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**IMPORTANT DAYS****NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
February 10	Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) celebrates its 89th Foundation Day	-
February 12	National Productivity Day/ National Productivity Council (NPC) Foundation Day	-
February 13	National Women's Day	-
February 18	Ramakrishna Paramhansa Jayanti 2025	-
February 19	22nd Foundation Day of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)	-
February 20	Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day/Arunachal Pradesh Statehood Day	-
	Mizoram Foundation Day	-
February 24	The Central Excise Day	-
February 27	6th National Protein Day	-
February 24, 2025 and will be observed till February 28, 2025	Financial Literacy Week	Financial Literacy- Women's prosperity





## INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
February 02	United Nations (UN's) World Wetlands Day	"Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future".
February 04	United Nations (UN's) 5th International Day of Human Fraternity	-
	World Cancer Day	"United by Unique".
February 06	United Nations (UN's) 14th International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)	"Stepping Up the Pace: Strengthening Alliances and Building Movements to End Female Genital Mutilation".
February 10	United Nations (UN's) World Pulses Day	"Pulses: Bringing diversity to agrifood systems".
	United Nations (UN's) International Day of the Arabian Leopard	-
February 11	United Nations (UN's) International Day of Women and Girls in Science	"Unpacking STEM Careers: Her Voice in Science"
February 12	International Darwin Day	-
February 13	United Nations (UN's) 14th World Radio Day	"Radio and Climate Change".
February 14	Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day	"Remember Our Hearts".
February 17	United Nations (UN's) 3rd Global Tourism Resilience Day (GTRD)	-





<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
February 20	United Nations (UN's) World Day of Social Justice	"Strengthening a Just Transition for a Sustainable Future".
February 21	United Nations (UN's) International Mother Language Day	"Languages Matter: Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day"
February 27	World Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Day	"Empowering Grassroots Movements for a Sustainable Future".

## SPORTS

### Cricket

- The 2nd edition of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Under-19 (U19) Women's T20 (Twenty 20) World Cup 2025
- The ICC Champions Trophy 2025 will be hosted by Pakistan
- Varun Chakravarthy became India's second-oldest cricketer to make an ODI debut
- Former Captain of Sri Lanka National Cricket Team Frank Dimuth Madushanka Karunaratne announced his retirement from International Cricket
- India's captain, Rohit Sharma becomes 2nd-highest six-hitter in ODI History
- BCCI and ICC tie-up for Organ Donation Awareness
- ICC Player of the Month for January 2025 -ICC Men's Player of the Month: Jomel Warrican (West Indies).ICC Women's Player of the Month: Beth Mooney (Australia).
- Pakistan's batter Babar Azam has etched his name in the record books by becoming the joint-fastest player to score 6,000 runs in One Day Internationals (ODIs)
- Reliance Consumer Products' beverage brand, Campa Cola, has secured the co-presenting rights for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025
- Women's Premier League 2025 - The tournament will be hosted across 4 major venues in India, Kotambi Stadium (Vadodara), M. Chinnaswamy Stadium (Bengaluru), Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium (Lucknow), and Brabourne Stadium (Mumbai).
- Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma achieved a major milestone by becoming the 2nd fastest batsman to complete 11,000 runs in One-Day Internationals (ODIs)
- Indian pacer Mohammed Shami made history by becoming the fastest Indian bowler to claim 200 ODI wickets



- Virat Kohli has added another historic milestone to his illustrious career by becoming the fastest batter to reach 14,000 ODI runs
- Indian squash legend Saurav Ghosal has marked a sensational return from retirement by clinching the Octane Sydney Classic title

### Football

- Marcelo Vieira da Silva Junior, the former Real Madrid and Brazil defender (left-back), announced his retirement from professional football

### Hockey

- The 6th edition of the Men's Hockey India League 2024-25 (HIL 2024-25)- Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers won the 1st ever title of the 'HIL 2024-25 by defeating Hyderabad Toofans in the final tournament held at the Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, Odisha.

### Tennis

- Romania's Simona Halep announced her retirement from professional tennis
- Carlos Alcaraz secured his 1st indoor hardcourt title by defeating Alex de Minaur in the Rotterdam Open final
- Mumbai Open 2025

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Runner-Up</u></b>
Women's Singles	Jil Belén Teichmann (Switzerland)	Mananchaya Sawangkaew (Thailand)
Women's Doubles	Elena Ivanovna Pridankina and Amina Vladikovna Anshba (Russia)	Prarthana Thombare (India) and Arianne Hartono (Netherlands)

The 5th edition of the Chennai Open 2025 ATP Challenger -2025 was the 5th edition of Chennai Open, part of the 2025 ATP Challenger Tour, held at the SDAT Tennis Stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.



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<b>Category</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Runner-Up</b>
Men's Singles	Kyrian Jacquet (France)	Elias Ymer (Sweden)
Men's Doubles	Shintaro Mochizuki/Kaito Uesugi (Japan)	Saketh Myneni/Ramkumar Ramanathan (India)

### Chess

- Tata Steel Chess Masters 2025 - Indian Chess Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa won the 'Tata Steel Chess Masters 2025' trophy by defeating World Chess Champion of 2024, D Gukesh in the tiebreaker held in Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands.

### Boxing

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) replaced the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) with an ad-hoc committee

### Events

- The 38th National Games 2025 - Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) topped at the 38th edition of National Games for the 5th time, held in Uttarakhand from January 26, 2025 to February 14, 2025 in the last six National Games, except in 2023.
- Indian Snooker Championship 2025 - India's most accomplished cueist, Pankaj Advani, secured his 36th national title and 10th men's snooker championship at the Yashwant Club.
- Indonesia clinched its maiden Asia Mixed Team Badminton Championship title by defeating China
- Saudi Arabia to host the inaugural Olympic Esports Games 2027
- Indian Vishvaa Rajakumar Prodigy won Global Memory Championship 2025
- Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) football club (also known as Mariners) clinched the 2024-25 Indian Super League (ISL) League Winners' Shield

### Others

- Mumbai Indians owner Reliance Industries, through its subsidiary RISE Worldwide acquire 49% stake in The Hundred's Oval Invincibles, a team in ECB's The Hundred league
- Jacob Kiplimo of Uganda broke the world half-marathon record in Barcelona, finishing the 21.0975 km race in 56 minutes and 42 seconds
- Mary Kom, Avani Lekhara, Suhas Yathiraj Join Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025





**BANKING AND FINANCE****Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

- RBI's 6th Bi-Monthly of the FY25 for February 2025

Category	Percentage
Policy Repo Rate	6.25%
Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)	6.00%
Bank Rate	6.50%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)	6.50%
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18%

- RBI revealed that its Digital Payments Index (DPI) has increased from 445.5 in March 2024 to 465.33 as of September 2024
- RBI has tightened norms for imposing monetary penalties and compounding offences under the Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act, 2007
- RBI launched a Regulatory Sandbox (RS) to test the "On Tap" application facility under the theme of 'Retail Payments'
- As of December 31, 2024, ₹6,691 crore worth of ₹2000 banknotes remain in circulation
- RBI to Introduce 'bank.in' and 'fin.in' Domains to Enhance Cybersecurity in the financial sector
- RBI Aligns HFC Regulations with NBFC Norms for Private Placement of NCDs
- RBI has approved Tata Communications' sale of its entire stake in Tata Communications Payment Solutions Ltd (TCPSL) to Australian fintech
- RBI introduces Additional Factor Authentication (AFA) for cross-border "Card Not Present" (CNP) transactions
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the voluntary amalgamation of two urban co-operative banks in Hyderabad, Telangana
- RBI has announced that non-bank brokers registered with the SEBI can now directly access the Negotiated Dealing System-Order Matching (NDS-OM) platform







- RBI decided to postpone the implementation of the proposed Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) norms and project financing guidelines by a year
- RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.35.60 lakh on Federal Bank and Karur Vysya Bank for non-compliance with specific regulatory directions
- RBI to issue ₹50 banknotes with Governor Sanjay Malhotra's Signature
- RBI removed the restrictions placed on Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB)
- RBI is injecting ₹2.5 lakh crore into the banking system through Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions to tackle liquidity shortages
- RBI approved Easebuzz Pvt Ltd, a digital payment solution provider to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator (PA) for secure digital payment solutions
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) to set up a branch in GIFT City, Gujarat
- RBI imposed a penalties on two banks and one Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) for not adhering to regulatory guidelines
- RBI launched 'RBIDATA', a mobile application (App) - To provide the public with access to macroeconomic and financial data related to the Indian economy.
- RBI's High-Frequency Indicators point to sequential pickup in momentum of Economic Activity during H2 2024-25
- The Reserve Bank of India's intervention in the foreign exchange market to stabilise the rupee resulted in net sales of \$15.2 billion in Dec 2024
- Bank lending to NBFCs dropped to a 4-year low of 6.7% in 2024, as per RBI data, due to higher risk weights on loans and tighter credit conditions
- The RBI conducted an Open Market Operation (OMO) purchase auction on February 20, 2025
- RBI has imposed a monetary penalties on Citibank, Asirvad Micro Finance Limited (AMFL), and JM Financial Home Loans Limited (JMFHL) for violating regulatory norms
- RBI has announced a \$10 billion foreign exchange (forex) swap
- RBI highlights risks from global financial instability due to tariffs, energy price volatility, and trade policy uncertainties
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the small-value loan limit for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) to ₹3 crore per borrower
- RBI reduced the risk weights on the exposure of Scheduled Commercial Banks loans to Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Microfinance Institutions (MFIs)



**Public Sector Banks****State Bank of India (SBI)**

- SBI Research report projects India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at 6.2% to 6.3% in the third quarter (Oct-Dec) FY25

**Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**

- IOB has become a signatory of the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)

**Punjab National Bank (PNB)**

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) - To provide special financial benefits and insurance coverage for ITBP personnel, pensioners and their families.

