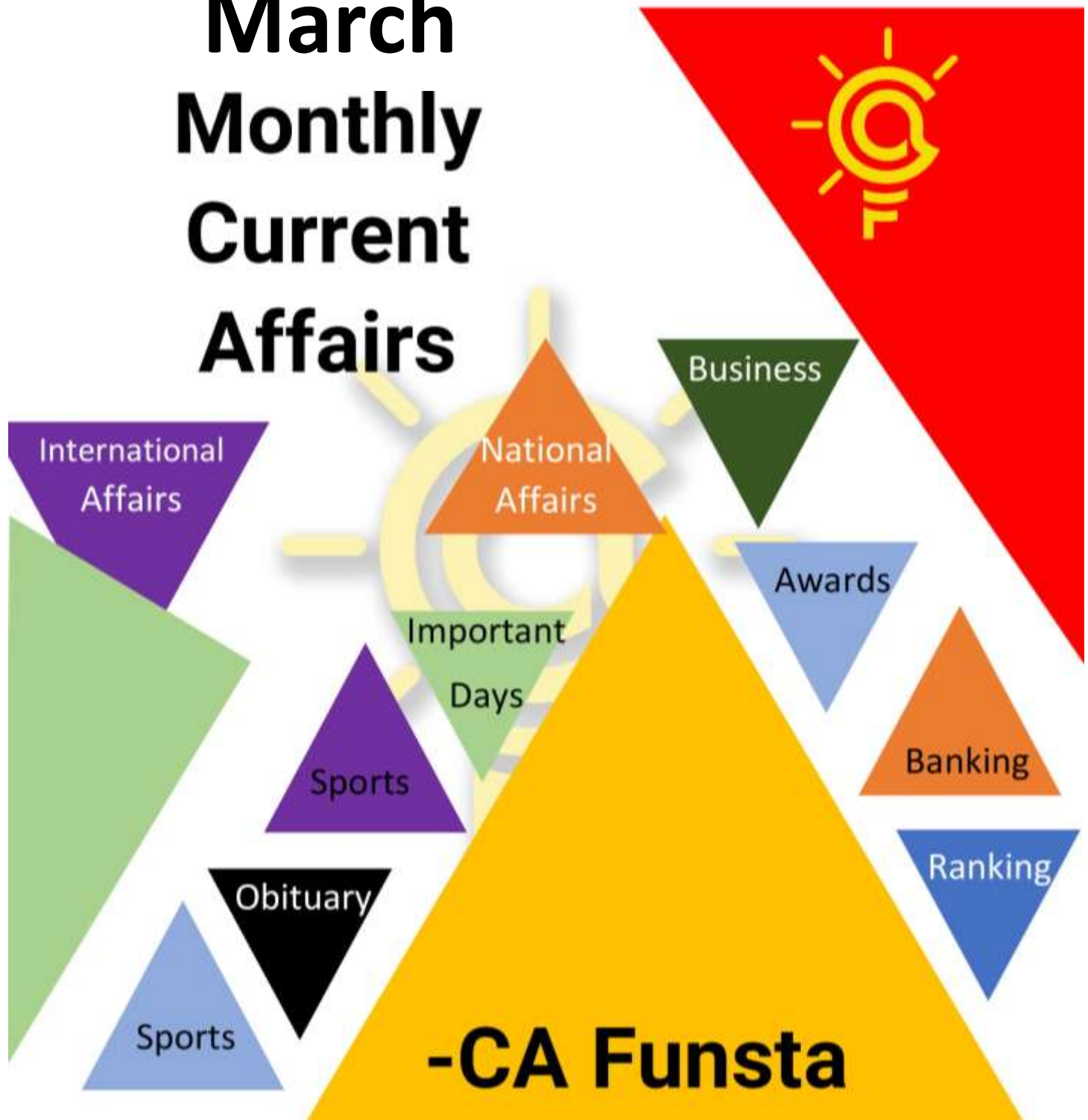




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**IMPORTANT DAYS****NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Theme</u></b>
March 03	National Defence Day	-
March 07	Jan Aushadhi Diwas (Generic Medicine Day)	-
March 10	59th Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day	-
March 11, 2025	National Archives of India (NAI) celebrates its 135th Foundation Day	-
March 16	National Vaccination Day (National Immunisation Day)	-
March 18	Ordnance Factory Day	-
March 23	Shaheed Diwas/Martyrs' Day	-
March 30	Rajasthan Day	-
March 4 to March 10, 2025	54th National Safety Week	"Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat"

**INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Theme</u></b>
March 01	United Nations (UN)'s World Seagrass Day	
March 03	United Nations (UN)'s World Wildlife Day	"Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet".





