhou, China, India's Esha Singh won the gold medal and Manu Bhaker won the bronze medal in the women's 25m pistol event.
- The 2026 World Chess Championship match will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from November 25 to December 15, 2026. In this event, India's reigning World Champion D. Gukesh will face challenger Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan.
- Ryan ten Doeschate has recently stepped down from his position as the assistant coach of the Indian cricket team.
- Franco Baresi – He was an Italian footballer who recently passed away.


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7. AWARDS AND HONOURS

Announcement of the 72nd National Film Awards for the year 2024—

- The winners of the 72nd National Film Awards for the year 2024 were announced on July 18, 2026.
- These awards honor outstanding achievements in Indian cinema across feature films, non-feature films, and writings on cinema.

■ Feature Film Category-



Award Category	Name of the Film	Award Recipient
Best Feature Film	Article 370 (Hindi)	Director: Aditya Suhas Jambhale
Best Debut Film of a Director	Swatantra Veer Savarkar (Hindi)	Director: Randeep Hooda
Best Popular Movie (Best Entertainer)	Kalki 2898 AD (Telugu)	Producer: Vyjayanthi Movies Director: Naga Ashwin Singireddy
Best Children's Film	35- Chinna Katha Kaadu (Telugu)	Director: Nand Kishore Emani
Best Direction	Amaran (Tamil)	Director: Rajkumar Periyasamy
Best Actor (Main Role)	1. Bramayugam (Malayalam) 2. Chandu Champion (Hindi)	Actor: Mammooty Actor: Kartik Aaryan
Best Actress (Main Role)	Article 370 (Hindi)	Actress: Yami Gautam
Best Actor (Supporting Role)	Bhakshak (Hindi)	Supporting Actor: Sanjay Mishra
Best Actress (Supporting Role)	1. Maharaja (Tamil) 2. Mithya (Kannada)	Supporting Actress: Sachana Namidass Supporting Actress: Rupashree Varkadi
Best Child Artist	1. Mithya (Kannada) 2. 35- Chinna Katha Kaadu (Telugu) 3. Onko Ki Kothi (Bengali)	Child Artist: Aatish S Shetty Child Artist: Arundev Pothula Child Artists: Wriddhiman Banerjee, Tapomoy Deb, Geeta Shree Chakraborty
Best Male Playback Singer	Gharat Ganpati (Marathi)	Male Playback Singer: Abhay Jodhpurkar (Song: 'Navsachi Gauri Maji')
Best Female Playback Singer	A. R. M. (Malayalam)	Female Playback Singer: Vaikom Vijayalakshmi (Song: 'Angu Vana Konilu')
Best Music Direction	1. Article 370 (Hindi) 2. Amaran (Tamil)	Music Director (Songs): Shashwat Sachdev Music Director (Background Score): G.V. Prakash Kumar
Best Lyrics	Maidaan (Hindi)	Let go
Best Choreography	Stree 2 (Hindi)	Lyricist - Manoj Muntashir (for the song 'Jaane Do')
Best Action Direction (Stunt Choreography)	Maharaja (Tamil)	Choreographer - Vijay Ganguly (Song - Aaj Ki Raat Ke Liye)

Non-Feature Film Category-

Award Category	Film Title	Award Winner
Best Non-Feature Film	Bhangar (Marathi & English)	Producer & Director: Sumira Roy
Best Debut Film of a Director	Aangan (Santali)	Director: Ravi Raj Murmu
Best Animation Film	Touched as Water (Silent)	Producer & Animator: Joshi Benedict
Best Short Film (up to 30 minutes)	Humsafar (Marathi)	Producer: Anushka Motion Pictures and Entertainments Director: Abhijit Arvind Dalvi
Best Direction	Statue of Unity - Symbol of Unity (Hindi)	Director: Anand L. Rai

- Best Film Critic Award - Sanjeev Srivastava (Hindi)
- Chairperson, 72nd National Film Awards (2024) Feature Film Jury - Shri Jayaraj

Awards for the 17th National Youth Parliament Competition (2024-25) for Universities and Colleges—

- The award distribution ceremony for the 17th National Youth Parliament Competition (2024-25) for universities and colleges was held in New Delhi on July 7, 2026.
- Universities/Colleges securing the first position at the group level in the competition—

S. N.	Name of University/College
1.	DAV College, Jalandhar, Punjab
2.	Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal
3.	Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
4.	Central University of Punjab, Bathinda
5.	SSMRV College, Bengaluru, Karnataka
6.	Chanakya National Law University, Patna, Bihar
7.	Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana

6G Alliance and 5G Lab Excellence Awards-

- Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia, chaired a review meeting on the progress of the 'Bharat 6G Alliance' at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on July 28, 2026. 5G Lab Excellence Awards were also presented on this occasion.
- **Bharat 6G Alliance-**
 - The Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA) is a collaborative platform bringing together diverse stakeholders.
 - It unites academia, industry, startups, and government institutions to build a world-class and future-ready 6G ecosystem in India.
 - With a focus on R&D, innovation, and standardization, B6GA plays a pivotal role in advancing India's vision of global leadership in next-generation communication technology.
- **India 6G Vision-**
 - Released- March 22, 2023
 - Objective- To make India a global leader in the design, development, and deployment of 6G technology by the year 2030.
- **5G Lab Excellence Awards-**
 - These awards were presented to institutions that demonstrated outstanding performance in the utilization, innovation, testing, research, and skill development of 5G/5G-Advanced technology during the period from January to June 2026-

Award Category	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3
5G Lab Excellence Award	IIITDM Kurnool	DKTE Textile and Engineering Institute, Maharashtra	IIT Roorkee
5G Lab Utilization Excellence Award	IIITDM Kurnool	IIT Ropar	PEC Chandigarh
5G Lab Partnership Excellence Award	IIITDM Kurnool	IIT Roorkee	THDC Institute of Hydropower Engineering and Technology, Tehri
5G Lab Innovation Excellence Award	IIITDM Kurnool	DKTE Textile and Engineering Institute, Maharashtra	IIIT Delhi

- IIITDM Kurnool secured the first position in all four categories.

Deendayal Upadhyaya Telecom Excellence Awards-

- On July 29, 2026, the Union Minister of Communications presented the 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Telecom Excellence Awards-2025' to two organizations for their outstanding contributions to the field of telecommunications technology.
- **Award-winning organizations-**
 1. Amantya Technologies Private Limited
 2. Finara
- About the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Telecom Excellence Awards-
 - Established by- Department of Telecommunications, Union Ministry of Communications.
 - Objective- To foster innovation in the telecom sector and encourage the telecom skills ecosystem.
 - Under this initiative, successful telecom professionals and institutions in India are honored annually for their exceptional contributions in areas such as telecom innovation, telecom skills, telecom services, telecom manufacturing, and telecom applications.

S.S. Rajamouli-

- Indian film director S.S. Rajamouli has been honored by having his name included on the 'Wall of Filmmakers' at the Lumière Museum in France.
- This is considered one of the most prestigious honors in the film world.
- **Wall of Filmmakers-**
 - A famous landmark located in the city of Lyon, France.
 - It permanently displays the names of select filmmakers who have made significant contributions to world cinema.

Golden Lion for Career Achievement Award-

- Hollywood actor and director George Clooney will be presented with the 'Golden Lion for Career Achievement' award at the 83rd Venice International Film Festival.
- **83rd Venice International Film Festival-**
 - Dates- September 2 to 12, 2026
 - Venue- Venice, Italy
 - This festival began in the year 1932.

Sourav Ganguly Inducted into ICC Hall of Fame-

- Former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly was inducted into the 'ICC Hall of Fame' at the ICC's annual conference in Edinburgh.
- He became the 12th Indian cricketer to make it to this list.

Indian Cricketers Inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame

No.	Cricketer	Year
1	Bishan Singh Bedi	2009
2	Kapil Dev	2009
3	Sunil Gavaskar	2009
4	Anil Kumble	2015
5	Rahul Dravid	2018
6	Sachin Tendulkar	2019
7	Vinoo Mankad	2021
8	Virender Sehwag	2023
9	Diana Edulji	2023
10	Neetu David	2024
11	Mahendra Singh Dhoni	2025
12	Sourav Ganguly*	2026

Snehability National Award-2026-

- Recently, disability rights activist Dr. Hemant Goyal was honored with the 'Snehability National Award-2026'.
- This honor was conferred upon Dr. Goyal at a program organized during the 18th foundation day celebrations of the 'Sneh Sanstha' in Nagda, Madhya Pradesh.
- Snehability National Award-** It is awarded to honor individuals and organizations that have rendered outstanding service in the field of disability.

60th Jnanpith Award-

- Tamil poet and lyricist R. Vairamuthu has been honored with the 60th Jnanpith Award (for the year 2025).
- He is the third Tamil litterateur to receive the Jnanpith Award.
- He has also received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2003 for Kallikattu Ithihasam.
- Jnanpith Award-**
 - Established- In the year 1961
 - Founder- Bharatiya Jnanpith
 - It is India's highest literary honor.
 - It is often referred to as the 'Nobel Prize of Indian literature'.
 - This award covers all languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, as well as the English language.

Fields Medal 2026-



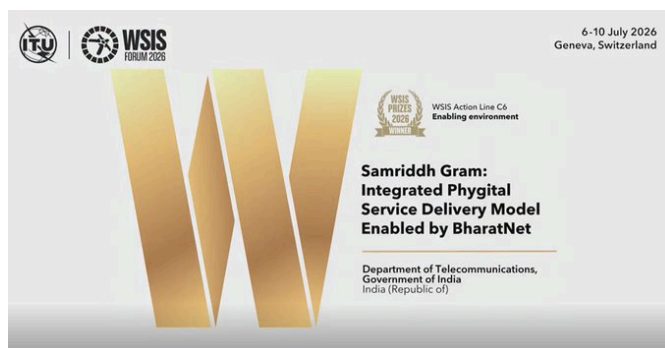
- Recently, the prestigious Fields Medal for the year 2026 was awarded to four mathematicians.
- Mathematicians honored with the Fields Medal-

- Hong Wang - Mathematician from China
- Yu Deng - Chinese mathematician (affiliated with the University of Chicago)
- John Pardon - American mathematician
- Jacob Tsimerman - Canadian mathematician

Fields Medal-

- Established- Year 1936
- Awarded by- International Congress of Mathematicians
- It is awarded at intervals of four years.
- Objective- To honor outstanding work in the field of mathematics and the potential for achieving significant accomplishments in the future.