**Private Sector Banks****Axis Bank**

- Axis Bank pledged ₹104 crore over 4 years to Ashoka University to enhance its PhD and Post-Doctoral research programs
- Axis Bank has hosted the 9th edition of Evolve

**Yes Bank**

- Fintech Company Finvasia + YES Bank - To launch 'Jump', an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled super application (app) to simplify personal finance.

**South Indian Bank**

- South Indian Bank (SIB) has launched two new innovative startup Current Account (CA) products
- South Indian Bank launched 'SIB Quick FD'

**IDFC First Bank**

- IDFC FIRST Bank + Ikonz Studios expanded its AI-powered holographic avatar of its brand ambassador Amitabh Bachchan to 5 more cities

**IndusInd Bank**

- IndusInd Bank has unveiled its collaboration with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) as its official Banking Partner



**Payments Bank**

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and PNB MetLife have signed a bancassurance partnership to expand life insurance access across India
- Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Karnataka Bulldozers as a co-sponsor for Celebrity Cricket League (CCL) 2025

**Small Finance Bank**

- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has applied for a universal banking licence
- Small Finance Banks (SFBs) received the RBI approval to provide pre-sanctioned credit lines through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)

**Insurance News**

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) organised the 9th edition of Bima Manthan
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched 'One Man Office' (OMO)
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a 7-member committee - The committee was led by Dinesh Kumar Khara, the former Chairman of the SBI to review and implement changes to the Insurance Act of 1938.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) allowed a OneTime Mandate (OTM) on Unified Payments Interface (UPI)

**Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

- SEBI secured a UPI Payment Mechanism for Registered Market Intermediaries
- SEBI extends suspension on trading in key agricultural commodity derivatives until March 2025
- SEBI has imposed a ₹25 lakh fine on DB Realty Ltd (now Valor Estate Ltd) and seven individuals
- SEBI launched a new digital platform, 'Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant (MITRA)'
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has released new guidelines for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions
- SEBI launched 'Related Party Transaction (RPT) portal', India's 1st dedicated platform to monitor and analyse RPTs
- SEBI has fined Axis Securities ₹10 lakh for multiple regulatory violations of stockbroker regulations
- SEBI has fined the Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd. (ICCL), a subsidiary of BSE Ltd ₹5.05 crore for regulatory breaches





- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- SIDBI + Tata Capital Limited (TCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) - For Partnership for financing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

### Others

- Kotak Mutual Fund has launched India's first MSCI India Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF), designed to track the MSCI India Index
- Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) has fined Bybit Fintech Ltd ₹9.27 crore
- NPCI proposed an increase in ATM interchange fees for both cash and non-cash transactions
- Uganda together with the World Health Organization (WHO) and global partner launched a 1st clinical trial for a vaccine aimed at the Sudan species of the Ebola virus
- The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has introduced three initiatives Chhoti SIP, Tarun Yojana, and MITRA
- Paytm has launched the Solar Sound Box for digital payments
- Muthoot Finance has received RBI approval to open 115 new branches across India, strengthening its presence in the gold loan market

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **IIT News**

- The Indian Army + IIT Guwahati - To create bamboo-based composite bunkers as a substitute for conventional construction materials.
- ISRO launched the latest version of the Finite Element Analysis of Structures (FEAST) software at the IIT Hyderabad
- The Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing Kancheepuram + Education and Research Network of India (ERNET) signed a MoU - The collaboration aims to enhance research and development in cutting-edge technologies.
- IIT Madras unveiled India's first hyperloop test track

### **Space News**

- Indian-origin astronaut from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Sunita "Suni" Williams set a new record
- The drift of the Earth's north magnetic pole from Canada to Siberia has influenced the penetration altitudes of charged particles in the mid-high latitudes in the Earth's magnetosphere, shows a new study





- The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched the 'Michibiki 6', a navigation satellite aboard its H3 rocket
- China's Artificial Sun (EAST), maintained a steady-state high-confinement plasma operation for 1000+ seconds
- the Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) of Pakistan + China National Space Administration (CNSA), China signed a MoU
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Inertial Systems Unit (IISU) + Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- China has granted approval for the development of a deep-sea research facility in the strategically important South China Sea
- Elon Musk and his artificial intelligence company xAI have launched Grok 3
- India's 4th-generation deep-ocean submersible 'Matsya-6000' completed its wet testing at L&T Shipbuilding facility in Kattupalli Port, Chennai
- The European Space Agency (ESA) has medically approved British astronaut John McFall, a former Paralympian with a prosthetic leg
- China has launched a new communication satellite 'ChinaSat-10R' / Zhongxing-10R
- SpaceX launched 3rd moon landing mission of 2025 named 'Intuitive Machines (IM-2)' mission carrying Athena lander
- Pixxel has launched India's first private hyperspectral satellite constellation, Firefly, aboard SpaceX's Transporter-12 mission
- NASA launched dish-water sized satellite named 'Lunar Trailblazer' into space aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket

#### **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**

- DRDO conducted 3 consecutive flight-trials of the Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha
- DRDO-IIT Hyderabad Unveils Large Area Additive Manufacturing System (LAAM)
- DRDO announced a major restructuring of its Research Verticals and Thrust Areas across DIA-CoEs, increasing them from 65 to 82 to enhance defense R&D
- DRDO + the Indian Navy conducted the flight trials of first-of-its-kind, indigenously developed Naval AntiShip Missile Short Range (NASM-SR)

#### **India in Science & Technology**

- IIT Indore, Madhya Pradesh + Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched 'AgriHub'





- Researchers at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS) in Bengaluru have developed a novel high-entropy alloy (HEA) catalyst called PtPdCoNiMn
- Tata Elxsi Limited has partnered with Chennai based Garuda Aerospace Private Limited at Aero India 2025
- India to launch Chandrayaan-4 in 2027, aims to bring back moon rocks
- Saab has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- TrailGuard AI implemented in Similipal Tiger Reserve to combat poaching
- Google unveiled 'Ananta' its largest campus in India
- The ISRO has developed a 10-tonne vertical planetary mixer, the largest of its kind globally, for solid propellant production
- Microsoft has introduced Magma-It is a groundbreaking multimodal AI model capable of understanding both images and language in digital and physical environments.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd nodal training institute, HAL Management Academy (HMA) + Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) signed a MoU - This collaboration aims to bridge the gap between industry and academia, fostering cutting-edge research and technological advancements in the aerospace sector.

### **Environment & Energy**

- India has reached a significant milestone by achieving 100 GW of installed solar power capacity
- THDC India Ltd (THDCIL) has achieved a significant milestone by commencing commercial operations of a 660-MW unit in UP
- Tata Power has partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS)

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **Argentina**

- India and Argentina formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in lithium exploration and mining

### **Australia**

- Australian scientists successfully created the world's first kangaroo embryos through in vitro fertilization (IVF)



**Bangladesh**

- India and Bangladesh concluded their biannual director general-level talks between the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB)

**China**

- China has launched an antitrust investigation into Google, focusing on potential violations of its Anti-Monopoly Law
- New bat virus HKU5-CoV-2 discovered in China sparks pandemic fears

**Denmark**

- Denmark launched the Green Transition Alliance India (GTAI)

**France**

- PM Narendra Modi co-chaired the AI Action Summit in Paris alongside French President Emmanuel Macron
- PM Narendra Modi made an official visit to France to further strengthen and develop bilateral relations

**Israel**

- India-Israel Business Forum and the India-Israel CEO Forum held in New Delhi

**Japan**

- The 'Made in India' Jimny 5-door was unveiled in Japan

**Malaysia**

- The 13th meeting of the Malaysia-India Defence Cooperation Committee (MIDCOM) was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Nepal**

- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) of India + the Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) of Nepal signed a MoU

**Philippines**

- India is set to finalize a \$200 million deal with the Philippines for its Akash surface-to-air missile system
- Indian Ambassador to the Philippines, Harsh Kumar Jain inaugurated a statue of the esteemed Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar





**Panama**

- India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Panama for the 1st time to implement Quick Impact Projects (QIP) in Panama

**Qatar**

- The Amir of Qatar, His Highness (HH) Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani visited India

**United States**

- U.S. President Donald Trump issued an executive order enforcing high tariffs on imports from Mexico, Canada, and China
- U.S. President substantially raised tariffs on steel and aluminum imports on Monday to a flat 25% "without exceptions or exemptions"
- PM Modi was on an official visit to the United States of America (USA)