<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
March 03	19th World Hearing Day	"Changing mindsets: Empower yourself to make ear and hearing care a reality for all!".
March 05	United Nations (UN's) International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness	
March 08	United Nations (UN's) International Women's Day	
March 10	United Nations (UN's) International Day of Women Judges (IDWJ)	"Take back your life this No Smoking Day".
14th March, 2025	6th International Day of Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Mathematics, Art, and Creativity".</li> </ul>
March 14	International Day of Action for Rivers	"Our Rivers, Our Future".
March 20	World Sparrow Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers".</li> </ul>
	United Nations (UN) French Language Day i	"I educate myself, therefore I act".
	United Nations (UN's) International Day of Happiness	"Caring and Sharing"





<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
March 21	United Nations (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	"60th anniversary of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms Racial of Discrimination (ICERD)".
21st March, 2025	26th United Nations (UN's) World Poetry Day	"Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion".
March 21	United Nations (UN's) International Nowruz Day	
21st March, 2025	14th United Nations (UN's) World Down Syndrome Day	
March 21	United Nations (UN's) International Day of Forests	"Forest and Foods".
March 21, 2025	United Nations 1 <sup>st</sup> World Glacier Day	
March 22	World Water Day	
March 23	World Meteorological Day	"Closing the Early Warning Gap Together".
March 24	World Tuberculosis (TB) Day	"Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver".
	United Nations (UN's) International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims	





<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
March 25	United Nations (UN's) International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	"Acknowledge the past. Repair the present. Build a future of dignity and justice".
March 25	International Unborn Child Day	
27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025	63rd World Theatre Day	
30 <sup>th</sup> March	United Nations (UN)'s 3rd International Day of Zero Waste/Zero Waste Day	Towards Zero Waste in Fashion and Textiles"

## **SPORTS**

### **Cricket**

- India vs New Zealand head-to-head in ICC Tournaments - The final group stage match of the ICC Champions Trophy features a crucial Group A showdown between India and New Zealand at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.
- Virat Kohli becomes 7th Indian Cricketer to play 300 ODIs
- Steven Peter Devereux Smith, the stand-in captain of Australia, announced his retirement from One Day International (ODI) cricket
- Mushfiquir Rahim, veteran wicket-keeper batsman from Bangladesh announced his retirement from One Day International (ODI) cricket
- Harry Brook withdraws from IPL 2025, faces possible 2-year ban
- ICC Player of the Month February 2025 - ICC Men's Player of the Month: Shubman Gill (India). ICC Women's Player of the Month: Alana King (Australia).
- City Union Bank (CUB) has officially partnered with Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) as its exclusive banking partner- This strategic collaboration aims to provide SRH fans, players, and staff with customized financial solutions, exclusive offers, and enhanced digital banking services.





- Equitas Small Finance Bank has reaffirmed its association with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Gujarat Titans (GT)

### **Badminton**

- India's doubles badminton specialist B. Sumeeth Reddy announced his retirement from professional badminton to focus on coaching- At the time of his retirement, he held the world badminton ranking of 25.

### **Football**

- Indian football icon Sunil Chhetri's return to the Indian National Team at 40
- Japan becomes 1st team to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup (23rd edition) after host nations (United States, Canada, and Mexico)

### **Hockey**

- The 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025 - Hockey Jharkhand won its first-ever Senior Women National Championship title by defeating Hockey Haryana at the final held at the Tau Devi Lal Complex, Panchkula, Haryana.

### **Table Tennis**

- Indian Table Tennis Champion and Padma Shri Awardee, Achantha Sharath Kamal announced his retirement from Professional Table Tennis

### **Wrestling**

- 21st edition of the Asian Wrestling Championships 2025- The Indian freestyle wrestling team concluded the 2025 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship held in Amman, Jordan with a tally of 10 Medals, including 1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 6 Bronze.