Samriddh Gram - Integrated Physical-Digital Service Delivery Model supported by BharatNet-



- Recently, the Department of Telecommunications' project "Samriddh Gram - Integrated Physical-Digital Service Delivery Model supported by BharatNet" was declared a global winner and presented with an award.
- This award was conferred under the 'Action Line C6 - Enabling Environment' category of the prestigious "World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2026."
- The award was presented during the WSIS Forum 2026 held in Geneva.
- Samriddh Gram: Integrated Physical-Digital Service Delivery Model supported by BharatNet-
 - It is a flagship rural digital transformation initiative of the Department of Telecommunications.
 - By leveraging the high-speed connectivity of the BharatNet broadband network, this model provides multiple services—such as health, education, and e-governance—at a single location within the villages themselves.

FIU-IND Wins Runner-up Award at 'Best Egmont Case Award 2026' –

- The Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) was honored as a runner-up for the 'Best Egmont Case Award 2026' during the 'Egmont Group Plenary Session' held in Baku, Azerbaijan. The award recognized the successful exposure of a massive cyber fraud and money laundering case.
- **Egmont Group –**
 - It is an international organization comprising over 180 financial intelligence units from around the world.
 - It facilitates secure information sharing and cooperation to combat money laundering and terrorist financing.

Bharat Samman 2026 –

- Pratiksha Yadav, a student at Banasthali Vidyapith, Jaipur, and a young litterateur, was conferred the prestigious 'Bharat Samman 2026' at a ceremony held in Delhi.
- She received this honor for her contributions to literature, the promotion of the Hindi language, and her powerful oratory skills.

Miscellaneous Facts –

- The 'ICMR-MINDS' (National Health Research Priority Project) initiative by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) won the Gold Award in Category 2 at the National e-Governance Awards.
- Australia's La Trobe University conferred the honorary 'Doctor of Letters' degree upon actress Rani Mukerji. This honor recognizes her nearly three-decade-long contribution to cinema and her work in films addressing social issues.
- Folk artist Ustad Samandar Khan Manganiyar will be honored with the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2024.
- American filmmaker James Gray will receive the 'Pardo alla Carriera' (Lifetime Achievement Award) at the 79th Locarno Film Festival in Switzerland. He will be presented with this honor on August 9, 2026.
- National Security Advisor Ajit Doval was recently selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award. He will receive this award on August 1, 2026, in Pune, marking the 106th death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.

Conferences/Meetings/Fairs/Festivals/Exhibitions

International

India-Mali Export Promotion Forum –

- Edition: First
- Venue: Bamako, Mali
- Chaired by: Major General Abdoulaye Maïga (Prime Minister of Mali's interim government)
- Theme: "Strengthening trade and strategic partnerships."
- Objective: To further strengthen bilateral economic relations.
- Mali has announced plans to host an investment forum in December 2026.
- **Other facts:**
 - An increase has been recorded in bilateral trade between India and Mali. In the 2025-26 financial year, it exceeded US\$ 326.61 million, marking a 55 percent rise compared to the previous financial year.
 - Major exports from Mali to India include raw cotton, finished leather, cashew nuts, lead, gum arabic, and sesame seeds.
 - Exports from India to Mali include pharmaceuticals, cotton textiles, two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and bicycles.

India-France Economic and Financial Dialogue–

- Date: July 3, 2026
- Venue: France
- Organizers: India and France
- Chaired by: Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and French Finance Minister Roland Lescure
- During this dialogue, India and France discussed prospects for enhancing mutual cooperation in areas such as critical minerals, economic sovereignty, and security policies, and expressed a commitment to further strengthening the integration of financial industries between the two nations.
- During French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to India in February 2026, he and the Prime Minister of India had pledged to hold this dialogue in 2026.

Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) on Consumer Protection Law and Policy-

- Session/Edition: 9th
- Dates: July 6–8, 2026

- Venue: Geneva, Switzerland
- Organizer: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Chairmanship: India
- Objective: To monitor the implementation of the UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection, discuss the enforcement of consumer laws in global markets, and foster mutual cooperation among member nations.
- Representation: Smt. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, will represent the Government of India.
- The event marked the launch of the UN Consumer Product Safety Principles, adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2025.
- **Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy-**
 - This is an Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) constituted under the UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection; it serves as the primary intergovernmental forum for cooperation and dialogue on consumer protection law and policy.

India-Australia Annual Summit-

- Meeting/Edition: 3rd
- Dates: July 8–10, 2026
- Venue: Melbourne, Australia
- Delegation-
 - Indian Leadership: Prime Minister Narendra Modi
 - Australian Leadership: Anthony Albanese
- Objective: To promote cooperation between India and Australia in sectors such as trade and investment, defense and security, critical minerals, cyber and emerging technologies, space, civil nuclear energy, clean energy, etc.

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2026-

- Dates: July 6–10, 2026
- Venue: Geneva, Switzerland
- Organizer: International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- This forum is the world's leading multi-stakeholder platform for digital development and emerging technologies.

India-Japan Defence Policy Dialogue-

- Edition: 8th
- Date: July 13, 2026
- Venue: Tokyo, Japan

- **Leadership-**
 - India: Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
 - Japan: Deputy Defence Minister for International Affairs Kano Koji
- Objective: To foster defence industrial cooperation, technological innovation, cybersecurity, space collaboration, and shared strategic interests.

Codex Alimentarius Commission Meeting-

- Edition/Sequence- 49th
- Dates- July 6–10, 2026
- Venue- Geneva
- Chairmanship- India
- Objective- To protect consumer health, promote fair practices in the food trade, and establish harmonized international food safety standards.
- Seven Codex standards and guidelines were adopted at the meeting.
- The Commission approved India's proposal to develop a Codex standard for cashew kernels.

Codex Alimentarius Commission-

- Established- 1963
- Founders- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO)
- An international food standards body
- Objective- To protect consumer health and ensure fair food trade.

WTO Trade Policy Review-

- Edition- 8th
- Dates- July 21–23, 2026
- Venue- Geneva, Switzerland
- Organizer- World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Led by India- Rajesh Agrawal (Commerce Secretary)
- The WTO Trade Policy Review is a key mechanism for the transparent examination of the trade and economic policies of member countries.
- Under this mechanism, the trade regulations and operations of all member countries are evaluated at regular intervals.

AI for Good Global Summit 2026

- Dates: July 7–10, 2026
- Venue: Geneva, Switzerland
- Organizer: International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- Objective: To accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and identify practical applications of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity.

- It is a high-profile global summit aimed at shaping the state and direction of artificial intelligence worldwide.
- Note: Mukesh Ambani (Chairman, Reliance Industries) and Sunil Bharti Mittal (Airtel) from India are among its founding members.

India-Malaysia Sub-Committee Meeting

- Edition: 12th
- Date: July 1, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Co-chaired by: Amitabh Prasad (Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence) and Amer Mahmud bin Abdul Rahman (Assistant Chief of Staff for Defence Operations and Training, Malaysian Armed Forces)
- Objective: To further strengthen military cooperation between India and Malaysia.

India-Costa Rica Joint Economic and Trade Committee Meeting

- Meeting/Edition: 1st
- Dates: July 6-7, 2026
- Mode: Virtual
- Chaired by: Mr. Vimal Anand (India) and Adriana Castro (Costa Rica)
- Objective: To promote economic and trade interests by reviewing bilateral trade and investment relations.

Meeting of the Joint Defence Cooperation Committee between India and Rwanda

- Edition/Sequence: 2nd
- Dates: July 6-7, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Chaired by: Amitabh Prasad (India) and General Louis Kanobayire (Rwanda)
- Objective: To expand partnerships and strengthen existing ties in areas such as military training, military exercises, medical cooperation, and defence industries.

Meeting of the ASEAN-India Trade Agreement Joint Committee

- Edition/Sequence: 13th
- Dates: July 6-10, 2026
- Venue: Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi
- These meetings are being held in a hybrid format.
- ASEAN is one of India's key trading partners, accounting for approximately 11 percent of India's global trade.
- Bilateral trade between India and ASEAN reached \$128 billion during 2025-26.

National-level meeting between India and Myanmar

- Edition/Sequence: 23rd
- Dates: July 7-8, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- **Delegations:**
 - Indian Lead: Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan
 - Myanmar Lead: Major General Min Thu, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs
- Objective: To strengthen bilateral security cooperation and economic interests.

Negotiations for the India-Maldives Free Trade Agreement

- Round of Talks: 1st
- Dates: June 29 – July 7, 2026
- Mode: Virtual
- Led by:
 - India: Ujjwal Kumar Ghosh
 - Maldives: Yoosuf Riza
- **Other Facts:**
 - India is the Maldives' second-largest trading partner.
 - Bilateral trade between India and the Maldives stood at US\$ 771.76 million in 2025-26, compared to US\$ 679.70 million in 2024-25, representing a growth of 13.54 percent.

Meeting of BRICS Heads of National Standards Bodies (NSBs)-

- Edition: 5th
- Date: July 16-17, 2026
- Venue: Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Host: India
- Chair: Pralhad Joshi
- This meeting underscores India's commitment to strengthening international standardization cooperation and promoting harmonized standards that facilitate trade, innovation, consumer protection, and sustainable development.

BRICS Trade Union Forum (TUF) Summit 2026-

- Edition: 15th
- Date: July 14, 2026
- Venue: Hyderabad
- Chair: Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Union Minister of Labour and Employment)
- Objective: To build a worker-centric global order.

Meeting of BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers-

- Edition: 12th
- Date: July 15 and 16, 2026

- Venue: Hyderabad
- Host: India
- **Objectives:**
 - Promoting social security and formalizing the labour market
 - Enhancing women's participation and inclusion in the workforce
 - Cooperation on employability, skills mapping, and skill development
 - Leveraging digital technologies for all workers, including gig and platform workers

Meeting of Heads of BRICS Prosecution Services-

- Edition: 8th
- Date: July 20-21, 2026
- Venue: Virtual mode
- Host: Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India
- Chair: Shri R. Venkataramani (Attorney General for India)
- Theme: "Exchange of experiences and best practices in the disposal of criminal cases from the perspective of the prosecution"
- This meeting demonstrated a shared commitment to promoting stable, fair, and predictable legal frameworks.

BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting-

- Edition: 16th
- Dates: July 22–24, 2026
- Venue: Chandigarh
- Chair: Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda (Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
- Health ministers and senior health officials from BRICS member nations participated in this meeting.
- The meeting expressed a commitment to strengthening cooperation in health security, digital health, pandemic preparedness, and ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare services.

BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction-

- Date: July 24, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Organizer: National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs
- Chair: Nityanand Rai (Minister of State for Home Affairs)
- Theme: Building resilience, innovation, cooperation, and sustainability
- BRICS cooperation on disaster risk reduction has evolved progressively since the 2016 Udaipur Declaration.

BRICS Academies of Sciences Forum Meeting-2026-

- Dates: July 22–23, 2026
- Venue: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad
- Host Institution: Indian National Science Academy
- Chair: Prof. Shekhar Mande
- Theme: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for sustainable development and strengthening Global South cooperation.
- Representatives from BRICS member and participating nations deliberated on a '3C' approach—Collective, Collaborative, and Context-sensitive—regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) during the meeting.

Meeting of Heads of Drug Control Agencies of BRICS Nations-

- Date: July 6–7, 2026
- Venue: Guwahati
- Organizer: Narcotics Control Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
- Chair: India
- Objective: To strengthen institutional continuity among member nations and further enhance operational-level cooperation between drug control agencies.
- BRICS is a group of eleven emerging and developing economies comprising Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates.

Meeting of the BRICS Women's Working Group-



- Date: July 6–7, 2026
- Venue: Kochi, Kerala
- Objective: To ensure women's empowerment and women's leadership.
- This meeting is based on extensive consultations held through three preliminary virtual meetings on April 30, 2026, May 22, 2026, and June 29, 2026.

Meeting of BRICS Transport Ministers-

- Edition/Sequence: Third
- Date: July 11 and 12, 2026
- Venue: Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Chair: Nitin Gadkari
- Objective: To promote inclusive growth through technological innovation and improved connectivity in the transport sector.

National

National Conference on Electric Mobility-

- Date: July 2, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Chaired by: Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Organized by: The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)
- Theme: Electric Mobility – Making India an Electric Mobility Hub for a Developed India (Viksit Bharat)
- Objective: To accelerate the development of electric mobility in India and strengthen the country's position as a global electric vehicle manufacturing hub.

Meeting of the Empowered Task Force on River Ganga-

- Edition: 19th
- Date: July 2, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Chaired by: C.R. Patil (Minister of Jal Shakti)
- Objective: To accelerate the pace of river rejuvenation through improved infrastructure, scientific water management, policy reforms, and better coordination among various stakeholders.

National Workshop for State Panchayati Raj Ministers on 16th Finance Commission Recommendations-

- Date: July 3, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Chaired by: Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Union Minister of Panchayati Raj and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying)
- Objective: The workshop will deliberate on the recommendations made by the 16th Finance Commission for the 2026–31 period.
- The 16th Finance Commission has recommended an allocation of ₹4.35 lakh crore for Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Bharat Tex 2026-



- Event Dates: July 14–17, 2026
- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- **Organizer: Bharat Tex Trade Federation**
 - This federation is a joint platform comprising various textile export promotion councils and industry organizations.
- Objective: To establish India as a textile hub.
- **Other Facts:**
 - It is India's largest global textile event.
 - It is inspired by the '5F' vision—Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.
 - The event will showcase the vastness and diversity of India's entire textile industry on an integrated global platform.
 - The CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2026 were also presented during the event. These awards were based on seven key themes: resource efficiency, energy and emissions, circular economy, sustainable materials, social responsibility, responsible business, and industry collaboration.
 - The Bharat Tex 2026 mobile app has recently been launched to further strengthen digital connectivity.

Industry Association Conference-

- Date: July 3, 2026
- Venue: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
- Organizer: Department of Youth Affairs (Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports)
- Objective: To establish structured partnerships among the government, industry associations, the corporate sector, and public sector enterprises to accelerate youth-led development.

Global Conference on Plastic Recycling and Sustainability (GCPRS 2026)-



- Edition: 3rd Edition
- Dates: July 2–5, 2026
- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- Organizers: All India Plastics Manufacturers Association and Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturers Association, in collaboration with the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers)

- Objective: To promote plastic waste management and the circular economy.
- **Other Facts:**
 - The Indian recycled plastics market is projected to reach \$3.81 billion by 2032.
 - The global waste plastic recycling market is expected to reach \$80.5 billion by 2033.

National Workshop on Strengthening Tribal Research Institutes –

- Date: July 7–8, 2026
- Venue: Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Organizer: Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- Inauguration: By Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram
- **Objectives:**
 - To review the functioning of Tribal Research Institutes across the country.
 - To formulate a comprehensive action plan to transform these institutes into vibrant knowledge hubs, cultural resource centers, and policy support centers for tribal development.

‘Atmanirbhar Panchayat’ (Self-Reliant Panchayat) Programme Outreach Workshop –

- Edition: Third
- Date: July 7, 2026
- Venue: Kochi, Kerala
- Organizers: Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Local Self-Government Department, Government of Kerala
- Objectives: To make Panchayats economically self-reliant, enhance their own revenue sources, and promote sustainable development and capacity building at the local level.

Indi Haat-2026



- Dates: July 10–19, 2026
- Venue: National Crafts Museum and Hastkala Academy, New Delhi
- Inauguration/Presided by: Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh
- ‘Indi Haat’ is designed to showcase India’s traditional art to an international audience and aligns with the objectives of the ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ (Self-Reliant India) and ‘Vocal for Local’ campaigns.
- This event is part of ‘Bharat Tex 2026’, India’s largest global textile event, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from July 14 to 17, 2026.

National Workshop on Compartmentalization and Zoning for Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD)—

- Dates: July 8 and 9, 2026
- Venue: Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Organizer: Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying)
- Objective: To make India FMD-free by 2030 and secure the trade of animal products.
- **Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD)—**
 - It is a contagious viral disease.
 - It affects cloven-hoofed animals such as cows, buffaloes, and sheep.
 - Symptoms: High fever, blisters in the mouth, and lesions on the hooves.

Border District Superintendents of Police Conference-2026

- Date: July 9, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Objective: To discuss issues related to border security, address challenges, and formulate policies for appropriate measures in this regard.

All India Conference of Secretaries of Water Resources Departments

- Date: July 13, 2026
- Venue: Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi
- Organizer: Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (Ministry of Jal Shakti)
- Chaired by: Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Patil
- Objective: To strengthen Centre-State coordination on priority initiatives in the water resources sector and review the progress of the Ministry of Jal Shakti’s flagship national programs.
- Discussions were held on eight priority agenda topics.

National Conference on Next-Gen Administrative and E-Governance Reforms

- Date: July 13-14, 2026
- Venue: Shillong, Meghalaya
- Organizer: Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and the Government of Meghalaya
- Objective: To promote next-generation administrative reforms, digital governance, and citizen-centric public service delivery.

Saushrutam 2026-

- Event Date: July 15–17, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Inauguration: President Smt. Droupadi Murmu
- Organizer: All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi
- **Other Facts:**
 - It was a three-day international seminar.
 - The seminar was organized to mark 'Sushrut Jayanti,' observed annually on July 15 in honor of Acharya Sushrut, who is considered the Father of Surgery.

National Innovation Challenge for Drone Applications and Research (NIDAR 2.0, 2026-27)-

- Edition: Second
- Event Date: July 13, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Organizer: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, in collaboration with Drone Federation of India
- **Other Facts:**
 - It was organized under the SwaYaan initiative.
 - It was conducted in a hybrid mode.
 - The first edition of NIDAR (2025-26) was launched in March 2025.
- **SwaYaan Initiative-**
 - Launch: Approved in July 2022
 - Objective: Capacity building for human resource development in Unmanned Aircraft Systems.
 - Approximately ₹89.87 crore will be spent under this initiative over five years.
 - This initiative develops a skilled workforce essential for India's drone sector.

National Master Trainers Programme on Water Budgeting for Gram Panchayats-

- Dates: 13 to 16 July 2026
- Venue: New Delhi

- Organizer: Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India
- **Objective:** To create a nationwide pool of master trainers at state, district, and block levels to promote the vision of 'water-sufficient Gram Panchayats'.
- The first phase will cover 100 districts, 100 blocks, and 1,000 Gram Panchayats across 10 states (Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal).

AI Digital Governance Champions Summit-

- Dates: 13 to 15 July 2026
- Venue: India Tourism Development Corporation
- This initiative aims to advance the objectives of the Government of India's 'IndiaAI Mission'.

CapaCITIES Programme-

- Date: 14 July 2026
- Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- Organizers: ICLEI South Asia and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
- Funding: Embassy of Switzerland in India and Bhutan
- **Objectives:**
 - To equip Indian cities with the tools, knowledge, and institutional capacities required for low-carbon and climate-resilient urban development.
 - To align local-level actions with state-level goals and India's national target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.
- **Beneficiary States and Cities-**
 - Beneficiary States: State governments of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.
 - Cities Included (8 key cities):
 - Gujarat: Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Vadodara
 - Tamil Nadu: Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli
 - Rajasthan: Udaipur
 - West Bengal: Siliguri

Corporate Social Responsibility Conclave, 2026-

- Date: July 15, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Organizer: Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- Objective: To take science to the fields and the farmers.
- At this conclave, industry leaders, government representatives, and experts discussed the effective utilization of CSR funds for social and environmental development.

India Mining Week 2026-

- Date: Announced to be held from November 15–17, 2026
- Venue: Yashobhoomi Convention Center, New Delhi
- Organizer: Ministry of Coal and Mines
- Theme: Stronger Resources, Smart Mining, Sustainable Tomorrow.
- This will be India's largest conference-cum-exhibition for the mining and minerals sector.

Panch Sammelan-

- Date: July 16, 2026
- Venue: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Organizer: Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
- Objective: To strengthen institutional preparedness at the grassroots level for the effective implementation of the VB-G Ram Ji Act, 2025, while enhancing the capacity of Gram Panchayats.
- Approximately 500 Gram Panchayat heads from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Uttarakhand will participate in this conference.