**United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

- UAE launches first phase of Blue Visa

**Summit/Event**

- The inaugural Raisina Middle East Conference took place in Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2025
- India will host the BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Working Group Meeting from March 3 to 7, 2025
- Dubai will host the inaugural Global Justice, Love & Peace Summit on April 12-13, 2025, at the Dubai Exhibition Centre, Expo City
- The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) is preparing to launch the Lord Buddha Trination Triservices Expedition
- The International Conference on "Innovations in Unani Medicine for Integrative Health Solutions-A way forward" held in New Delhi
- The 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14AFAF) to be held in New Delhi
- PM Narendra Modi declared that India will host the upcoming Global AI Summit after discussions at the AI Action Summit in Paris
- The International Institute of Administrative Science (IIAS)-Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) Conference 2025 took place in the Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates International Women's Conference by Art of Living in Bengaluru





- Brazil announced that the next 'BRICS Summit 2025' will take place in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) on July 6-7, 2025
- Throughout 2025, Brazil will lead the group of developing nations and plans to prioritize global governance reform and bolster cooperation among countries of the Global South.
- BRICS is an intergovernmental organisation formed in 2009 by Brazil, Russia, India, and China, expanded with South Africa in 2010.
- At the 2024 summit in Kazan (Russia), Indonesia became the 11th member, while Nigeria was named a "partner country".
- Brazil's government approved its membership in Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC+) plus
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the inaugural 'SOUL Leadership Conclave 2025' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2-day 'Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025' in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

### Exercise

- The 13th edition of the joint military exercise 'Ekuverin' held between India and Maldives
- The senior military officers of India observed the Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX-2025)
- The 3rd edition of the India-Egypt joint military exercise 'Cyclone 2025' commenced at the Maharajan Field Range, Rajasthan
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- The 6th edition of the India-Japan joint military exercise, 'Dharma Guardian' began at the East Fuji Manoeuvre Training Area in Japan

### Others

- World Health Organization (WHO) declared Niger as the 1st African country to achieve the elimination of Onchocerciasis (river blindness)
- South Africa inaugurated the Southern Hemisphere's largest Hindu temple in Johannesburg
- UNICEF has launched a national roadmap to enhance child road safety, addressing the alarming number of road traffic fatalities among children
- India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) have taken a significant step towards deeper economic collaboration with the inauguration of the India-EFTA Desk





- UNESCO has launched the "Imagine a world with more women in science" campaign
- India has made a significant advancement in its aviation sector by introducing the Electronic Personnel License (EPL) for flight crew
- India assumed the Chairmanship of the Bay of Bengal Programme InterGovernmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) from Bangladesh
- Cali Fund launched at the 16th Conference of Parties (COP16) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Rome, Italy

## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Prime Minister; Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister : Shri Narendra Modi (Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh)**

- PM Narendra Modi announced the formation of a Deregulation Commission aimed at reducing the role of the state in governance
- India was elected as the Vice President of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA)

### **Ministry News**

**Ministry of Defence: Shri Rajnath Singh (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)**

- Defence Ministry + Manohar Parrikar Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses - Jointly conducted a pilot study on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS) in February 2025, focusing on the growing role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern warfare.

**Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Cooperation: Shri Amit Shah (Gandhinagar, Gujarat)**

- A high level committee chaired by Union Home Minister, approved Rs.3,027.86 crore for disaster mitigation projects across India

**Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman (Rajya Sabha-Karnataka)**

- Government Budgeting in India-The Process and Constitutional Requirements
- Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) signed a MoU with the Carbon Markets Association of India (CMAI) - the MoU was signed during the IICA-CMAI Masterclass on Global & Indian Carbon Markets as part of the India Climate Week 2025 held in New Delhi.





- MCA21 Records 80.26 Lakh Form Filings from April 2024 to January 2025 compared to 73.29 lakh forms filed during the previous year period

**Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Minister of Rural Development: Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh)**

- India's agricultural sector has demonstrated remarkable resilience in recent years
- The government has introduced several initiatives to enhance agricultural technology
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched a nation-wide campaign "Watershed Yatra"
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations (NAKSHA)

**Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs; Minister of Power: Shri Manohar Lal Khattar (Karnal, Haryana)**

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs + MyGov, has launched the 'Culinary, Crafts & Clicks-Moods & Magic' festival
- Manohar Lal inaugurated the Prakriti 2025, an international conference on carbon markets, held in New Delhi

**Minister of Heavy Industries; Minister of Steel: Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy (Mandya, Karnataka)**

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries signed a Programme Agreement (PA) with Reliance New Energy Battery Limited (RNEBL)-This agreement was signed under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC).

**Minister of Commerce and Industry: Shri Piyush Goyal (Mumbai North, Maharashtra)**

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) + the Korea Transport Institute (KoTI) from the Republic of Korea signed a MoU- This collaboration aims to bolster cooperation in logistics and infrastructure development, leveraging KoTI's expertise to support India's ambitious infrastructure initiatives.
- Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Department of Commerce has celebrated 6 years of Startups, Women & Youth Advantage through eTransactions (SWAYATT) initiative

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**Minister of Education: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan (Sambalpur, Odisha)**

- Dharmendra Pradhan, attended the 126th Founder's Day celebration of Hindu College in New Delhi

**Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways:  
Shri Sarbananda Sonowal (Dibrugarh, Assam)**

- Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled 'One Nation-One Port' initiative

**Minister of Civil Aviation:**

**Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu (Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh)**

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) granted a license as a public aerodrome under the 3C/Visual Flight Rules category to Datia Airport
- Ram Mohan Naidu, inaugurated the UDAN Yatri Cafe at Chennai International Airport

**Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Minister of New and Renewable Energy: Shri Pralhad Joshi (Dharwad, Karnataka)**

- The Department of Consumer Affairs has upgraded the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) with AI technology- For faster grievance redressal through sector-wise analysis, boosting efficiency and consumer trust.

**Minister of Tribal Affairs: Shri Jual Oram (Sundargarh, Odisha)**

**• PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) Package for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups**

- Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) has signed Multiple Strategic MoUs-TRIFED signed a MoU with Tea Trunk, a Goa-based premium tea brand to boost the tribal economy by leveraging Tea Trunk's market presence and providing a wider range of tribal products to its existing customer base.
- TRIFED + National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) + Himachal Pradesh Horticulture Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation (HPMC) signed a MoU- For facilitating tribal entrepreneurship in a significant move to transcend from Business-to-Consumer (B2C) to Business-to-Business (B2B) model.

**Minister of Railways; Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha-Odisha)**

- Ministry of Railways introduced the 'SwaRail' SuperApp (application), which serves as a one-stop solution for Indian Railways services





- Announcement of the Railway Budget 2025 with a total allocation of ₹2.65 lakh crore, the same as last year
- India plans to implement the Kavach Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system across its entire railway network within 6 years
- MeitY has launched the Aadhaar Good Governance Portal

**Minister of Communications; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region:  
Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia (Guna, MP)**

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) + the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) signed a Letter of Intent (LoI)-To collaborate on advanced infrastructure planning using Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven digital twin technologies.

**Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Shri Bhupender Yadav (Alwar, Rajasthan)**

- Bhupender Yadav announced the inclusion of 4 new wetlands from India in Ramsar Convention list
- Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 'Waste Recycling and Climate Change 2025' conclave

**Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas: Shri Hardeep Singh Puri (Rajya Sabha-UP)**

- Steps by Government for Door-to-Door gas supply through pipeline

**Minister of Labour and Employment; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports: Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Porbandar, Gujarat)**

- Ministry of Labour & Employment has signed an MoU with APNA, one of India's leading job recruitment platforms

**Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines:  
Shri G. Kishan Reddy (Secunderabad, Telangana)**

- Mineral and non-ferrous Metal Production on Growth Track in FY 2024-25 (April-December)





**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture: Rao Inderjit Singh (Gurgaon, Haryana)**

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the results of Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) for 2023-24
- Ministry of Culture implements a Central Sector scheme 'Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)'
- The Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Program was launched to create a framework
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) celebrated the 75th anniversary of the National Sample Surveys (NSS) in New Delhi
- The National Statistics Office (NSO) under the MoSPI launched its 25th Quarterly Bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)
- Bisleri International Pvt Ltd + Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Ministry of Culture signed a MoU-This MoU was signed under their 'Adopt a Heritage 2.0 (AAH 2.0) Programme'.