### Grandprix Australian Grand Prix 2025

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Country</u>
1	Lando Norris (McLaren)	United Kingdom
2	Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing)	Dutch-Belgian
3	George Russell (Mercedes)	United Kingdom

### Chinese Grand Prix 2025

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Country</u>
1	Oscar Jack Piastri (McLaren)	Australia
2	Lando Norris (McLaren)	United Kingdom
3	George Russell (Mercedes)	United Kingdom

### Events

- 2024-25 Ranji Trophy- The Vidarbha cricket team won the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy by defeating Kerala cricket team based on a 1st-innings lead in the final at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- The Khelo India Winter Games 2025 (KIWG 2025)-The 5th edition of India's premier winter sports event held under the Khelo India initiative.
- The 2nd edition of the Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) 2025 held in New Delhi
- The 9th Edition of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Champions Trophy 2025- India won the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 title by defeating New Zealand with 4 wickets in the final held at Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The 5th edition of the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) held in 2 phases in Leh, Ladakh
- World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025-India concluded the 2025 World Para Athletics Grand Prix held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi, securing the top spot on the medal table with 134 medals, including 45 Gold, 40 Silver, and 49 Bronze.







- Women's Premier League (WPL) 2025-Mumbai Indians Women cricket team clinched their Women's Premier League (WPL) title 2025 by defeating Delhi Capitals Women cricket team by 8 runs in the final held at Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai (Maharashtra).
- Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025-India concluded the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025 in Turin, Italy, with an impressive total of 33 medals: 8 gold, 18 silver, and 7 bronze.
- International Masters League (IML) 2025-India Masters Cricket Team clinched the inaugural International Masters League (IML) 2025 by defeating West Indies Masters Cricket Team by 6 wickets in the final at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- Anahat Singh, India's top-ranked women's squash player, secured the JSW Indian Open women's singles title
- She defeated Helen Tang from Hong Kong China with a straight-game victory of 11-9, 11-5, 11-8 at the Bombay Gymkhana in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- This victory marks Anahat's sixth consecutive title and her 11th Professional Squash Association (PSA) title overall, underscoring her consistent excellence in the sport.
- The win awarded Anahat 300 ranking points, further solidifying her position at the top of Indian women's squash.

### Others

- Commonwealth Games Federation rebrands as 'Commonwealth Sport'-This decision was officially unveiled on March 10, 2025, in celebration of Commonwealth Day.

## **BANKING AND FINANCE**

### **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

- RBI has released the "Regulations at a Glance" handbook, compiled by the Department of Regulation (DoR)-To offer a broad overview of key regulatory guidelines applicable to various banking entities, including cooperative banks.
- RBI has directed large non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to stop and not to renew the practice of extending 'line of credit'
- RBI will have to cut the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) to ease the prevailing liquidity pressure in the banking sector, according to the SBI research report
- The RBI has levied fines on The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) and IIFL Samasta Finance Limited for regulatory violations





- RBI's Update on the Exchange and Deposit of ₹2000 Notes-The RBI has kept the window open for the exchange and deposit of ₹2000 denomination notes, despite an overwhelming 98.18% of the total value being returned to the banking system.
- Digital lenders, microfinance companies urge RBI to set interest rate formula for small loans
- RBI announces Rs 1 lakh crore bond purchases, \$10 billion swap to address liquidity deficit
- RBI's 29th Standing Advisory Committee Meeting on MSME Credit Flow in Ahmedabad
- RBI imposed a Rs 76.6 lakh penalty on 4 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC)- For non-compliance with certain sections of its orders regarding the 'Peer-to-Peer (P2P) lending platform'.
- RBI and National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) under the Ministry of Finance (MoF) launched nationwide campaigns- To enhance financial literacy in India. It aims to empower individuals with the knowledge and skills to manage finances effectively, safeguard against fraud, and ensure financial inclusion across India. Key Initiatives to Promote Financial Literacy,
- RBI is undertaking a project to modernize its currency management infrastructure, focusing on enhancing efficiency, security, and automation
- RBI Proposes a Common Pool of Bankable Projects for Climate Finance
- RBI reassures depositors, states IndusInd Bank's financial health remains well-capitalized and its financial health is stable
- The RBI released a March 2025 monthly bulletin has reported a significant rise in its net short position in the forward book
- RBI published a 'Changing Dynamics of India's Remittances: Insights from the Sixth Round of India's Remittances Survey' in its monthly bulletin
- RBI explores govt schemes to boost CBDC adoption-With the use of central bank digital currency (CBDC) remaining low, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is now exploring cash transfer schemes by state governments as a means to promote the digital rupee.
- The RBI has extended the amortization period for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to manage their additional pension expenditure
- RBI has set the interest rate for the GoI Floating Rate Bond 2033 (GoI FRB 2033) at 8.34% per annum for the 6-month period from March 22, 2024, to September 21, 2024