Sinchan-2026 Conference-

- Edition: Third
- Date: July 15, 2026
- Venue: Faridabad
- Organizer: Translational Health Science and Technology Institute
- Objective: To accelerate the process of transforming laboratory-based scientific research and biotechnology discoveries into commercially viable health solutions for patients.

'MY Bharat' National Youth Volunteer Conference – Chintan Shivir (Brainstorming Session)-

- Date: July 18-19, 2026
- Venue: Lucknow
- Organizer: Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Objective: To strengthen youth participation at the grassroots level, enhance institutional coordination, and create a future-ready environment for youth-led nation-building.

National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2026-

- Edition: Fourth
- Date: July 15-16, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi

- Organizer: School of Business Environment (SBE), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs
- Theme: ESG-based transformation for a Developed India (Viksit Bharat)

Sujal Gram Samvad-

- Edition: Ninth edition
- Date: July 24, 2024
- Organizer: Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Significance: It further strengthened the government's commitment to a community-led water management system through Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0.

Sankalp Seminar-

- Date: July 30, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi
- Organizer: Jointly organized by the Indian Air Force and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers
- Presided over by: Sanjay Seth (Minister of State for Defence)
- Objective: To promote self-reliance in the defence sector, *Atmanirbhar Bharat* (Self-Reliant India), indigenous development, and knowledge-based partnerships.

Miscellaneous Facts-

- On July 3, 2026, the Election Commission of India organized the second one-day conference for media and communication officials.
- On July 19, 2026, the fourth regional 'Chintan Shivir' (brainstorming session) of the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, concluded in Lucknow.
- The meeting of the International Governing Board of the BRICS Network University was held virtually on July 21, 2026.
- On July 28, 2026, the 38th webinar of the National Good Governance Webinar Series (2026-27) was organized on the theme: 'Sustainability of initiatives awarded under PMA and their replication elsewhere.'
- On July 17, 2026, the 12th meeting of the National Committee on Dam Safety (NCDS) was held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Central Water Commission.

Elections and Appointments

National

Anurag Jain-

- The Central Government has recently appointed Anurag Jain, the Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh, as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog.
- **NITI Aayog-**
 - NITI - National Institution for Transforming India
 - Establishment - January 1, 2015 (replacing the Planning Commission)
 - It is the Government of India's premier 'policy think tank'.
 - Objective - To foster the active participation of states in India's development and to strengthen cooperative federalism.

Harjit Singh Grewal-

- Harjit Singh Grewal assumed the office of Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities on July 21, 2026.
- Additionally, S. Munawari Begum assumed office as the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission on July 20, 2026.
- **National Commission for Minorities-**
 - Establishment: In 1992 under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 (effective from May 17, 1993).
 - Parent Ministry: Ministry of Minority Affairs.
 - Objective: To protect the rights of minority communities in India.
 - It is a statutory body vested with quasi-judicial powers.

Varsha Ashok Aglave-

- She recently assumed office as the 54th Director General of the Geological Survey of India.
- She is the first woman to head this organization.
- She has succeeded Shri Asit Saha.

Sandeep Thareja-

- The Government of India has appointed Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja as the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services. He is currently serving as the Director General Medical Services (Air).

Dr. Jagannath Nayak-

- The Government of India recently appointed him as the Director General of the Missiles and Strategic Systems department at DRDO. He is considered the chief architect of fiber-optic gyro technology, which is used for the precise guidance of missiles and aircraft.

- He played a role in the development of the country's first directed-energy weapon system.

Justice B.V. Nagarathna-

- Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has appointed Supreme Court Judge Justice B.V. Nagarathna as the Chairperson of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee.
- She has succeeded Justice J.K. Maheshwari.
- This committee provides free legal aid and advice to the poor and vulnerable sections of society.

Bhaskar A. Sawant-

- He is an IAS officer.
- He has recently been appointed by the Rajasthan High Court as the administrator to oversee the operations of the Rajasthan Cricket Association.

Somnath Ghosh-

- The Government of India has appointed him as the next High Commissioner of India to Malaysia.
- Currently, he serves as the Consul General at the Consulate General of India in Chicago.

Other Recent Appointments-

- The Government of India has made new appointments at the following institutions-
 - Alok Mittal- Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development
 - Amit Garg- Director, National Crime Records Bureau
 - Sujit Pandey- Director, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad

International

Keiko Fujimori

- She has been declared the winner of the second round of the presidential election in Peru. She will now serve as the President of Peru.
- She will become Peru's ninth president in the last ten years.
- She defeated Roberto Sánchez in the second round of the election on June 7, 2026.

Andy Burnham-

- He has recently assumed office as the Prime Minister of Britain. He is a leader of Britain's Labour Party.
- Previously, he served as the Mayor of Greater Manchester and as Britain's Health Secretary.

Serhiy Koretskyi-

- Ukraine's parliament has appointed Serhiy Koretskyi as the country's new Prime Minister.

- Koretskyi had been serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Ukraine's national oil and gas company, Naftogaz, since May 2025.

Kanishka Narayan-

- He is a Labour Party MP of Indian origin, born in Muzaffarpur, Bihar. He has been appointed as Britain's first AI Minister.

Amish Shah-

- He is a US citizen of Indian origin and a leader of the Democratic Party.
- He won the party's primary election for the House of Representatives from Arizona's 'First District'.

Miscellaneous Facts-

- Air Marshal P.V. Shivanand, AVSM, VM, assumed the office of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Western Air Command, on July 1, 2026.
- Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann assumed the office of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Air Command, on July 1, 2026.
- Lieutenant General Mohit Malhotra assumed the office of General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Western Command.
- Lieutenant General Rajesh Pushkar assumed the office of General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, on July 1, 2026.
- Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain assumed the office of Deputy Chief of the Army Staff on July 1, 2026.
- Air Marshal Tejinder Singh assumed the office of Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee, on July 1, 2026.
- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed the office of Deputy Chief of the Air Staff on July 1, 2026.
- The Government of India has announced the appointment of internationally renowned oceanographer and scientific leader Dr. Srinivas Kumar Tummala as the new Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- The Government of India has appointed Lokhande Prashant Sitaram as Additional Secretary in the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The Government of Maharashtra has constituted a seven-member committee, headed by former Supreme Court Judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, for the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).
- Chirag Veer Singh Sarao – He has become the first turbaned American Sikh to gain admission to the US Air Force Academy.

- OpenAI has appointed Indian-origin engineer Uday Ruddaraju as the CTO of Compute.
- IT company Infosys has appointed Ashish Kumar Das as 'CEO Designate' for a period of five years.
- Jagdish Afle – He has been appointed as the Secretary of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.

Obituary

National

Vijaya Mehta-

- She was a renowned film and theatre personality who passed away at the age of 92.
- She is considered one of the pioneers of experimental Marathi theatre.



Honours-

- 1975- Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
- 1986- National Film Award (Best Supporting Actress, Film: Rao Saheb)
- 1987- Padma Shri

S. Janaki Amma-

- She was an Indian playback singer who passed away recently.
- She was known as the "Nightingale of India."



Awards/Honours-

- National Film Awards: Four
- State Film Awards: Thirty-three
- Kalaimamani Award (Tamil Nadu)
- Padma Bhushan (2013)

Teejan Bai-

- Teejan Bai was a renowned Pandvani singer who passed away recently on July 5, 2026, at the age of 70.
- She brought global recognition to the Pandvani folk singing art form of Chhattisgarh.

Honours-

- Padma Shri: 1988
- Sangeet Natak Akademi Award: 1995
- Padma Bhushan: 2003
- Fukuoka Prize: 2018
- Padma Vibhushan: 2019
- Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship

■ **Pandvani singing style-**

WHAT IS PANDVANI?

NARRATION
An oral storytelling art based on the **Mahabharata**.

MEDIUM
Narrated along with **music, instruments and songs**.

GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGIN
Originated in the villages of **Chhattisgarh** – especially in **Kabirdham (Kawardha)** and **Durg** districts.

STATUS
FOLK ART

MAIN FORMS

KAPALIK STYLE
Sung in a seated position where the performer narrates the entire story.

VEDMATI STYLE
Sung in a standing position with a mix of dance, gestures and expressive narration.

MAIN INSTRUMENTS

TAMBURA (TUMBA)

HARMONIUM

MANJIRA

Dholak

The story is presented in a melodious, engaging and dramatic style, which touches the heart.

★ **SPECIAL FEATURE**

■ **Dr. Girish Bharadwaj-**

- He was a Padma Shri awardee known as the 'Bridge Man of India'. He recently passed away at the age of 76.
- He constructed over 140 low-cost suspension bridges to connect remote areas of India.

■ **Poomani (Puliturai Manikkavasagam)-**

- He was a Tamil writer and Sahitya Akademi Award winner who recently passed away.
- He received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2014 for his novel 'Agnaadi', and the acclaimed film 'Asuran' was based on his novel 'Vekkai'.

■ **Sunil Anand-**

- He was the son of Hindi cinema actor and filmmaker Dev Anand and recently passed away.
- Sunil Anand made his debut with the film 'Anand Aur Anand', released in 1984.

Miscellaneous Facts-

- Chennamma Ji- She was the wife of former Prime minister Shri Deve Gowda and recently passed away.

International

■ **Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani-**

- He was the former Emir of Qatar; he passed away on July 12, 2026, at the age of 74.
- He reigned as the Emir of Qatar from June 1995 to June 2013.
- He played a pivotal role in building modern Qatar and transforming the country into a global energy powerhouse.
- Following his demise, the Government of India declared a one-day state mourning across the country on September 13, 2026.

■ **Shapoor Zadran-**

- He was a former fast bowler from Afghanistan who passed away at the age of 39.
- He suffered from a rare disease called 'Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis' (HLH), a condition where the immune system becomes overactive and damages the bone marrow and liver.
- He played 44 ODIs and 36 T20 matches between 2009 and 2020.

■ **Sir Sam Neill-**

- He was a New Zealand actor who passed away on July 13, 2026.
- He acted in famous Hollywood films such as Jurassic Park, The Piano, and The Hunt.

■ **Sir Gary Sobers-**

- He was a former West Indies all-rounder who passed away at the age of 89.
- He set the first world record for hitting six sixes in a single over.

Campaign/Operation/Military Exercise

■ **Operation Southern Readiness 26-2**

- Dates: July 20–23, 2026
- Venue: Southern Naval Command, Kochi
- Organizer: Indian Navy
- This marks the first time 'Operation Southern Readiness' has been conducted in India.