**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space: Dr. Jitendra Singh (Udhampur, J&K)**

- Jitendra Singh launched India's 1st Indigenous Automated Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Plant (BMWTP) named "Srjanam"
- Jitendra Singh inaugurated the India's first Open-Air Art Wall Museum at Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi

**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayush; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Shri Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao (Buldhana, Maharashtra)**

- The Ministry of Ayush has launched the "Shatavari-For Better Health" campaign-To promote awareness of Shatavari's medicinal benefits, especially for women's health.
- The Ministry of AYUSH bestowed the prestigious 'National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards' for 2025







**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE); and Minister of State in the Ministry of Education: Shri Jayant Chaudhary (Rajya Sabha-UP)**

- Jayant Chaudhary virtually launched 'Swavalambini'

**State News**

**Andhra Pradesh**

- Andhra Pradesh government launched 'Mana Mitra', India's first WhatsApp-based governance platform, offering 161 civil services

**Assam**

- Assam will host the world's largest Jhumur dance, ahead of the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment Summit
- The 2nd Simolu Festival held at Bwisang-Na, an ethnic eco-resort in Barunguri, Laokhowa, Assam

**Gujarat**

- The Gujarat government has declared Guneri village's inland mangrove in Kutch as the state's 1st Biodiversity Heritage Site
- Gujarat government launched the G-SAFAL (Gujarat Scheme for Antyodaya Families for Augmenting Livelihoods)
- Finance Minister of Gujarat Kanubhai Mohanlal Desai presented a Rs 3,70,250.35 crore (Rs 3.70 trillion) budget for FY 25-26

**Haryana**

- The 38th Surajkund International Crafts Mela will be held from February 7 to 23, 2025, in Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana
- Haryana launches 'Har Khet-Swasth Khet' to boost soil health and ensure sustainable farming practices
- The Haryana Witness Protection Scheme, 2025 launched by CM Nayab Singh Saini to strengthen the criminal justice system

**Himachal Pradesh**

- Himachal Pradesh launched Cannabis Farming Pilot Project
- Himachal Pradesh has begun work on North India's first Green Hydrogen Plant at Dabhota, Nalagarh to boost green energy



**Jharkhand**

- Jharkhand government has implemented a 1-year prohibition on the sale, production, storage, and distribution of gutkha and pan masala

**Karnataka**

- Lam Research, a top US semiconductor equipment maker, announced a ₹10,000 crore investment in Karnataka
- The Soliga tribal community has emerged as a key force behind the growing tiger population in Karnataka's Biligirirangana Hills Tiger Reserve

**Kerala**

- Kerala approved the 'Kerala Health System Improvement Programme (KHSP)' with a loan of Rs.2,424.28 crore ( USD 280 million) from World Bank
- Kerala has launched nPROUD (New Programme for Removal of Unused Drugs)
- The Kerala Government has launched Nayanamritham 2.0

**Madhya Pradesh**

- Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has approved to set up India's 1st white tiger breeding centre in Govindgarh area of Rewa district in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh has become the 1st state in India to introduce a dedicated Global Capability Centre (GCC) Policy 2025
- The Khajuraho Dance Festival, a grand annual cultural celebration, will captivate art enthusiasts from February 20 to 26, 2025

**Maharashtra**

- Maharashtra is set to establish India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) University

**Odisha**

- Maharashtra-based Avaada Group + Casale, a company fully owned by Casale Holding in Lugano, Switzerland
- Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi unveiled the 'Bikashita Gaon Bikashita Odisha' (BGBO) scheme in Jankia, Khordha district
- Odisha Government introduced district specific initiatives under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme
- Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi presented the State's annual Budget for 2025-26 with total outlay of Rs.2,90,000 crore



### Rajasthan

- Rajasthan government renamed Foy Sagar as Varun Sagar & King Edward Memorial as Maharishi Dayanand Vishrant Grih
- Rajasthan Finance Minister Diya Kumari presented the state's Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs 5.37 lakh crore

### Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh Budget 2025-26- The Budget 2025-26 was presented by State Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna with a total outlay of ₹8,08,736 crore. This reflects a 9.8% increase from the ₹7,36,437 crore budget of 2024-25.
- Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan to inaugurate the Saras Aajeevika Mela at Noida Haat, Uttar Pradesh
- Major Fairs of Prayagraj (Excluding Kumbh Mela)

### Uttarakhand

- Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officer from Uttarakhand, Vaibhav Singh, has developed an advanced Forest Fire App
- The Uttarakhand Cabinet approved the Bhoo Kanoon (Land Law Amendment Bill)
- Uttarakhand Finance Minister Premchand Aggrawal presented a comprehensive Rs.1,01,175.33 crore Budget for the FY26

### West Bengal

- The West Bengal government has launched the "Nodi Bandhan" scheme in the 2025-26 budget
- Darjeeling's Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (Darjeeling Zoo) opened India's 1st bio-bank (Frozen Zoo) and an animal museum

### Union Territory News

#### Delhi

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has introduced 'Chandrayaan Se Chunao Tak'



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**Jammu and Kashmir**

- The J&K Police filed its first e-FIR at Police Station Khrew, advancing digital policing

**Union Cabinet News**

- The Union Cabinet has approved the revision of the ethanol procurement price for Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)
- The Union Cabinet has approved a new Income Tax (IT) Bill 2025
- The Union Cabinet has approved the extension of the tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) for 3 years
- The Centre has released about Rs.1.11 lakh crore loan to states during April-January under the scheme for special assistance to states for capital expenditure

**NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)**

- NITI Aayog hosted a Conclave on 'Towards Viksit Bharat@2047: Strengthening Economy, National Security, Global Partnerships, and Law'
- NITI Aayog released a policy report titled 'Expanding Quality Higher Education through States and State Public Universities'
- NITI Aayog has set up a committee headed by NITI Aayog member VK Paul

**Events held in India**

- Goa CM Pramod Sawant inaugurated the Sci-Fi Science Film Festival of India in Panaji
- Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 15th edition of Aero India at Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- India's first Ferret Research Facility inaugurated at the THSTI in the National Capital Region (NCR) Biotech Science Cluster, Faridabad, Haryana
- Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the 1st-ever Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Youth Summit in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Rajnath Singh addressed the Defence Ministers' Conclave at Aero India 2025
- India will host the first World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Mumbai from May 1-4, 2025
- PM Narendra Modi, in a video message at the SAMVAD programme in Thailand, highlighted India's deep cultural ties with Thailand and Asia
- Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 3.0 is scheduled to be held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Jitendra Singh will chair the 12th All India Pension Adalat 2025 in New Delhi





- Mansukh Mandaviya Inaugurates the First-ever Regional Dialogue on Social Justice
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurates National Tribal Festival 'Aadi Mahotsav' held at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi
- Bharat Tex 2025, the 2nd edition of India's largest global textile event held in New Delhi & Greater Noida
- Ajmer hosting the inaugural All India Kinnar Mahasammelan, a landmark 10-day transgender conference at a private school in Vaishali Nagar
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit 2025' in Guwahati
- The 8th edition Invest Madhya Pradesh Summit 2025 held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, inaugurated the 'Bharat Calling Conference 2025'

#### Others

- The 'MY NREGA App' launched in Barmer District (Rajasthan) aims to simplify the MNREGA job application process
- Government has enhances Haj Pilgrimage Experience with 'Haj Suvidha App' and Comprehensive Healthcare Support for Pilgrims
- GMR Airports Limited (GAL) joined the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative
- Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) + Strategic Educational Professionals, a subsidiary of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) signed a MoU
- Government sanctioned 40 projects in 23 States for ₹ 3295.76 Crore in Financial Year 2024-25 under SASCI Scheme
- The Indian government has expanded the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform by adding 10 new commodities, bringing the total to 231
- Over 54.5 Crore Jan Dhan Accounts Opened till January 15, 2025
- India has introduced new Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN) code to facilitate the export of GI-recognized rice varieties
- Ahead of PM Modi's visit to the US and France, India has announced plans to amend the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act (CLNDA) and the Atomic Energy Act
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced the addition of Bodo, Dogri, Maithili, Manipuri, Sanskrit and Urdu to the House's translation services, promoting linguistic inclusivity





- Ellie, Asia's first life-sized animatronic elephant, was unveiled in Bengaluru by PETA India to educate children about animal welfare
- The Prime Minister Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), the world's largest domestic rooftop solar initiative marked its 1st anniversary
- The Government of India will issue a Rs.100 commemorative coin
- The Government of India has extended the PM-AASHA scheme until 2025-26 to provide better income support to farmers
- The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), launched in 2016 by PM Narendra Modi, marked its 9-year anniversary on February 18, 2025
- Union Minister of State Pabitra Margherita inaugurated the Central Silk Board's (CSB) 'International Conference on Emerging Technologies in Silk Sector-SILKTECH 2025' at Bharat Mandapam
- The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has officially inaugurated its state-of-the-art headquarters 'Keshav Kunj' in Jhandewalan, New Delhi
- The 15th Finance Commission Grants released for the Rural Local Bodies of Bihar, Haryana and Sikkim
- PM Narendra Modi released the '19th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme' in Bhagalpur, Bihar
- Government Mandates Two-Hour Energy Storage Integration With Solar Projects In Future Tenders
- Operative Kisan Credit Card (KCC) amount crosses ₹10 lakh crore benefiting 7.72 crore farmers
- Implementation of Punjabi and Telugu as Compulsory Subjects in Schools

## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

- Gross GST revenue collection in January 2025 at Rs.1,195,506 crore
- L&T Finance has introduced 'Knowledgeable AI' (KAI), an AI-powered virtual home loan advisor, on its newly revamped website
- CRISIL Ratings projected India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is projected to grow by 6.5% in the Financial Year 2025-26
- India's forex reserves increased \$5.574 billion to \$629.557 billion as of January 24, according to the Reserve Bank of India
- India witnessed a remarkable 60% surge in gold investments, reaching \$18 billion (approx ₹1.5 lakh crore), as per the report by World Gold Council (WGC)-This increase was driven by rising gold prices, reduced import duties, and heightened demand during festive seasons.