- The public sector banks (PSBs) have transferred more than ₹45,000 crore worth of unclaimed deposits to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund between 2019-20 and 2024-25 (till December 31, 2024)
- RBI allows banks to hike ATM charges to ₹23/withdrawal from ₹21/withdrawal beyond free monthly usage from May 1, 2025
- RBI revised guidelines on Priority Sector Lending (PSL) to boost credit access
- RBI imposed monetary penalties on HDFC Bank, Punjab & Sind Bank and KLM Axiva Finvest Ltd for failing to comply with RBI regulatory guidelines
- The 8th State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) Meeting, conducted by the RBI in Gangtok, Sikkim
- According to the RBI, India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) has increased slightly to USD 11.5 billion

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

- SBI has launched a collateral-free digital MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) loan product 'SBI Asmita'
- SBI set up a dedicated unit to handle project financing for emerging sectors

**Bank of Baroda (BoB)**

- BoB received the ISO 22301:2019 Business Continuity Management System Certification from British Standards Institution
- BoB launched "BoB Global Women Non-Resident External (NRE) & Non-Resident (Ordinary) Accounts (NRO) Savings Account"

**Private Sector Banks****HDFC Bank**

- HDFC Bank has introduced 'Project HAKK (Hawai Anubhavi Kalyan Kendra-Serving those who have served)' - To provide comprehensive support and services to Indian Air Force (IAF) pensioners, veterans, and their families.
- HDFC Bank + Indian Army's Directorate of Indian Army Veterans + Common Service Centres (CSC) Academy have renewed their MoU-To expand Project NAMAN, aims to support Army veterans, their families, and next of kin by providing essential services at their doorstep.
- HDFC Bank introduced the 'Embassy Fixed Deposit (FD) Scheme', also termed the Diplomat FD Scheme





### Axis Bank

- Axis Bank has partnered with J.P. Morgan Chase & CO-To introduce real-time, 24/7 programmable USD clearing capabilities for its commercial clients.

### YES Bank

- YES Bank + World Trade Center (WTC) Mumbai hosted the Export Conclave 2025 at YES Bank House

### City Union Bank

- City Union Bank announced a strategic partnership with Chennai Super Kings (CSK)-To introduce a new co-branded credit card for cricket fans.

### Insurance News

- The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) may raise the insurance limit from existing Rs 5 lakh
- LIC Housing Finance approves ₹1,22,500 crore borrowing plan for FY 2025-26 to raise funds through various instruments
- SBI Life Insurance introduced two new child focused insurance products, 'SBI Life-Smart Future Star' and 'SBI Life-Smart Platina Young Achiever'
- Star Health & Allied Insurance Company (Star Health Insurance) launched 'SheTARA'
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) released annual claim settlement ratio data in Handbook on Indian Insurance Statistics 2023-24
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) approved the 'R2' license for Value Attics Reinsurance Limited
- IRDAI appointed 5 New members of experts from various sectors to the reconstituted Insurance Advisory Committee in 2025-To improve the regulatory decisions and strengthen the insurance sector's overall framework in the Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC).
- Centrico Insurance Repository Ltd (CIRL), subsidiary of Central Depository Services (India) Ltd (CDSL) has entered an agreement with LIC-To provide Insurance Repository (IR) services as part of LIC's Request for Proposal (RFP) process, aims to digitize policy management, enabling policyholders to store insurance policies electronically and access seamless updates.





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

- SEBI launched 'Bond Central' portal, a centralized database portal for corporate bonds to boost retail investor participation in corporate bonds
- SEBI experienced a 48% year-on-year rise in total income, reaching ₹2,075 crore in FY 2023-24, largely due to higher revenue from fees and subscriptions
- SEBI has reduced the timeline for completing rights issues from 126 days to just 23 days
- SEBI revised the minimum investment threshold for Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) Instruments on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1,000
- SEBI announced that it has partnered with DigiLocker-To address the issue of unclaimed assets in the securities markets.
- SEBI bans Former TV Anchor Hemant Ghai, His Family Members From Securities Markets for 5 Years

### Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

- SIDBI + Federal Bank signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)-To provide financial support to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

### Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- ADB has introduced the Frontier Seed (Pacific) program to enhance private sector development and economic resilience in the Pacific region
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has funded the Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem (SMILE) Program

### Others

- Paytm partners with Perplexity to bring the Power of AI to crores of Indians
- Paytm launched UPI trading blocks for seamless stock trading experience
- Indian banks are in talks with SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) regarding the migration to ISO 20022
- NBFCs' concentrated exposures to power and infra sectors could trigger systemic issues, cautions International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- PhonePe Group, India's leading financial technology (fintech) company launched its 'Insuring HEROES' campaign ahead of International Women's Day
- IIFL Finance launched 'Shakti' All-Women Branches on Women's Day
- Razorpay has officially launched its payment solutions in Singapore, marking its next major expansion after its success in India and Malaysia