- The exercise showcased the Indian Navy's modern training infrastructure, state-of-the-art simulators, advanced teaching methodologies, and professional expertise.
- This multinational training program was conducted under the aegis of Combined Task Force 154—a dedicated training task force of the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)—led by the Indian Navy in partnership with the CMF.

Exercise Pitch Black 2026

- Dates: July 20 to August 7, 2026
- Venue: Darwin, Australia
- Organizer: Royal Australian Air Force
- The Indian Air Force participated in this exercise.
- This exercise is the Royal Australian Air Force's premier biennial multinational air combat exercise.
- The Indian Air Force has previously participated in this exercise in 2018, 2022, and 2024, demonstrating its commitment to strengthening defense cooperation and regional security.
- The exercise provides a valuable opportunity for participating forces to enhance interoperability, strengthen force integration, and exchange operational best practices for collaborative operations in global scenarios.

Zoonotic Warfare Exercise (ZWE)

- Edition: Third
- Dates: June 29 to July 3, 2026
- Venue: Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh
- Organizer: Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying)
- Objective: To assess and strengthen the country's preparedness, coordination mechanisms, and emergency response capabilities to handle animal health emergencies arising from outbreaks of zoonotic diseases.

8. Important Days

National Doctors' Day - 2026

- Date of Observance: July 1 (Annually)
- Theme: "Behind the Mask – Who Heals the Healers?"
- Objective: To express gratitude for the invaluable contributions, spirit of service, and dedication of doctors in society.
- First Observed: In the year 1991
- **Other Key Facts:** This day is observed to commemorate both the birth and death anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy—a renowned Indian physician, freedom fighter, and former Chief Minister of West Bengal.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day - 2026

- Date of Observance: July 1 (Annually)
- Objective: To highlight the success of the historic tax reform in India's indirect tax system.
- First Observed: July 1, 2018
- **Goods and Services Tax (GST):**
 - Implemented: July 1, 2017
 - It is a comprehensive indirect tax.
 - Key features of GST:
 - Destination-based tax
 - Multi-stage tax
 - Tax slabs
 - Types of GST:
 - CGST (Central Goods and Services Tax)
 - SGST (State Goods and Services Tax)
 - IGST (Integrated Goods and Services Tax)

International Plastic Bag Free Day – 2026

- Date of Observance: July 3 (Annually)
- Theme: Freedom from Single-Use Plastic: Towards a Sustainable Future
- Objective: To raise global awareness regarding the harmful environmental impacts of plastic bags.
- This day was initiated in 2009 as an environmental initiative by the organization 'Zero Waste Europe' and subsequently gained global acceptance.
- **Other Key Facts:**
 - The Government of India has implemented a complete ban on the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, and sale of identified single-use plastic

(SUP) items across the country, effective from July 1, 2022.

Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation–

- Date of Observance: July 6 (Annually)
- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- Presided by: Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah
- This marked the 5th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation.
- A separate Ministry of Cooperation was constituted in 2021 to provide fresh impetus to the country's agricultural and rural development.

World Zoonoses Day-

- Date of Observance: July 6 annually
- Objective: To raise awareness about infectious diseases that spread from animals to humans.

World Population Day-2026

- Date of Observance: July 11 annually
- Objective: To raise awareness among people worldwide about global population growth and the challenges associated with it.
- This day was established in 1989 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and was officially observed for the first time in 1990.
- **Other Key Facts-**
 - The inspiration to observe this day came from 'Five Billion Day' on July 11, 1987.

World Youth Skills Day-2026

- Date of Observance: July 15 annually
- Theme: Skills for a Shared Future
- Objective: To equip youth with the skills necessary for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship.
- This day was observed for the first time on July 15, 2015.

World Chess Day 2026

- Date of Observance: July 20 annually
- Objective: To promote chess and popularize it among people of all ages.
- This day commemorates the founding of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.

International Moon Day 2026

- Date of Observance: July 20 annually
- Objective: To promote global cooperation, sustainable lunar exploration, and public awareness regarding space exploration.
- The United Nations General Assembly declared the observance of this day in 2021.
- On July 20, 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the lunar surface during NASA's Apollo 11 mission.

National Flag Adoption Day 2026

- Date of Observance: July 22 annually
- **National Flag:**
 - The national flag (Tiranga) consists of three horizontal stripes of equal proportions: saffron at the top, white in the middle, and green at the bottom.
 - In the center of the white stripe, there is a blue-colored wheel (chakra) featuring 24 spokes.
 - The length-to-width ratio of the flag is 3:2.
 - The Constituent Assembly of India adopted the design of the national flag on July 22, 1947.

International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem - 2026

- Date of Observance: July 26 annually.
- Objective: To raise awareness about the importance of mangroves and promote their sustainable conservation.
- This day was officially observed for the first time on July 26, 2016.
- Mangrove forests act as a natural coastal defense barrier against cyclones, tsunamis, and rising sea levels.
- In India, the 'Sundarbans' in West Bengal is the world's largest single-block mangrove forest area.
- The Government of India has launched the 'MISHTI' scheme in the budget for mangrove plantation.

Kargil Vijay Diwas (Kargil Victory Day) - 2026

- Date of Observance: July 26 annually.
- Objective: To celebrate the historic victory of the Indian Armed Forces over Pakistani intruders during the Kargil War of 1999.
- The formal observance of this day began on July 26, 2000.
- **Other Key Facts:**
 - The Indian Army launched 'Operation Vijay' to reclaim the peaks of Kargil.
 - The war lasted for approximately 60 days and concluded with India's complete victory on July 26, 1999.

World Hepatitis Day-2026

- Date of Observance: 28 July (annually)
- Objective: To raise global awareness about hepatitis and promote its diagnosis, prevention, and vaccination.
- It received global recognition from the World Health Assembly in 2010.
- It was officially observed for the first time on 28 July 2011.
- **Hepatitis:**
 - It is a disease affecting the liver.
 - Types of Hepatitis:
 - Hepatitis-A
 - Hepatitis-B
 - Hepatitis-C
 - Hepatitis-D
 - Hepatitis-E
 - **Key Symptoms:**
 - Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes)
 - Fatigue and weakness
 - Abdominal pain or swelling
 - Loss of appetite
 - Dark-colored urine

World Nature Conservation Day 2026

- Date of Observance: July 28
- Objective: To promote responsibility towards the environment and encourage a better lifestyle.

International Tiger Day 2026

- Date of Observance: July 29 (Annually)
- Theme: Securing the future of tigers by placing indigenous and local communities at the center.
- Objective: To garner collective support for global efforts to conserve tiger habitats.
- This day was established during the 'Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit' held in Russia in 2010. Participating nations at the summit set a goal to double the wild tiger population by 2022.
- **Project Tiger:**
 - It is a centrally sponsored scheme of the Government of India.
 - It is implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
 - The objective of the scheme is to ensure the safety and conservation of tiger populations within their natural habitats.
 - According to the 2023 report by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), a network of 58 tiger reserves has been established across 18 tiger-range states under 'Project Tiger'.

■ Global Tiger Forum (GTF):

- It is an intergovernmental organization dedicated entirely to tiger conservation.
 - Headquarters: New Delhi
 - Members: 13 countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Thailand, and Vietnam).
 - The forum adopts a collaborative approach to the conservation of tigers, their prey, and their natural habitats.
- According to the 'All India Tiger Estimation' report, India is currently home to approximately 70 to 75 percent of the world's wild tigers.

International Day of Friendship – 2026

- Date of Observance: July 30 (Annually)
- Declaration: By the United Nations General Assembly in 2011
- Objective: To promote brotherhood among cultures and communities globally.

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons – 2026

- Date of Observance: July 30
- Theme: Trapped behind the scam
- Objective: To raise awareness about human trafficking and support the protection of victims' rights.

Miscellaneous

Five commemorative books released to mark the completion of four years of the President's tenure—



- On July 28, 2026, the Vice President of India released the first set of five commemorative books and presented them to the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, to mark the completion of four years of her tenure.
- The four books are—
 1. Rashtrapati Bhavan: Nation's Bhavan
 2. Seva aur Samvedna (Service and Empathy)
 3. Samaveshi Sahbhagita (Inclusive Participation)
 4. Bharatiyata ka Utsav (Celebration of Indianness)

- These books have been published by the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

“Aama Rashtrapati Aama Gaurav” Book –

- The book titled “Aama Rashtrapati Aama Gaurav” (Our President, Our Pride), written in the Odia language, was released on July 28, 2026.
- This book is a collection of articles written about the President of India.

“The Voice of Justice – Justice Gavai Speaks” Book –

- Edited by: Prof. S. Sivakumar
- Released by: Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan
- This book presents a compilation of speeches, lectures, and thoughts of Justice B.R. Gavai.

Discovery of Five New Species of *Allographa* in the Western Ghats –

- Researchers from the Pune-based MACS-Agharkar Research Institute have discovered five new species of fungi/lichens belonging to the genus Allographa of the Graphidaceae family.
- The species discovered are as follows:
 1. Allographa keralensis
 2. Allographa nayakae
 3. Allographa paraconsanguinea
 4. Allographa persistenspersa
 5. Allographa semicarbonista
- Allographa – This is a genus of lichen-forming fungi.

Tshering Choden-

- She is a mountaineer from Sikkim.
- She recently scaled Mount Elbrus in Russia.

Tegbir Singh-

- He is a mountaineer from Ropar (Punjab).
- At the age of 7 years and 10 months, he scaled Mount Yunam (6,111 meters) in Himachal Pradesh.
- He has become the youngest mountaineer in the world to scale Mount Yunam.

Miscellaneous Facts

- Yulia Svyrydenko – She was the Prime Minister of Ukraine who recently resigned from her post.