- Leading Indian food and grocery delivery giant Zomato announced that it will rename its parent company to Eternal Ltd, accompanied by a new logo
- Reliance Consumer Product has launched Spinner, a budget-friendly sports drink co-created with Sri Lankan cricket legend Muttiah Muralitharan
- India's second-largest dialysis service provider Apex Kidney Care (AKC) secures foreign direct investment (FDI) worth \$9 mn from Swiss Blue Earth Capital
- The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) is extending a Rs.2,000 crore loan to Blackstone-backed Gramercy Techpark Pvt Ltd
- India's Retail Inflation, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), dropped to 4.31% in January 2025, marking a 5-month low
- RBI permitted Zulia Investments Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of Singapore-based Temasek Holdings Limited, to raise its stake in AU Small Finance Bank to 7%
- The DPIIT has released the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for January 2025, reporting an annual inflation rate of 2.31% (provisional) compared to January 2024
- Fitch Ratings predicts a 10 basis points decline in Indian banks' net interest margins (NIMs) in FY26 due to the RBI's 25 bps rate cut to 6.25% in February 2025
- Reliance Industries and Disney have merged JioCinema and Disney+ Hotstar to create JioHotstar
- Meta announced Project Waterworth, a 50,000 km undersea cable for global digital connectivity
- Zomato has launched Nugget, an AI-powered, no-code customer support platform to help businesses automate queries and improve efficiency
- India's total exports including, merchandise and services were estimated at USD 74.97 billion in January 2025, marking a 9.72% increase compared to January 2024
- ICAI has taken disciplinary action against 241 CAs in the current financial year, marking a record increase from 119 cases last year
- Donald Trump's US tariffs may impact India's GDP by 0.1-0.6%: Goldman Sachs
- 360 ONE Asset is set to acquire a 15% stake in Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited (ICRA) has projected India's GDP growth to rise to 6.4% in the October-December 2024 (Q3)
- Net FDI in India declines to \$1.2 billion Apr-Dec 2024, says RBI data
- Moody's Analytics released its report titled 'Asia-Pacific(APAC) Outlook: Chaos Ahead'
- Bain & Company, Inc + National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) released a report titled 'India@2047: Transforming India into a Tech-Driven Economy'







- India emerged as the top IPO market in 2024, accounting for 23% of global IPOs and raising \$19.5 billion
- Government proposes a 1-year free-look period for insurance policies
- S&P Global Market Intelligence projected India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will grow at 6.4% for FY25 as well as for FY26
- Indian corporate profits grew 15.3% in FY24, even as sales increased by just 5.5%, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) report
- Flipkart-backed UPI platform super.money has acquired BharatX, a checkout financing platform, in an all-cash deal

## RANKING

### National Ranking

- Bihar is the largest producer of fox nuts, also called makhana, in India
- Women's participation in stock markets rising since 2022, Delhi leads with 30% share, Report by the National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- Karnataka has secured the top spot in the 2024 Local Governance Performance Index, surpassing Kerala - The Local Governance Performance Index evaluates various aspects such as local body management, finances, capacity building, and accountability.
- BJP emerged as India's Richest Political Party in 2023-24 with over ₹4,300 crore income
- Union Minister of State Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel to Release Devolution Index Report in New Delhi

Rank	State
1	Karnataka
2	Kerala
3	Tamil Nadu
4	Maharashtra
5	Uttar Pradesh
6	Gujarat
7	Tripura





Rank	State
8	Rajasthan
9	West Bengal
10	Chhattisgarh

## Top Cleanest Cities in India 2024

Serial.No	City	State
<b>Very Small Cities (Population: Less than 20,000)</b>		
1	Panchgani	Maharashtra
2	Patan	Gujarat
<b>Small Cities (Population: 20,000 – 50,000)</b>		
3	Vita	Maharashtra
4	Sasvad	Maharashtra
<b>Medium Cities (Population: 50,000 – 3,00,000)</b>		
5	Ambikapur	Chhattisgarh
6	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh
<b>Big Cities (Population: 3,00,000 – 10,00,000)</b>		
7	Noida	Uttar Pradesh
8	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
<b>Million Plus Cities (Population: More than 10,00,000)</b>		
9	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
10	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
11	Surat	Gujarat
12	New Delhi Municipal Council	Delhi



**Top 10 Highest Direct Tax-Paying Companies in India (FY 2024-25)****Top 10 Tax-Paying Companies in India:**

Rank	Company	Corporate Tax (INR, Cr)	Main Industry
1	Reliance Industries	25,707	Energy
2	Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)	15,898	Software & Services
3	Vedanta	12,826	Metals & Mining
4	HDFC Bank	11,122	Financial Services
5	Infosys	9,740	Software & Services
6	ITC	6,389	Consumer Goods
7	Kotak Mahindra Bank	5,887	Financial Services
8	HCL Technologies	5,257	Software & Services
9	Larsen & Toubro (L&T)	4,947	Construction & Engineering
10	Bajaj Finance	4,858	Financial Services

- Madhya Pradesh has recorded the highest vulture population in India - It reaches 12,981 in the first phase of the 2025 census, up from 10,845 in 2024 and 8,397 in 2019.

**International Ranking**

- India tops Global List in Passenger Load Factor (PLF) for domestic flights in 2024
- Zepto, India's quick commerce startup, became the world's 2nd most downloaded food and drink app
- India aims to enter the top 25 of the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) by 2030, driven by PM Gati Shakti and the National Logistics Policy
- Stanford's 2024 AI Index Report: Leading Nations in AI Innovation

**Top 10 Countries with the Highest Number of AI Startups (2013-2023):**

Rank	Country	Total Number of AI Startups
1	United States	5,509
2	China	1,446
3	United Kingdom	727
4	Israel	442
5	Canada	397





Rank	Country	Total Number of AI Startups
6	France	391
7	<b>India</b>	<b>338</b>
8	Japan	333
9	Germany	319
10	Singapore	193

- India secured a place on UN's Honour Roll for timely budget payment
- The U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification rankings 2024
- World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2023- As per the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI), 2023 India moved up to 22nd Rank in the Global Ranking in International Shipments category and the Overall 38th Rank in Logistics Performance Index score.

### Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2024

Rank	Country	Score
1	Denmark	90
2	Finland	88
3	Singapore	84
4	New Zealand	83
5	Luxembourg, Norway, Switzerland	81
96	India, Gambia, Maldives	38
178	South Sudan	10
179	Somalia	9
180	Venezuela	8





## Asia's 20 Richest Families 2025

Rank	Family Name	Country	Company	Net Worth (USD)
1	Ambani	India	Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)	90.5
2	Chearavanont	Thailand	Charoen Pokphand Group (CP Group)	42.6
3	Hartono	Indonesia	PT Djarum, Bank Central Asia (BCA)	42.2
4	Mistry	India	Shapoorji Pallonji Group	37.5
5	Kwok	Hong Kong	Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd (SHKP)	35.6
7	Jindal	India	Om Prakash (OP) Jindal Group	28.1
9	Birla	India	Aditya Birla Group	23.0
13	Bajaj	India	Bajaj Group	20.1
18	Hinduja	India	Hinduja Group	15.2

- Sports industry news site Sportico's released 4th Annual list of 100 Top Highest-Paid Athletes-

Rank	Name	Sport	Country	Earnings (including Endorsements)
1	Cristiano Ronaldo	Football	Portugal	USD 260 million
2	Stephen Curry	Basketball	USA	USD 153.8 million
3	Tyson Fury	Boxing	England	USD 147 million
4	Lionel Messi	Football	Argentina	USD 135 million
5	LeBron Raymone James	Basketball	USA	USD 133.2 million



**FutureBrand Index 2024**

Rank	Brand Name	Country
1	Samsung	South Korea
2	Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)	India
3	Apple	The USA
4	Nike	The USA
5	ASML	The Netherlands

- The 28th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)- West Bengal recorded the highest number of bird species across 37 states and Union Territories (UTs) in India, with 543 species, topping the national list for the 3rd consecutive year.
- Forbes India released its 5th Edition of the "Top 10 Richest Women in the World in 2025" list

**Top 5 Richest Women in the World:**

Rank	Name	Net Worth (USD)	Country
1	Alice Louise Walton (Walmart Inc.)	112.5 billion	The USA
2	Francoise Bettencourt Meyers & Family (L'Oréal SA)	74.4 billion	France
3	Julia Margaret Flesher Koch & Family (Koch Inc.)	74.2 billion	USAUSA
4	Jacqueline (MarsMars Inc.)	42.3 billion	
5	Rafaela AponteDiamant (Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) SA)	39.0 billion	Italy
7	Savitri Devi Jindal (JSW (Jindal South West) Group)	32.3 billion	India

- A recent Lancet study, based on data from the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study (GBD) 2021
- The USA-based TIME Magazine's announced 2025 Women of the Year list



**List of TIME's 2025 Women of the Year:**

Name	Occupation	Country
<b>Purnima Devi Barman</b>	<b>Wildlife Conservationist</b>	<b>India</b>
Nicole Kidman	Actor & Producer	USA
A'ja Wilson	Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Most Valuable Player (MVP)	USA
Jordan Chiles	Olympic Gymnast	USA
Laufey	Artist & Musician	Iceland
Anna Sawai	Actor	Japan
Amanda Zurawski	Reproductive Rights Activist	USA
Claire BabineauxFontenot	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Feeding America	USA
Fatou Baldeh	Women's Rights Activist	Gambia
Raquel Willis	Activist & Author	USA
Olivia Munn	Actor & Breast Cancer Advocate	USA
Laura Modi	Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Bobbie	USA
Gisèle Pelicot	Advocate for Sexual Violence Survivors	France

- Times Higher Education (THE)' latest 'World Reputation Rankings 2025' - Harvard University based in the United States of America (USA) retained top position as the world's most reputed institution for the 14th consecutive year, with an overall score of 99.9.