- Indian Banks Lending more than they Collect in Deposits: Report
- India's digital payment landscape has experienced significant growth, with total transactions exceeding 18,000 crore in FY 2024-25 (up to Jan 2025)
- Neo banks and mid-sized banks are increasingly opening Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in India
- SBI Mutual Fund has introduced two new investment schemes, the SBI BSE PSU Bank Index Fund and the SBI BSE PSU Bank ETF
- Public Sector Banks witness a 33% surge in dividend payouts in FY24, Reflecting Strong Financial Growth
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) published a report titled 'Education and Nutrition: Learn to Eat Well'

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **IIT News**

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw visits IIT Madras Hyperloop Testing Facility & Open House 2025 Exhibition
- ISRO Chairman V Narayanan launches Thermal Research Centre at IIT Madras
- India's 1st Nano Electronics Roadshow inaugurated by MeitY Secretary at IISc Bengaluru

### **Space News**

- SpaceX launched the Spherex observatory from California, putting it on course to fly over Earth's poles
- NASA launched SpectroPhotometer for the History of the Universe, Epoch of Reionization and Ices Explorer (SPHEREx) and Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere (PUNCH) missions
- China has deployed a sophisticated Large Phased Array Radar (LPAR) system in Yunnan province, near the China-Myanmar border
- Indian-American astronaut Sunita Lyn Williams and American astronaut Barry Butch E. Wilmore from NASA successfully returned to the Earth
- World's 1st 'Supersolid' created from Light-An international team of scientists led by researchers at the Institute of Nanotechnology of the National Research Council (CNR Nanotec) in Lecce, Italy has transformed light into a "Supersolid" for the 1st time globally.
- Nvidia, Elon Musk's xAI to join Microsoft, BlackRock to develop AI infrastructure
- TCS signed a 5-year deal with Air New Zealand to modernise digital infrastructure





- Bellatrix Aerospace, a Bengaluru-based space mobility company, has joined forces with Astroscale Japan through a formal agreement-To enhance space sustainability. This partnership is set to advance active debris removal, satellite maintenance, and long-term orbital safety.

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

- DRDO tests Indigenous Life Support System for Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas

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

- Aditya-L1 Captures 1st-ever Image of a Solar Flare 'Kernel'
- Firefly Aerospace's Blue Ghost spacecraft made a successful lunar landing, marking a major achievement in private space exploration
- India Generated \$143 Million by launching 393 foreign satellites from 34 countries between 2015 and 2024
- ISRO announced that the Government of India (GoI) has approved the 'Chandrayaan-5/ Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LuPEX)' mission
- ISRO in partnership with the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Chandigarh, has successfully developed Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201
- Tata Communications unveiled Vayu, a next-generation AI-driven cloud solution aimed at enterprises
- IndiGo, is set to expand its international footprint, aiming to increase the share of seats allocated for overseas flights to 40% by FY30, up from the current 28%
- IT majors Wipro, Tech Mahindra and L&T Technology Services announced strategic partnerships with chipmaker Nvidia
- HCLTech launched FlexSpace for AI PCs to transform enterprise efficiency in collaboration with Intel-his innovative solution enhances AI-powered enterprise computers, offering businesses the computing power and flexibility needed for AI-driven environments.

### **Environment & Energy**

- Tata Motors launched the 1st-ever trials of hydrogen-powered heavy duty trucks in order to assess their viability for long haul transportation solutions
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) inaugurated its floating solar power plant at the Kochi Refinery







## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **Australia**

- The Australia-India Sports Excellence Forum was officially inaugurated by the Minister of State for Sports, Raksha Khadse at GIFT City, Gujarat
- The 9th edition of the India-Australia Defence Policy Talks was held in New Delhi

### **China**

- China has announced a 7.2% increase in its defence budget for 2025, continuing its efforts to modernize and expand its military capabilities
- Chinese electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer BYD has introduced its Super e-Platform, a major advancement in charging technology
- India imposes anti-dumping duty on five Chinese products

### **Indonesia**

- Indonesia officially became the 11th member of the New Development Bank (NDB), formerly known as the BRICS Development Bank

### **Japan**

- Japan's Financial Services Agency (FSA) planned to revise the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act to grant crypto assets legal recognition as financial products

### **New Zealand**

- India and New Zealand announced the resumption of negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement

### **Russia**

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Moscow (Russia) based Rosoboronexport (RoE), Russian Federation, worth USD 248 million

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**Singapore**

- India and Singapore signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to collaborate on a Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC)
- The 19th edition of the Singapore Maritime Week (SMW) 2025 was held at the Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre in Singapore

**Sri Lanka**

- India-Sri Lanka Business Collaboration Strengthens with the launch of Lanka India Business Association (LIBA)

**United States**

- President Donald Trump signed an executive order making English as the Official Language of the United States
- Trump announces 25% tariffs on foreign-built vehicles

**Summit/Event**

- The Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2025, a major global event was held at Fira Gran Via in Barcelona, Spain
- Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 24th edition of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025 in New Delhi
- The 4th No Money for Terror (NMFT) Conference held at Munich, Germany
- Government of India + United Nations (UN)-Women, hosted a Ministerial Roundtable
- The Water Sustainability Conference 2025 held at the NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi
- India Participates in 353rd Governing Body Meeting of International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva
- The 10th edition of Raisina Dialogue, India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-economics, took place from in New Delhi
- The International Ramayana and Vedic Research Institute organized a Ramayana Conclave at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Colombo

**Exercise**

- The Sea Dragon 2025 naval exercise, a key multilateral maritime warfare drill, commenced off the Guam coast in the western Pacific Ocean
- The 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Military Exercise 'Khanjar-XII' commenced in Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan





- The 6th edition of the joint patrol 'Coordinated Patrol' (CORPAT) and the 4th bilateral exercise 'BONGOSAGAR'
- Armenia and Azerbaijan finalize Peace Treaty to end 40-year conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region
- The 23rd edition of the bilateral naval exercise 'VARUNA' between Indian Navy and France Navy commenced on in the Arabian Sea, India
- The 14th edition of the bilateral naval exercise 'INDRA' between India and Russia commenced off the coast of Chennai, Tamil Nadu

### Others

- US President Donald Trump plans to impose tariff on Canada, Mexico and China
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres launched the 'UN80 Initiative' to enhance the operational efficiency of the United Nations (UN)
- Trump administration weighs travel ban on dozens of countries
- The 10th CII India-LAC Conclave and India's commitment to strengthening ties with Latin America & Caribbean (LAC)
- India launched 'Operation Brahma' to Aid Earthquake-Hit Myanmar

## **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 was on a 2-day official visit to the Republic of Mauritius
- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) + Digital India Bhashini-To launch an AI-powered, multimodal, multilingual grievance redressal system for CPGRAMS.
- PM Narendra Modi launched a special summer vacation calendar for children

### Ministry News

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

- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed ₹2,906 crore deal with MoD for Indigenous Low-Level Transportable Radar (LLTR) Ashwini Radar



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

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy in Assam's Dergaon
- Amit Shah announced the launch of a new app-based taxi service, 'Sahkar'

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

- Nirmala launched a dedicated mobile application (App) for the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS) in New Delhi
- The Ministry of Finance has launched a revamped e-auction portal 'BAANKNET (Bank Asset Auction Network)'

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

- Initiatives to promote farmer participation in e-NAM and launch of e-NAM 2.0
- The Ministry of Rural Development + United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India) signed a 3-year Statement of Intent (SOI)
- The Digital Crop Survey (DCS) System was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

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

- MoS for Steel and Ministry of Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma launched 3 Research and Development (R&D) schemes

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

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) + Mercedes-Benz India Private Limited-To strengthen India's manufacturing sector, road safety, and environmental sustainability. The collaboration also aims to foster international partnerships and facilitate knowledge-sharing.

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

- The Department of Higher Education has introduced the 3rd edition of the PM-YUVA 3.0 Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors





- The Department of School Education & Literacy under the Ministry of Education has launched the “Baalpan ki Kavita” Initiative-To preserve and promote Indian rhymes and poems for young children.

**Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises: Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi (Gaya, Bihar)**

- Government has taken several measures to increase credit access and finance for MSMEs

**Minister of Panchayati Raj; Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying:  
Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh (Munger, Bihar)**

- Rajiv Ranjan launched the Sashakt Panchayat-Netri Abhiyan and Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWFGP)
- Rajiv Ranjan has announced that India aims to increase milk production to 300 MMT (Million Metric Tonnes) in the next 5 years

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

- Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled ‘One Nation-One Port (ONOP)’ Initiative

**Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment: Dr. Virendra Kumar (Tikamgarh,MP)**

- The Purple Fest 2025-It was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and took place at Rashtrapati Bhavan’s Amrit Udyan.