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Science in Ancient India

India has a long-standing tradition of scientific research and innovation dating back to ancient times. While nomadic tribes were still settling down in Europe, the people of the Indus Valley were living in well-planned cities. The ruins of cities unearthed at sites such as Mohenjo-daro, Harappa, Kalibangan, Lothal, Chanhudaro, Banawali, and Surkotada serve as tangible evidence of this. Structures in these cities—including buildings, roads, drainage systems, public baths, and granaries—were constructed using baked bricks. The inhabitants engaged in overseas trade using ships and possessed knowledge of weights and measures. Bullock carts were used for transportation, and agriculture was highly advanced. They utilized bronze, as evidenced by the bronze weapons and tools found at these sites. Goldsmiths crafted jewelry from gold, silver, and precious gemstones, indicating proficiency in mining and metallurgy; they possessed sophisticated tools for cutting, shaping, and drilling hard gemstones. They were also skilled in manufacturing woolen and cotton textiles. People of the Vedic period possessed a sound understanding of astronomy and were knowledgeable about constellations. They were familiar with the division of time into years, months, and days. A sage named Lagadha systematized the astronomical knowledge of that era in the **Jyotisha Vedanga**. Significant achievements were also made in mathematics, geometry, and medicine during the Vedic age. Physicians skillfully employed the practice of dissection (post-mortem) to conduct detailed studies of the human body. People possessed extensive knowledge of natural herbs and their medicinal properties, and physicians of the time were well-versed in the significance of the nervous system and the spinal cord.

The Ayurvedic system of medicine was widely practiced. Surgical procedures were also performed when necessary. Later, the Arabs and Greeks also

adopted surgical practices. Subsequently, Indian medicinal herbs came into demand within the Roman Empire for medical purposes. During that period, studies were also conducted on the external and internal structures of plants and animals. In the field of agriculture, crop rotation techniques were employed even then to enhance soil fertility.

Knowledge of mathematics and astronomy has been significant for humanity since ancient times. In the ancient era, **Yajnas** (ritual sacrifices) were prolonged affairs; consequently, it was essential to determine the number of days in a year and to identify exactly when the year began and ended. This necessity drove the development of mathematics and astronomy. However, the extent of their development in India was likely unparalleled elsewhere. The reason for this lies in the central role **Yajnas** played in Vedic worship. The proper performance of these rituals was impossible without an understanding of **Nakshatras** (constellations), **Tithis** (lunar days), **Pakshas** (fortnights), **Masas** (months), **Ritus** (seasons), and **Samvatsaras** (years). Thus, the Vedic Aryans were required to possess specialized knowledge of mathematics and astronomy. Although the primary objective of Vedic texts was to extol the glory of the Creator and express profound religious sentiment, the scientific perspective of the **Rishis** regarding nature, matter, the cosmos, planets, and constellations is clearly evident.

Baudhayana:

Baudhayana was the first scholar to elucidate several mathematical concepts that were later rediscovered by the Western world. He also calculated the value of 'Pi' (π), a constant used to determine the area and circumference of a circle. The theorem known today as the Pythagorean theorem was already present in Baudhayana's **Shulba Sutras**, which were written long before the time of Pythagoras.

Kanada:

Kanada was the founder of the Vaisheshika school of philosophy, one of the six Indian philosophical systems. His original name was Aulukya. From childhood, he took a keen interest in minute particles; consequently, he came to be known as Kanada. His atomic theory bears a striking resemblance to modern atomic theory. According to Kanada, the physical world is composed of particles (*anu* or atoms) that are invisible to the naked eye. These particles cannot be further fragmented; thus, they can neither be divided nor destroyed. Undoubtedly, this aligns with the principles of modern atomic theory.

Mahaviracharya:

Jain literature (spanning from 500 BCE to the 10th century CE) contains extensive descriptions of mathematics. Jain scholars were proficient in solving quadratic equations. They explained concepts such as fractions, algebraic equations, series, set theory, logarithms, and exponents in a fascinating manner. In 850 CE, the Jain scholar Mahaviracharya authored the *Ganita-Sara-Sangraha*, which is the first mathematics book written in a modern style. He also described the modern method for calculating the Least Common Multiple (LCM) of given numbers.

Bhaskaracharya (1114–1185):



BHASKARACHARYA (1114–1185 AD)

The Great Mathematician and Astronomer of Ancient India



Period
1114–1185 AD



Place of Birth
Bijapur,
Karnataka (India)

Bhaskaracharya was the great mathematician and astronomer of ancient India. He was born in Bijapur in the present-day Karnataka.

His most famous book 'Siddhānta Śīromaṇi' consists of four parts. Bhaskaracharya made important contributions to mathematics and astronomy.

Main Work – Siddhānta Śīromaṇi

This book has four parts –

1

Līlāvati
(Arithmetic)



Arithmetic, rules of numbers, fractions, interest, proportion, sinus, cosine, applications of mathematics and geometrical problems.

2

Bījagaṇita
(Algebra / Equation)

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Solution of algebraic equations, rules of calculations, indeterminate equations, methods of calculation and examples.

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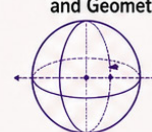
Graha Gaṇita
(Astronomy)



Motion of planets, their positions, eclipses, equinoxes, solstices and methods of calculations.

4

Golādhyāya
(Spherical Astronomy and Geometry)



Spherical trigonometry, measurement of the earth and the sky, and applications of surveying and calculation.

Mathematical Methodology



Bhaskaracharya used advanced methods of calculation to solve complex problems, such as 'Chakravāla Method' (Cyclic Method of Calculation).

- This method was very effective, especially for solving indeterminate equations. It is also called 'Chakravāla Method' or 'Cyclic Method'.
- In 'Līlāvati', he solved various arithmetic problems in a simple and interesting language and presented them in poem form, making the subject easy to understand.



Awards and Recognition



19th century scientist James Taylor (James Taylor) praised 'Līlāvati' as an outstanding algebraic book.



Due to his contributions, 'Līlāvati' earned prestige and Indian mathematics gained recognition worldwide.

Significance



Raised the standard of Indian mathematics very high.



Advanced astronomy, astrology and trigonometry.



His mathematical methods are still used for solving various problems.



Inspired the world to recognize Indian knowledge and thinking.



Aryabhata:

He was one of ancient India's greatest mathematicians and astronomers, regarded as a pioneering scholar of **Siddhanta Jyotisha** (theoretical astronomy) in the 5th century CE. His knowledge was grounded in precise mathematical methods. By the Gupta period, mathematics had become an integral part of astronomy; this integration led to unprecedented advancements in the field, enabling accurate and error-free determinations regarding the motion and positions of celestial bodies. Tradition lists eighteen authorities in the field of astronomy—including Surya, Pitamaha, Vyasa, Vashishtha, Atri, Parashara, Kashyapa, Narada, Garga, Marichi, Manu, Angira, Lomasha, Paulisha, Pavana, Bhṛigu, and Shaunaka—though the texts of most of these astronomers are no longer extant.

A verse in the first **Arya** (stanza) of the second chapter of his treatise, **Aryabhatiya**, establishes Kusumapura as the place of its composition. Aryabhata was born in 476 CE and authored his famous work, **Aryabhatiya**, at the age of twenty-three. Statements by later astronomers such as Varahamihira and Brahmagupta indicate that he composed another treatise as well, which differed in certain respects—specifically regarding the **Dhruvanka** (epochal constant)—from the **Aryabhatiya**. In his first treatise, the **Yuga** (cosmic era) was considered to begin at midnight, and the number of **Savana** days (solar days) within the **Yuga** was calculated differently; conversely, the second treatise posits that the **Yuga** begins at sunrise. The former calculation is known as **Ardharatrika** (midnight-based), while the latter is termed **Audayika** (sunrise-based).

Aryabhatiya: Structure and Principles

Total 121 Verses • Four Sections

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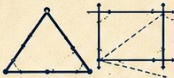
Gitikapada



The smallest section • Only 11 verses

2

Ganitapada



123
456

30 verses

Rules and principles of arithmetic, algebra, and geometry

3

Kalakriyapada



- Units of time and angle
- Relation of months, years, and yugas
- Calculation begins from Chaitra Shukla Pratipada
- In 20 verses, the mean and true motion of the planets

4

Golapada



Final section • 50 verses

Motion of the planets, nodes, the Earth's shadow, and movement along the solar path

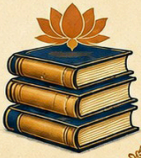
Brahmagupta's Critique



Brahmagupta was a severe critic of the *Aryabhatiya*. On this basis, he composed a karana-text named '*Khandakhadyaka*'.

Available Commentaries

- Bhaskara I
- Suryadeva Yajva (*Aryabhat-Prakasha*)
- Parameshvara (Bhatadipika) + Uday Narayan Singh's Hindi commentary
- Nilakantha



Aryabhata • A great ancient Indian treatise on mathematics and astronomy

Brahmagupta:

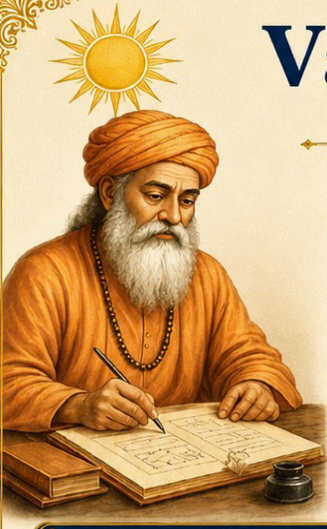
He was born in Bhinmal (Rajasthan) in 573 CE. From the seventh century onwards, Brahmagupta elevated mathematics to far greater heights than other scientists of the time. In his multiplication methods, he employed the concept of place value in the same way it is used today. He also introduced the concept of negative numbers and explored various mathematical operations involving zero. He authored the *Brahmasphutasiddhanta*, a work that introduced the Arabs to our mathematical systems. Another treatise written by him was the *Khandakhadyaka*.

Varahamihira:

Varahamihira was a resident of Avanti (Ujjayini), and his father's name was Adityadasa. His father was also his teacher. Varahamihira was a devotee of the Sun and authored four major texts:

1. Panchasiddhantika
2. Brihat-Jataka
3. Brihat-Yatra and Brihat-Vivahapatala-Yatra
4. Brihat-Samhita.

Among these, the Panchasiddhantika is the most renowned.



Varahamihira

(c. 505–587 CE)

Residence:
Avanti (Ujjayini)

Father:
Adityadasa

Education:
His father was his teacher

Deity:
Sun God

Specialization:
Great astronomer, mathematician, astrologer and geographer

Major Works (Four)

1. Panchasiddhantika
2. Brihajjataka
3. Brihad-Yatra and Brihad-Vivaha Patala
4. Brihatsamhita

Panchasiddhantika

This is the major work of Varahamihira, in which five principal siddhantas (astronomical treatises) are compiled and discussed.
Its first publication was made in 1889 CE by G. Thibaut and Sudhakar Dvivedi.