Rank	Name of the University	Name of the Country/Region and Name of the state	Overall Score
1	Harvard University	The United States of America (USA)	99.9







Rank	Name of the University	Name of the Country/Region and Name of the state	Overall Score
2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	The USA	99.7
	University of Oxford	The United Kingdom, (UK)	
4	Stanford University	The USA	99.6
	University of Cambridge	The UK	
6	University of California, Berkeley	The USA	98.7
7	Princeton University	The USA	95.1
201-300	Indian Institute of Science (IISc)	Bengaluru, Karnataka	26.9-34.2
201-300	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT-D)	New Delhi, Delhi	26.9-34.2
201-300	Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM)	Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)	26.9-34.2
201-300	Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA)	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	26.9-34.2

- Top 10 Countries with the Highest Defence Budgets in 2025 - The global defence expenditure has witnessed a significant surge in 2024, reaching \$2.46 trillion, as per a recent report by the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS).

Rank	Country	Defence Budget 2025 (USD)
1	United States	\$895 billion
2	China	\$266.85 billion
3	Russia	\$126 billion
4	India	\$75 billion
5	Saudi Arabia	\$74.76 billion
6	United Kingdom	\$71.5 billion
7	Japan	\$57 billion
8	Australia	\$55.7 billion
9	France	\$55 billion
10	Ukraine	\$53.7 billion

- Top 10 Lowest Valued Global Currencies in 2025 - While discussing global currencies, the U.S. dollar (USD) typically receives the most attention due to its widespread acceptance and influence.





Rank	Currency	Country	1 INR Value	1 USD Value
1	Iranian Rial (IRR)	Iran	503.97	42,062.50
2	Vietnamese Dong (VND)	Vietnam	304.82	25,441.00
3	Lao Kip (LAK)	Laos	254.28	21,222.36
4	Sierra Leonean Leone (SLL)	Sierra Leone	272.88	23,056.60
5	Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)	Indonesia	191.03	15,943.25
6	Uzbekistani Som (UZS)	Uzbekistan	151.33	12,630.24
7	Guinea Franc (GNF)	Guinea	102.31	8,539.04
8	Paraguayan Guarani (PYG)	Paraguay	89.35	7,456.60
9	Ugandan Shilling (USH)	Uganda	44.82	3,740.69
10	Iraqi Dinar (IQD)	Iraq	15.6	1,301.67

- Australia and New Zealand have the highest breast cancer incidence rates globally - A study conducted by researchers from Australia and Canada, the study analyzed breast cancer incidence and mortality across 185 countries.

**World's Busiest Airport in 2025**  
**List of the Top 10 Busiest Airports in 2025:**

Rank	Airport Code	Airport Name	Country	Available Seats
1	DXB	Dubai International	UAE	4,782,140
2	ATL	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta	USA	4,568,544
3	HND	Tokyo International	Japan	4,222,709
4	PVG	Shanghai Pudong	China	3,993,388
5	LHR	London Heathrow	UK	3,857,036
6	DFW	Dallas/Fort Worth	USA	3,686,564
7	IST	Istanbul	Turkey	3,616,029
8	DEL	Delhi International	India	3,613,762





Rank	Airport Code	Airport Name	Country	Available Seats
9	CAN	Guangzhou Baiyun	China	3,613,684
10	PEK	Beijing Capital	China	3,534,883

- Hukaung Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Myanmar recognized as the World's Largest Tiger Reserve
- Top 10 Political Leaders with the Highest Approval Ratings in 2025

Rank	Leader	Country	Position	Approval Rating	Key Factors for Popularity
1	Narendra Modi	India	Prime Minister	75%	Strong economic growth, technological advancements, infrastructure projects, welfare programs for rural and marginalized communities
2	Claudia Sheinbaum	Mexico	President	66%	Commitment to social justice and climate policies, economic reforms benefiting the middle class, strengthening diplomatic relations in North America
3	Javier Milei	Argentina	President	65%	Reducing inflation and economic stabilization, implementing market-friendly reforms, strengthening Argentina's role in international trade
4	Karin Keller-Sutter	Switzerland	President	56%	Effective financial policy management, diplomacy in European affairs, strong public service and healthcare policies
5	Donald Trump	United States	President	52%	Economic growth and job creation initiatives, strict immigration policies, strong stance on foreign





Rank	Leader	Country	Position	Approval Rating	Key Factors for Popularity
					policy and trade agreements
6	Anthony Albanese	Australia	Prime Minister	46%	Strengthening international alliances, economic policies to reduce inflation, climate action and renewable energy projects
7	Dick Schoof	Netherlands	Prime Minister	42%	Economic stabilization and employment growth, strengthening EU relations, social welfare improvements
8	Donald Tusk	Poland	Prime Minister	42%	Strengthening NATO ties, judicial and media reforms, economic stabilization efforts
9	Giorgia Meloni	Italy	Prime Minister	42%	Economic recovery post-COVID, immigration control, strengthening Italy's role in European geopolitics
10	Ulf Kristersson	Sweden	Prime Minister	38%	Enhancing national security policies, strengthening Sweden's economy, managing NATO membership negotiations

- Yes Bank has emerged as India's highest-rated bank in sustainability for the 3rd consecutive year

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**Top 10 Wealthiest Countries by GDP per Capita in 2025****Top 10 Richest Countries by GDP per Capita in 2025:**

Rank	Country	GDP-PPP per Capita (in Intl. \$)	Key Economic Strengths
1	Luxembourg	\$154.91K	Global hub for banking & financial services – High wages & low unemployment – Strategic location in Central Europe
2	Singapore	\$153.61K	Global financial center with open-market policies – Advanced technology & infrastructure – Major trade hub with strong international networks
3	Macau SAR	\$140.25K	Economy driven by gaming & tourism – Strong economic ties with China – Rapid urban development fuels economic expansion
4	Ireland	\$131.55K	Tech & pharma dominance (home to Google, Apple, Pfizer) – Pro-business policies (low corporate tax) – Strong export growth
5	Qatar	\$118.76K	Largest LNG exporter globally – Wealth distribution benefits small population – Economic diversification beyond oil & gas
6	Norway	\$106.54K	Oil & gas revenues fuel sovereign wealth fund – High living standards with a strong welfare system
7	Switzerland	\$98.14K	Banking & finance hub – Leader in innovation & research (pharmaceuticals, watches, tech)
8	Brunei Darussalam	\$95.04K	Economy heavily reliant on oil & gas exports (90% of total)
9	Guyana	\$91.38K	Fastest growing economy in South America – Oil discoveries by ExxonMobil fueling rapid GDP growth
10	United States	\$89.68K	Tech & innovation hub (Silicon Valley, Wall Street) – Diverse economy spanning manufacturing, healthcare, finance, and defense



## **AWARDS**

### **National Awards**

- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Awards 2025 (Naman Awards)

<b>Award</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Colonel CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award (Men Category)	Sachin Tendulkar
Best International Cricketer (Polly Umrigar Award) (Men Category)	Jasprit Bumrah
Best International Cricketer (Women Category)	Smriti Mandhana
Best International Debut (Men Category)	Sarfraz Khan
Best International Debut (Women Category)	Asha Sobhana
Highest Run-Getter in ODIs (Women Category)	Smriti Mandhana
Highest Wicket-Taker in ODIs (Women Category)	Deepti Sharma
BCCI Special Award	Ravichandran Ashwin
Best Umpire In Domestic Cricket	Akshay Totre
M.A. Chidambaram Trophy – Highest RunGetter in Under-19 (U19) Cooch Behar Trophy	Kavya Teotia (Uttar Pradesh)
M.A. Chidambaram Trophy – Highest WicketTaker in U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy	Vishnu Bhardwaj (Madhya Pradesh)
Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy – Best Woman Cricketer Senior Domestic	Priya Mishra (Delhi)
Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy – Best Woman Cricketer Junior Domestic	Ishwari Awasare (Maharashtra)
Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy – Highest WicketTaker in U-16 Vijay Merchant Trophy	Hemchudeshan Jeganathan (Tamil Nadu)



Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy – Highest Run Getter in U-16 Vijay Merchant Trophy	Lakshya Raichandani (Uttarakhand)
MA Chidambaram Trophy – Highest Wicket-Taker in U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy (Plate Group)	Neizekho Rupreo (Nagaland)
MA Chidambaram Trophy – Highest Run Getter in U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy (Plate Group)	Hem Chetri (Nagaland)
MA Chidambaram Trophy – Highest Wicket-Taker in U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy (Elite Group)	P Vidyuth (Tamil Nadu)
MA Chidambaram Trophy – Highest Run Getter in U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy (Elite Group)	Aneesh KV (Karnataka)
Madhavrao Scindia Award – Highest WicketTaker in Ranji Trophy (Plate Group)	Mohit Jangra (Mizoram)
Madhavrao Scindia Award – Highest Wicket Taker in Ranji Trophy (Elite Group)	Tanay Thyagarajan (Hyderabad, Telangana)
Madhavrao Scindia Award – Highest Run Getter in Ranji Trophy (Plate Group)	Agni Chopra (Mizoram)
Madhavrao Scindia Award – Highest Run Getter in Ranji Trophy (Elite Group)	Ricky Bhui (Andhra Pradesh)
Lala Amarnath Award for the Best All-Rounder in Domestic Limited-Overs Competitions	Shashank Singh (Chhattisgarh)
Lala Amarnath Award for the Best All-Rounder in the Ranji Trophy	Tanush Kotian (Mumbai, Maharashtra)
Best Performance in BCCI Domestic Tournaments	Mumbai, Maharashtra

- Deepak Kumar Kedia, Inspector General Headquarters, National Security Guard (NSG), has been bestowed with the prestigious “CA in Public Service” Award
- Ministry of Culture announced that the late Chaman Arora has been selected for the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 in the Dogri language
- NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) has been conferred with the Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the ‘Water Resilience’ category







## The 7th edition of the Sportstar Aces Awards 2025

Category	Winners	Sport
<b><u>Popular Choice Awards 2025</u></b>		
Sportstar of the Year (Male)	PR Sreejesh	Hockey
Sportstar of the Year (Female)	Manu Bhaker	Shooting
National Team of the Year	Indian Men and Women Chess Team	Chess
Club/State Team of the Year	Mumbai City Football Club (FC)	Football
Sporting Moment of the Year	Arshdeep Singh Aulakh match-winning performance in the Twenty20 (T20) World Cup	Cricket
<b><u>Jury Awards 2025</u></b>		
Sportsman of the Year (Non-Olympic Sport)	Prathamesh Samadhan Jawkar	Kabaddi
Sportswoman of the Year (Non-Olympic Sport)	Divya Deshmukh	Chess
Sportsman of the Year (Track and Field)	Neeraj Chopra	Javelin Throw
Sportswoman of the Year (Track and Field)	Jyothi Yarraji	Sprinting
Sportsman of the Year (Olympic Sport)	Bajrang Punia	Wrestling
Sportswoman of the Year (Olympic Sport)	Manu Bhaker	Shooting
Sportsman of the Year (Para Sport)	Sumit Antil	Javelin
Sportswoman of the Year (Para Sport)	Avani Lekhara	Shooting
Coach of the Year	Pullela Gopichand	Badminton





Category	Winners	Sport
Young Achiever of the Year (Male)	Lakshya Sen	Badminton
Young Achiever of the Year (Female)	Manu Bhaker	Shooting
Best State for Promotion of Sport	Madhya Pradesh (MP)	-
Best Corporate for Promotion of Sport	Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)	-
Best Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) for Promotion of Sport	National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)	-
Best University for Promotion of Sport	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT)	-
Lifetime Achievement Award	Gurbux Singh	Hockey
	Mary D'Souza Sequeira	Hockey

- Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) was awarded with the prestigious SKOCH Award 2024
- Goa's Manohar International Airport/Mopa Airport, became the 1st airport in India to receive the "Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar (Golden Trophy)"
- The Desh Ka Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyaan, under the Ministry of AYUSH achieved five Guinness World Records
- Top 10 Leading Causes of Death Globally- The World Health Organization (WHO), in its World Health Statistics 2024 report, revealed that the top 10 causes of death in 2021 accounted for approximately 39 million deaths, making up 57% of the total 68 million deaths worldwide.

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**Prani Mitra and Jeev Daya Award Ceremony 2025**

Category	Winner	Location
<b><u>Prani Mitra Awards</u></b>		
Advocacy – Individual	Shri Akhil Jain	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Innovative Idea – Individual	Shri Ramesh Bhai Veljibhai Ruparelia	Gondal, Gujarat
Lifetime Animal Service – Individual	Shri Harnarayan Soni	Osiyan, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
Animal Welfare Organization (AWO)	Sri Sri 1008 Sriram Ratandasji Vaishnav Go Sewa Samiti	Karahdham, Morena, Madhya Pradesh
Corporate/PSUs/Government Bodies/Cooperatives	Radhe Krishna Temple Elephant Welfare Trust	Jamnagar, Gujarat
<b><u>Jeev Daya Awards</u></b>		
Individual	Ms. Nisha Subramanian Kunju	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Animal Welfare Organization	Bhagwan Mahavir Pashu Raksha Kendra	Kutch, Gujarat
Schools/Institutions/Teachers/Children (Below 18 Years)	Master Chaitanya M Saxena	Jaipur, Rajasthan
	Master Aadi Shah	Mumbai, Maharashtra

**International Awards**  
**67th Annual Grammy Awards**

Award Category	Winners
Album of the Year	Beyoncé – “Cowboy Carter”
Record of the Year	Kendrick Lamar – “Not Like Us”
Song of the Year	Kendrick Lamar – “Not Like Us”
Best New Artist	Chappell Roan
Best Pop Solo Performance	Sabrina Carpenter – “Espresso”





Award Category	Winners
Best Pop Vocal Album	Sabrina Carpenter – “Short n’ Sweet”
Best Country Album	Beyoncé – “Cowboy Carter”
Best Country Duo/Group Performance	Beyoncé & Miley Cyrus – “II MOST WANTED”
Best Rap Album	J. Cole – “The Off-Season”
Best Rock Album	The Black Crowes – “Shake Your Money Maker”
Best R&B Song	Kehlani – “After Hours”
Best Dance/Electronic Performance	Justice & Tame Impala – “We Are the People”
Best Score Soundtrack	Bear McCreary – “God of War Ragnarök: Valhalla”
Dr. Dre Global Impact Award	Alicia Keys

- Travis Head clinches Maiden Allan Border Medal at 2025 Australian Cricket Awards- The 2025 Australian Cricket Awards witnessed a night of celebration as Travis Head emerged as the standout performer, claiming his maiden Allan Border Medal.

Category	Winners
Allan Border Medal Winner	Travis Head secured 208 votes, finishing 50 votes ahead of Josh Hazlewood and 61 votes ahead of Pat Cummins.
Men’s ODI Player of the Year	Travis Head won the award, edging past Alex Carey. Known for aggressive batting and anchoring key ODI innings.
Shane Warne Test Player of the Year	Josh Hazlewood won after taking 30 Test wickets at an average of 13.17. Excelled in home conditions.
Men’s T20I Player of the Year	Adam Zampa won for his impactful leg-spin, taking key wickets in the middle overs.
Belinda Clark Award Winner	Annabel Sutherland won her first Belinda Clark Award for all-round performances across formats.
Women’s Test Performances	Annabel Sutherland scored 210 vs. South Africa and a century in the Ashes Test vs. England.
Women’s ODI Player of the Year	Ashleigh Gardner won after scoring 385 runs and taking 23 wickets.





Category	Winners
Women's T20I Player of the Year	Beth Mooney won after scoring 618 runs at an average of 47.53 and a strike rate of 129.83.
BBL Player of the Tournament	Glenn Maxwell & Cooper Connolly were joint-winners for their standout performances.
WBBL Player of the Tournament	Ellyse Perry & Jess Jonassen were joint-winners for their batting and bowling contributions.

- South Africa's Tshego Gaelae, a 33-year-old model, became the 1st Black South African woman to win the 40th edition of the Mrs. World title in 2025- Sri Lanka's Ishadi Amanda was named 1st runner-up, while Thailand's Ploy Panperm took the 2nd runner-up.
- 3 Indian Students secured the Bronze Award at the Global Best M-Gov Award 2025 during the World Governments Summit (WGS) 2025 in Dubai
- Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons was conferred with the United Kingdom's Honorary Knighthood

### The 78th BAFTA Awards 2025

Category	Winners
Best Film	Conclave
Best Director	Brady Corbet (The Brutalist)
Best Actor in a Leading Role	Adrien Brody (The Brutalist)
Best Actress in a Leading Role	Mikey Madison (Anora)
Best Actor in a Supporting Role	Kieran Culkin (A Real Pain)
Best Actress in a Supporting Role	Zoe Saldaña (Emilia Pérez)
Best Original Screenplay	Jesse Eisenberg (A Real Pain)
Best Adapted Screenplay	Peter Straughan (Conclave)
Best Animated Film	Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl





Category	Winners
Best Documentary	Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story
Best Film Not in the English Language	Emilia Pérez
Best Casting Anora	(Sean Baker and Samantha Quan)
Best Cinematography	The Brutalist (Lol Crawley)
Best Costume Design	Wicked (Paul Tazewell)
Best Editing	Conclave (Nick Emerson)
Best Makeup & Hair	The Substance
Best Original Score	The Brutalist (Daniel Blumberg)
Best Production Design	Wicked
Best Sound	Dune: Part Two
Best Special Visual Effects	Dune: Part Two
Outstanding British Film	Conclave
Outstanding British Debut	Kneecap (Rich Peppiatt)
Best British Short Animation	Wander to Wonder
Best British Short Film	Rock, Paper, Scissors
Best Children's & Family Film	Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl
EE Rising Star Award	David Jonsson