**Minister of Textiles: Shri Giriraj Singh (Begusarai, Bihar)**

- 5 Years of National Technical Textiles Mission-To accelerate this sector’s growth, the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) was launched in 2020, with a budget of Rs.1,480 crore for 2020-2026.

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

- Government of India has elevated Railway CPSE’s IRCTC and IRFC to Navratna Status
- Ashwini Vaishnaw launched several key initiatives under IndiaAI mission during the celebration of 1 year anniversary of IndiaAI mission
- Indian Railways has joined the Union Government's Mission Amrit Sarovar
- The Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) has unveiled WAVEX 2025





- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has announced the 5G Innovation Hackathon 2025
- East Coast Railway became the first railway zone in India to achieve 250 million tons (MT) of originating freight in the FY 2024-25

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

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has introduced the first cohort of its incubation program "Samarth"
- Department of Posts under the Ministry of Communications issued a commemorative postage stamp of denomination Rs.5

**Minister of Culture; and Minister of Tourism: Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Jodhpur, Rajasthan)**

- Project PARI: Revitalizing Public Spaces Through Art

**Minister of Women and Child Development: Smt. Annpurna Devi (Kodarma, Jharkhand)**

- Govt's 'Poshan Tracker' data shows that, -As of February 2025, 8.8 crore children (0-6 years) were enrolled in Anganwadis with 8.5 crore measured on growth parameters of height and weight.

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

- Lok Sabha passes Oilfields Amendment Bill 2024 to encourage investment in E&P projects

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

- Empowering Unorganised Workers: e-Shram at 30.68 Crore Registrations
- Renowned Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana has been named as the 'Fit India Icon' by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya



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

- The Ministry of Mines + Coal India Limited (CIL), organized the “Celebrating Women in Mining Sector” event
- Kishan Reddy launched India’s 1st ever auction of Exploration Licences (ELs) for 13 exploration blocks for critical minerals

**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 laid the foundation stone for the permanent campus of the NECTAR at Mawdiangdiang, Shillong
- Jitendra Singh announced that North India’s first nuclear power plant is being established in Gorakhpur, Haryana

**State News****Andhra Pradesh**

- Andhra Pradesh Government + Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Gates Foundation) signed a MoU on public welfare initiatives
- The Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) has signed a MoU with Microsoft-For imparting skills to youth in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and advanced technologies in vocational education.

**Assam**

- Assam named Electronics City in Jagiroad as Ratan Tata Electronic City
- The Assam government will launch its own satellite, ‘ASSAMSAT’ to bolster data access for crucial socio-economic initiatives

**Bihar**

- Samrat Choudhary, Deputy CM and Finance Minister of Bihar presented a Rs 3.17 lakh crore (Rs.3,16,895.02 crore) budget







### Chhattisgarh

- Chhattisgarh Finance Minister, Om Prakash Choudhary presented the state budget for the FY26 with an allocation of Rs 1,65,000 crore
- Chhattisgarh set to introduce a more Stringent Anti-Conversion Law
- The Chhattisgarh government introduce a stricter anti-conversion law to curb illegal religious conversions in the state.
- Although the state already has the Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act, 1968, Home Minister Vijay Sharma announced that a new law will be introduced to prevent conversions through alleged coercion, inducements, or "faith healing" gatherings.

### Gujarat

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Vantara' that houses over 1.5 lakh rescued and endangered animals

### Haryana

- India's first World Peace Center was established in Gurugram, Haryana
- Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini has introduced 'Sarathi', an AI-powered chatbot

### Karnataka

- Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah has announced that Bangalore City University to be renamed as Manmohan Singh Bengaluru University

### Kerala

- Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Advanced Cybersecurity Operations Centre (SOC) of the Kerala Police Cyber Division
- Kerala became 1st state to establish Senior Citizens Commission by passing the Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission Bill, 2025

### Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav announced that farmers across the state will receive permanent power connections for a nominal fee of just Rs 5
- Bhupender Yadav announced the Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh as 58th Tiger Reserve (TR) of India



**Maharashtra**

- Ajit Pawar, the Deputy CM and Finance Minister of Maharashtra presented a Rs 7.20 lakh crore State Budget for the FY26
- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the 1st-ever Temple dedicated to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Bhiwandi, Thane

**Meghalaya**

- Meghalaya CM Conrad K. Sangma inaugurated the state's 1st scientific coal mining block, "Saryngkham-A" at Byndihati in East Jaintia Hills