1 Pitamaha Siddhanta

- Based on the tradition of Pitamaha (Brahma)
- Mathematics of the motion and position of the planets
- One of the most ancient siddhantas

2 Romaka Siddhanta

- Based on the Yavana (Romaka) doctrine
- Calculation of ayana and the positions of the planets
- A scientific approach in mathematical method

3 Paulisa Siddhanta

- Based on the Paulisa doctrine
- Distance and motion among the planets
- Useful in astronomical calculations

4 Vasistha Siddhanta

- Based on the tradition of Sage Vasistha
- Detailed description of constellations and planets
- Important in astronomical calculations

5 Surya Siddhanta

- Based on the Sun God
- Planetary calculations, the position of the Sun and its effects
- Considered the best by Varahamihira

★ Among these, Surya Siddhanta is the best, because it is more accurate and scientific in calculation. ★

Three Branches of Astrology

- 1. Siddhanta**
Astronomical calculations, the positions of planets and the science of time
- 2. Hora**
Horoscopy, predictive astrology and its impact on human life
- 3. Samhita**
Predictions related to geography, weather, earthquakes, rainfall, state and society

Other Important Contributions

- Brihajjataka**
An extensive treatise on horoscopy and predictive astrology
- Laghujataka**
A concise form of Brihajjataka, simple and substantive
- Geography**
Description of the shape of the Earth, mountains, rivers, seas and climate

Varahamihira's Period (Avanti Region)



Varahamihira was one of the leading astronomers, mathematicians and astrologers of ancient India, who enriched astrology, mathematics, geography and astronomy through logic, calculation and observation.

Nagarjuna

Nagarjuna was a scientist of the 10th century. The primary objective of his experiments was to transmute base metals into gold, much like the alchemists of the Western world. Although he did not succeed in his ultimate goal, he did manage to create a substance that possessed a luster resembling gold; to this day, this technique is used in the manufacture of imitation jewelry. In his treatise **Rasaratnakara**, he provides a detailed account of the extraction processes for gold, silver, tin, and copper.

Medical Science

The Rigveda mentions sages such as Divodasa, Bharadwaja, and the Ashwini Kumars as pioneers of Ayurveda. It is believed that Brahma was the first proponent of Ayurvedic science. This knowledge was passed down from Brahma to Prajapati, then to

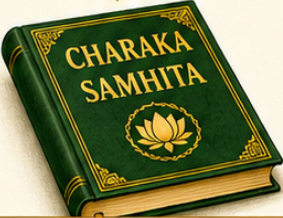
the Ashwini Kumars, followed by Indra, and finally to Maharshi Bharadwaja. Charaka, who authored the **Charaka Samhita**, belongs to this lineage of medical practitioners. The **Charaka Samhita** is the oldest among the extant texts. Charaka was followed by Sushruta, whose work, the **Sushruta Samhita**, stands as a seminal text on surgery.

Charaka:

Most scholars regard Charaka as the royal physician to King Kanishka. He authored the Ayurvedic treatise known as the **Charaka Samhita** in Sanskrit, utilizing a blend of prose and verse; however, the original manuscript is no longer available today. Prior to Charaka, six disciples of Atreya had written texts on Ayurveda, with Agnivesha's work considered the most significant among them. Charaka studied this text and incorporated new principles to compile the **Charaka Samhita**. Later, the Kashmiri physician Dridhabala authored his own text under the title **Charaka Samhita**.

CHARAKA SAMHITA

— The Fundamental Text of Ayurveda —



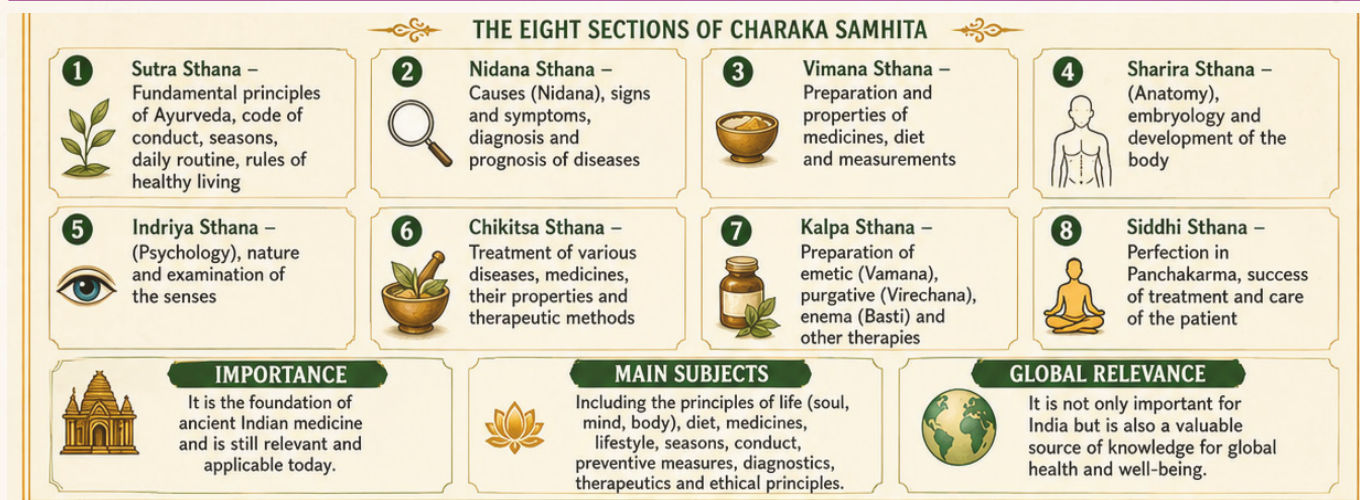

Charaka Samhita is the fundamental text of Ayurveda. It is considered the foundational pillar of the science of medicine. This text is a priceless treasure for the understanding and practice of Ayurveda.

MAIN FEATURES

- 🌸 Detailed description of diseases, their causes, symptoms and pathogenesis
- 🌸 Scientific explanation of the principles of Ayurveda
- 🌸 Comprehensive text on health, diet, lifestyle, routines, behavior, and code of conduct
- 🌸 Description of preventive measures and promotive aspects of health

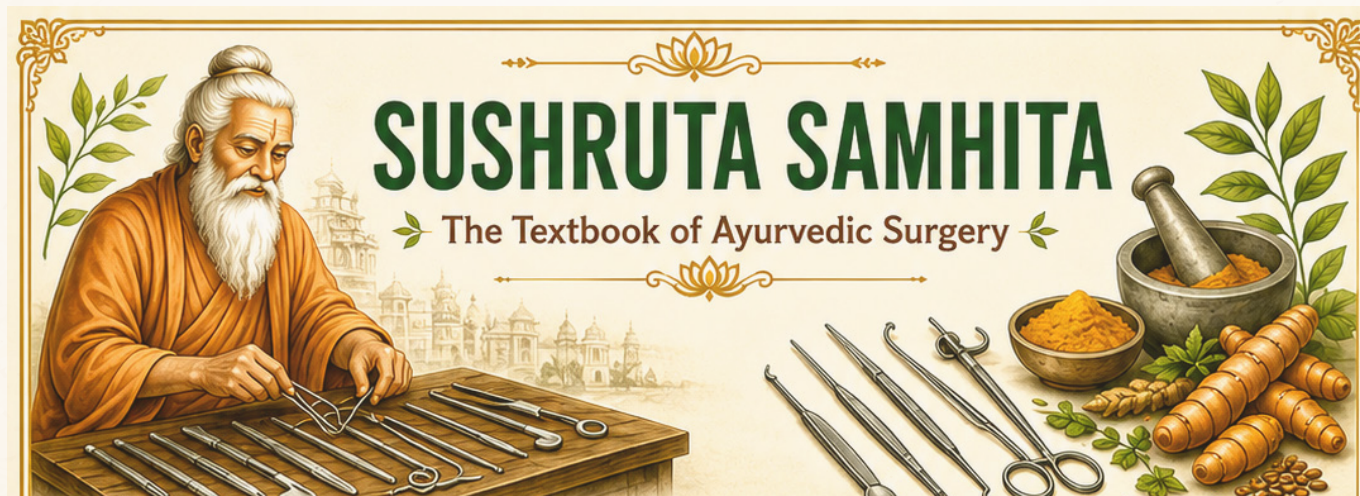
SPECIALTIES

- 🌸 Comprehensive description of diagnosis
- 🌸 Detailed discussion on the causes, symptoms and treatment of diseases
- 🌸 Explanation of the effects of medicines on the tissues of the body
- 🌸 Detailed description of the helath of the mind, senses, soul and self
- 🌸 Detailed explanation of the principles of a balanced diet, daily routine, seasons and conduct



Sushruta:

Sushruta lived after Charaka, and Buddhist influence is evident in his treatise, the *Sushruta Samhita*. The *Sushruta Samhita* contains a description of plastic surgery for the nose (*Nasikasandhan*). It describes over 1,100 diseases, including 26 types of urinary disorders, and details the use of more than 760 medicinal herbs. Various parts of plants, such as roots, bark, sap, and flowers were utilized. Ingredients like cinnamon, sesame seeds, black pepper, cardamom, and ginger are still used as household remedies today. The *Sushruta Samhita* also outlines methods for selecting and preserving cadavers for detailed study. Bodies of the elderly or those who had died from severe diseases were generally not chosen for this purpose. The body was first thoroughly cleaned and then wrapped in tree bark for preservation. It was then enclosed in a cage and carefully concealed at a specific location in a river. The river's current would soften the body tissues. After seven days, the body was retrieved from the river and cleaned using brushes made from grass roots, hair, and bamboo splinters. This process rendered the internal and external body parts clearly visible. Sushruta's most significant contributions were in the fields of plastic surgery and eye surgery (specifically cataract removal). In that era, the amputation of the nose or ears was a common form of punishment; thus, reconstructing these features or reattaching limbs severed in battle was nothing short of a boon. The *Sushruta Samhita* provides precise, step-by-step descriptions of these surgical procedures. It details various operations, such as the Caesarean section (delivering a baby from the mother's womb), a procedure named after the Roman ruler Caesar, who was born in this manner. It also describes surgeries for removing cataracts and extracting bladder stones. In this treatise, Sushruta has described 120 types of surgical instruments and 300 surgical procedures.