- The 5th edition of the "British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Indian Sportswoman of the Year (ISWOTY) Award 2024"

Category	Winner
BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year (ISWOTY) 2024	Manu Bhaker (Shooting)
BBC Emerging Athlete of the Year 2024	Sheetal Devi (Archery)





Category	Winner
Lifetime Achievement 2024	Mithali Raj (Cricket)
Indian Para-sportswoman of the Year 2024	Avani Lekhara (Shooting)

- Governor of Massachusetts Honors Nita Ambani with Citation for Philanthropic Contributions
- Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, was honored with the 'Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE)

**International Booker 2025**  
**International Booker Prize 2025 Longlist**

Book Title	Author	Translated From	Translator(s)	Publisher
The Book of Disappearance	Ibtisam Azem	Arabic	Sinan Antoon	Syracuse UP
On the Calculation of Volume (Book I)	Solvej Balle	Danish	Barbara J Haveland	New Directions
There's a Monster Behind the Door	Gaëlle Bélem	French	Karen Fleetwood, Laëtitia Saint-Loubert	-
Solenoid	Mircea Cărtărescu	Romanian	Sean Cotter	Deep Vellum
Reservoir Bitches	Dahlia de la Cerda	Spanish	Julia Sanches, Heather Cleary	Feminist Press
Small Boat	Vincent Delecroix	French	Helen Stevenson	-
Hunchback	Saou Ichikawa	Japanese	Polly Barton	Hogarth
Under the Eye of the Big Bird	Hiromi Kawakami	Japanese	Asa Yoneda	Soft Skull
Eurotrash	Christian Kracht	German	Daniel Bowles	Liveright







Book Title	Author	Translated From	Translator(s)	Publisher
Perfection	Vincenzo Latronico	Italian	Sophie Hughes	NYRB
Heart Lamp	Banu Mushtaq	Kannada	Deepa Bhasthi	And Other Stories
On a Woman's Madness	Astrid Roemer	Dutch	Lucy Scott	Two Lines
A Leopard-Skin Hat	Anne Serre	French	Mark Hutchinson	New Directions

### The 31st Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Awards 2025

Category	Winner
<b><u>Top Film Winners</u></b>	
Best Cast in a Motion Picture	Conclave (Surprise winner)
Best Male Actor in a Leading Role	Timothée Chalamet (A Complete Unknown, as Bob Dylan)
Best Female Actor in a Leading Role	Demi Moore (The Substance, as Elisabeth)
Best Male Actor in a Supporting Role	Kieran Culkin (A Real Pain, as Benji Kaplan)
Best Female Actor in a Supporting Role	Zoe Saldaña (Emilia Pérez, as Rita)
Best Stunt Ensemble in a Motion Picture	The Fall Guy
<b><u>Top TV Winners</u></b>	
Best Drama Series Ensemble	Shōgun
Best Comedy Series Ensemble	Only Murders in the Building
Best Male Actor in a Drama Series	HiroYuki Sanada (Shōgun, as Yoshii Toranaga)





Category	Winner
Best Female Actor in a Drama Series	Anna Sawai (Shōgun, as Toda Mariko)
Best Male Actor in a Comedy Series	Martin Short (Only Murders in the Building, as Oliver Putnam)
Best Female Actor in a Comedy Series	Jean Smart (Hacks, as Deborah Vance)
Best Male Actor in a TV Movie/Limited Series	Colin Farrell (The Penguin, as Oz Cobb)
Best Female Actor in a TV Movie/Limited Series	Jessica Gunning (Baby Reindeer, as Martha)
Best Stunt Ensemble in a TV Series	The Fall Guy

## APPOINTMENTS

### National Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Vice Chairman and MD of Bharti Airtel, Gopal Vittal	Acting Chair of the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA) Board	José María Álvarez-Pallete, Chairman and CEO of Telefónica
K Balasubramanian	New India Subcontinent Sub-Cluster and Banking Head for Citibank,	Ashu Khullar
A 2007-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, Maimun Alam	Director in the Ministry of Steel under the Central Staffing Scheme	-
Madhavankutty G	Chief Economist of Canara Bank	
Renowned actor Pankaj Tripathi	Ventured into the realm of audio storytelling as a co-founder of Velvet (a cinematic audio platform designed to deliver immersive storytelling)	-





Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Chartered Accountant (C.A.) Charanjot Singh Nanda	73rd President of ICAI	C.A. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal
Gyanesh Kumar	26th Chief Election Commissioner of India	Rajiv Kumar
Prabdev (P.D.) Singh	CEO of Standard Chartered Bank India	Zarin Daruwala
Salila Pande	MD & CEO of SBI Cards	Abhijit Chakravorty
Rekha Gupta	9th Chief Minister of Delhi	Arvind Kejriwal
The 1989-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Haryana cadre, Vivek Joshi	Election Commissioner of India	-
Shaktikanta Das	Principal Secretary-2 to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2025	-
Professor Sabyasachi Kar	Director of the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)	Professor Chetan Ghate
Chairman of Tata Sons, N.Chandrasekaran	Chairman of the Ratan Tata Endowment Foundation (RTEF)	-
Tuhin Kanta Pandey	The 11th Chairperson of SEBI	Madhabi Puri Buch (First woman SEBI Chairperson)
Dorababu Daparti	Deputy CEO of SBI Life Insurance	-

### International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Bart Albert Liliane De Wever, the first Flemish Nationalist	As the Prime Minister (PM) of Belgium	Alexander De Croo
Intel's Executive Vice President and General	CEO of Nokia	Pekka Lundmark





Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Manager of Data Center & AI Group, Justin Hotard		
Tulsi Gabbard	8th Senate-confirmed and 1st female combat veteran Director of National Intelligence (DNI)	-
Jotham Napat	Prime Minister of Vanuatu	-
Ilie Bolojan	Romania's interim President	Following the resignation of Klaus Iohannis
Constantine Tassoulas	President of Greece	Katerina Sakellariopoulou (Greece's 1st female president)
Kash Patel	9th Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	Christopher Wray
Dan Bongino, a former Secret Service agent and conservative commentator	Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	-
Fernando Fernandez	CEO of Unilever	Hein Schumacher
Friedrich Merz	Germany's New Chancellor	

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## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

Book Name	Author Name	Published by	Details
"Indian Renaissance: The Modi Decade"	Dr.Aishwarya Pandit (Editor of the book)	Westland Non-Fiction	-
"Life on Mars: Collected Stories"	Eminent Author and Sahitya Akademi Awardee, Namita Gokhale (her 25th book)	Speaking Tiger Books	The book is a collection of 15 stories which explores themes of love, lust, fate, and death.
1st Edition of 'Sashakt Bharat' Hindi Magazine	-	-	A bi-annual Hindi magazine was released by the Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh. The magazine is an initiative by the Defence Ministry's Department of Official Language.

## **OBITUARY**

- Former Chief Election Commissioner of India (CEC) Navin Chawla passed away at the age of 79 in New Delhi
- Former German President and the Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF) Horst Koehler passed away at the age of 81
- Veteran British actor Brian Murphy has passed away at 92
- Sam Nujoma, Namibia's 1st president and a key figure in its independence movement, has passed away at the age of 95
- Renowned Bengali vocalist, composer, and lyricist Pratul Mukhopadhyay passed away at the age of 83
- C Krishnaveni, the renowned Telugu actor and producer passed away at the age of 102 in Hyderabad
- Padma Shri Awardee and renowned Odissi dancer Mayadhar Raut passed away at the age of 92 in New Delhi





## **DEFENCE**

- Indian Army's Eastern Headquarters, Fort William in Kolkata, West Bengal was renamed as 'Vijay Durg' to eliminate colonial influences
- The Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (INS Sujata, INS Shardul, and ICGS Veera) arrived at Changi Naval Base, Singapore
- Sanjeev Kumar, Secretary of Department of Defence Production unveiled the new name of Hindustan Jet Trainer 'HJT-36' as 'Yashas' at Aero India 2025
- The Indian Army and the Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in a major training exercise named Ex Winged Raider, focusing on special airborne operations
- The Indian Navy launched its '8th Missile Cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge', Large Scale Additive Manufacturing (LSAM 11) (Yard 79)
- The 17th edition of the International Defence Exhibition (IDEX) and the 8th edition of the Naval Defence and Maritime Security Exhibition (NAVDEX)
- Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) presented its locally designed Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) and Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) at NAVDEX 2025
- The Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS), consisting of INS Sujata and ICGS Veera, set sail from Sihanoukville, Cambodia
- The 2-day coastal security exercise, 'Sagar Kavach', conducted in West Bengal
- The Indian Army + the Indian Coast Guard + Marine Police jointly conducted the large-scale military exercise 'Jal-Thal-Raksha 2025' at Bet Dwarka, Gujarat
- The Indian Navy handed over an Indian Naval Ship (INS) Guldar, Landing Ship Tank to the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) at Karwar

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