Sushruta Samhita is the fundamental textbook of Ayurvedic surgery. It has been divided into 6 sections (Bhāga). It contains 184 chapters in total. It describes the knowledge of surgical instruments, methods, Siddhāntas and training.

In ancient times, this was known as 'Kitāba' and by the name 'Sushruta'.



THE SIX SECTIONS (BHĀGA) OF SUSHRUTA SAMHITA



1 SUTRA STHANA (46 CHAPTERS)



- The description of fundamental principles, Siddhāntas, surgical instruments, methods and training.

2 NIDĀNA STHANA (16 CHAPTERS)



- The description of diseases, their causes, symptoms, types, and the methods of diagnosis.

3 SHARĪRA STHANA (16 CHAPTERS)



- The description of the structure of the body, growth, formation, functions, embryology, physiology and anatomy.

4 CHIKITSA STHANA (40 CHAPTERS)



- The description of treatment of various diseases (internal and external), wound management and other therapeutic methods.

5 KALPA STHANA (8 CHAPTERS)



- The description of preparations of various medicines, their properties, methods of administration and other therapies.

6 UTTARA TANTRA (66 CHAPTERS)



- The description of diseases of the head, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, teeth and their treatment.



IMPORTANT SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS



- Various types of instruments – 34 types (Among which 9 instruments are for measuring the body parts, 25 instruments are sharp and blunt.)



- Probing instruments – Used for examination, for probing wounds, abscesses, veins, arteries and for removing foreign bodies.



- Scalpels – 28 types (For incisions and cuts.)



IMPORTANCE

- It is the basis of ancient Indian surgery.
- Even today, it is the source of inspiration for surgical science.



SPECIALTIES

- Describes knowledge of surgical instruments, methods of surgery, diseases, treatment methods, diet, behavior, obstetrics, intoxication, poison science, eye diseases and ear diseases.



GLOBAL RECOGNITION

- It was not only respected in India but also all over the world.
- It is a grand text of ancient Indian science.

Yoga and Patanjali:

Another science associated with Ayurveda that developed in ancient India is Yoga, a practice through which healing takes place at both physical and mental levels without the use of medication. The word 'Yoga' is derived from the Sanskrit term *Yokt*; its literal meaning is to unite the mind with the soul and to detach oneself from the objects of the external senses. It aims to create a state of balance by purifying human consciousness. Yoga is the power that purifies consciousness and elevates it to the level of divine realization. Yoga encompasses both the physical and the mental realms; physical yoga is known as *Hatha Yoga*. Generally, its objective is to eliminate

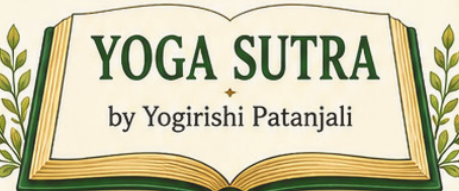
ailments and promote physical health. *Raja Yoga* is a form of mental yoga; its goal is self-realization and liberation from worldly bonds through physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual balance.

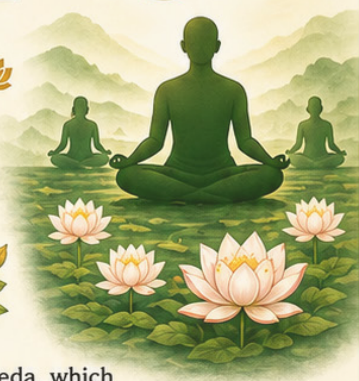
Yoga was transmitted orally from one sage to another. The credit for presenting this science in a systematic form goes to Patanjali. In the *Yoga Sutras*, Patanjali identifies a symbol for the Divine; he describes 'Om' as a cosmic sound that constantly pervades the ether. Apart from the *Yoga Sutras*, Patanjali authored a treatise on the science of medicine and wrote a commentary on Panini's grammar, which is renowned as the *Mahabhashya*.



YOGA

An ancient Indian science connected with Ayurveda





Yoga is an ancient Indian science connected with Ayurveda, which is based on the belief that the body and mind are gifts of nature. Yoga is the union of 'Purusha' (soul) and 'Prakriti' (nature). Its purpose is to achieve physical, mental and spiritual health and to liberate human beings from the miseries of life.

1 Meaning and Objective of Yoga

- To prevent pain before it occurs.
- To promote physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.
- To liberate the soul from bondage.

2 Hatha Yoga (Physical Yoga)

Objective:
To purify the body and prepare it for complete physical well-being.

3 Raja Yoga (Mental Yoga)

Objective: To achieve control over the mind, emotions, thoughts, subconscious and unconscious mind through discipline and meditation.

4 History and Importance

- Yoga is one of the most ancient sciences.
- Its objective is to achieve overall development of human personality.
- This science is useful in achieving physical, mental and spiritual health.

Patanjali's Yoga Darshana

-  The Yoga Sutras were compiled by Sage Patanjali in the form of aphorisms.
-  Yoga is an internal and profound science. It is relevant at all times and in all places, and is based on practical experience.
-  The Yoga Sutras describe the eight limbs of Yoga in an analytical and orderly manner.
-  Commentaries on these Sutras were written by various sages, the most famous being 'Maharishi'.



IMPORTANCE

- It is the foundation of ancient Indian medicine and is still relevant and applicable today.



MAIN SUBJECTS

- Including the principles of life (soul, mind, body), diet, medicines, lifestyle, seasons, conduct, preventive measures, diagnostics, therapeutics and ethical principles.



GLOBAL RELEVANCE

- It is not only important for India but is also a valuable source of knowledge for global health and well-being.

"YOGASH CHITTAVRITTINIRODHANA"

(Yoga Sutra by Patanjali)

Yoga is the control of the fluctuations of the mind.
By controlling the mind and senses,
one can achieve the goal of life.

Current Affairs Magazine Test: (August 2026)

Total Questions: 100

Marks: 200

1. Consider the following statement(s) regarding HPCL-Rajasthan Refinery Limited and identify the correct statement(s):
 1. It is a joint venture between HPCL and the Government of Rajasthan.
 2. A financial investment of ₹79,459 crore was made in it.
 3. It is India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex.
 Code:

(a) Only 1 and 2	(b) Only 2 and 3
(c) Only 1 and 3	(d) 1, 2 and 3
2. Consider the following statement(s) regarding the mobile phone manufacturing scheme and identify the incorrect statement(s):
 1. This scheme was approved on July 15, 2026.
 2. Its total budgetary outlay is ₹61,500 crore.
 3. The duration of this scheme is from the financial year 2026-27 to the financial year 2030-31.
 Code:

(a) Only 1 and 2	(b) Only 2
(c) Only 1 and 3	(d) 1, 2 and 3
3. What is the mandatory area requirement for a park to be developed under the India Industrial Development Scheme for Chemicals (Bhavya Rasayan)?
 - (a) A contiguous land area of at least 5 square kilometers
 - (b) A dry land area of at least 11 square kilometers
 - (c) A contiguous land area of at least 2 square kilometers
 - (d) A contiguous land area of at least 8 square kilometers
4. With reference to the Commonwealth Games 2026, which of the following pairs is incorrect?
 1. Edition: 21st Edition
 2. Dates: 23 July to 2 August
 3. Mascot: Phinny
 Code:

(a) Only 1	(b) Only 2
(c) Only 3	(d) 1, 2, and 3
5. Consider the following statement(s) regarding Bharat Tex-2026 and identify the correct statement(s):
 1. It was organized in Ludhiana.
 2. Its objective was to establish India as a textile hub.
 3. It is India's largest global textile event.
 Code:

(a) Only 1 and 2	(b) Only 2 and 3
(c) Only 1 and 3	(d) 1, 2 and 3
6. Who presided over the BRICS Science Academies Forum meeting-2026 held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad?

(a) Kishore Mande	(b) Nandan Nilekani
(c) Shekhar Mande	(d) Piyush Goyal
7. "He has recently assumed office as the Prime Minister of Britain. He is a leader of Britain's Labour Party." He is—

(a) Rishi Sunak	(b) Lukia Burnham
(c) Andy Burnham	(d) Andy Ahina
8. Consider the following statement(s) regarding S. Janaki Amma, who has recently been in the news, and identify the correct statement(s):
 1. She was an Indian playback singer.
 2. She was known as the "Nightingale of India."
 3. She has received four National Film Awards.
 Code:

(a) Only 1 and 2	(b) Only 2 and 3
(c) Only 1 and 3	(d) 1, 2, and 3
9. On which date is the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem observed annually?

(a) 21 July	(b) 26 July
(c) 23 July	(d) 28 July
10. On July 28, 2026, the Vice President of India released the first set of how many commemorative books to mark the completion of four years of the tenure of the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu?

(a) Five commemorative books
(b) Three commemorative books
(c) Seven commemorative books
(d) Two commemorative books
11. India won how many medals at the 67th International Mathematical Olympiad?

(a) 2 gold and 4 silver medals
(b) 2 gold and 3 silver medals
(c) 4 gold and 2 silver medals
(d) 3 gold and 4 silver medals
12. On July 14, 2026, Indian-origin Anil Menon flew to the International Space Station aboard which Russian spacecraft?

(a) Soyuz MS-21 spacecraft
(b) Soyuz MS-31 spacecraft
(c) Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft
(d) Soyuz MS-27 spacecraft

13. India's first private orbital rocket, Vikram-1, was successfully launched by—
(a) Cosmos Aerospace
(b) Skyroot Aerospace
(c) Star Aerospace
(d) Trishul Aerospace
14. By whom has the indigenous diving support vessel 'Nipun' been built?
(a) Mumbai Shipyard Limited
(b) Kochi Shipyard Limited
(c) Goa Shipyard Limited
(d) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
15. Consider the following statement(s) regarding INS Mahendragiri and identify the correct statement(s):
1. It was designed by the Warship Design Bureau.
2. It was constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.
3. It was named after the 'Mahendragiri' mountain range of the Eastern Ghats.
- Code:
(a) Only 1 and 2
(b) Only 2 and 3
(c) Only 1 and 3
(d) 1, 2 and 3

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