**Mizoram**

- The 1st-ever export of Anthurium Flowers from Mizoram to Singapore

**Odisha**

- A delegation from the UK Skills and Chartered Bodies Mission is currently in Odisha to enhance vocational education and skill development

**Punjab**

- Punjab launched Project Hifazat to protect women from violence on the International Women's Day is observed on March 8
- Punjab CM Bhagwant Singh Mann has introduced significant projects to enhance tourism and wildlife conservation in the state

**Rajasthan**

- Indore is set to achieve another milestone in sustainable waste management by establishing India's 1st green waste processing plant

**Tamil Nadu**

- Tamil Nadu presented the Budget for the FY26 with a total disbursement outlay Rs 4,39,293 crore, and a total receipt of Rs 3,32,330 crore, excluding public debt

**Telangana**

- Telangana CM Revanth Reddy launched the 'Rajiv Yuva Vikasam' Scheme to boost Self-Employment
- Telangana Finance Minister, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, presented the state's budget for the FY26 with an outlay of Rs 3,04,965 crore



**Uttar Pradesh**

- Uttar Pradesh adopts digital monitoring for routine child vaccination through the RISE app

**Uttarakhand**

- Uttarakhand Cabinet approves Unified Pension Scheme and New Excise Policy for 2025
- Uttarakhand CM has announced the development of corridors along the sacred Ganga and Sharda rivers to enhance religious tourism in the state

**West Bengal**

- Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in Darjeeling become India's 1st zoo to preserve DNA samples of wildlife found in snowy regions
- West Bengal Police launched Mobile App for Transparent Transfers

**Union Territory News****Delhi**

- Delhi government signed an MoU with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare-To implement the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).
- Delhi Police launched 'Shishtachar' Squad to combat eve-teasing
- Delhi Health Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh launches mobile dental clinics for free check-up to the city's residents
- Delhi CM Rekha Gupta presents ₹1 lakh crore budget for FY26
- The 37th Kathak Mahotsav 2025, hosted by Kathak Kendra, New Delhi, a unit of Sangeet Natak Akademi

**Jammu and Kashmir**

- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways + Jammu and Kashmir signed a MoU-To enhance river cruise tourism on three National Waterways in J&K include River Chenab (NW-26), River Jhelum (NW-49), and River Ravi (NW-84) out of the 111 recognized national waterways in India.
- The 'Watan Ko Jano' programme, organized by the Govt of Jammu and Kashmir under the funding from the Ministry of Home Affairs



**Union Cabinet and the Centre News**

- The Union government is considering lowering the share of central tax revenues allocated to states from the current 41% to at least 40%
- The Union Cabinet has approved the construction of a 12.4 km ropeway connecting Govindghat and Hemkund Sahib Ji in Uttarakhand
- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for setting up of a new Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Plant in Assam
- The Union Cabinet has approved the implementation of revised Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) with enhanced allocation for FY25 and FY26
- The Union Cabinet has approved 'Incentive Scheme for promotion of low-value BHIM-UPI transactions Persons to Merchant (P2M)'
- The Union Cabinet revised the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) with a total outlay of ₹3,880 crore for 2024-25 and 2025-26
- The Union Cabinet has approved the release of an additional installment of Dearness Allowance (DA)

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

- NITI Aayog released the report titled "From Borrowers to Builders: Women's Role in India's Financial Growth Story"

**Events held in India**

- The 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in the Asia & the Pacific was held at Rajasthan International Centre in Jaipur, Rajasthan
- PM Narendra Modi chaired the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) at Gir National Park, Gujarat
- PM Narendra Modi announced the 16th Asiatic Lion Population Estimation to be conducted in May 2025
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 2nd edition of Vividhta Ka Amrit Mahotsav
- Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal inaugurated GRIDCON 2025-The International Conference cum Exhibition
- Mansukh Mandaviya Inaugurates First-Ever Fit India Carnival
- The 3rd edition of Sourcex India 2025 inaugurated at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the National Conference on 'Environment-2025' in New Delhi





### Others

- Government achieves 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) goal
- India has launched the Cities Coalition for Circularity (C-3), marking a significant step towards sustainable urban development
- The GoI has launched 5 pilot projects to use hydrogen-fuelled buses and trucks as part of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)
- Supreme Court advocates for Disability Rights as Fundamental
- PM Narendra Modi addressed a post-Budget webinar focused on Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Government Initiatives to promote Gas based Power Generation
- Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025 Introduced in Parliament
- The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Adamas University, Kolkata signed a MoU
- To strengthen academic and research cooperation in homoeopathy.
- This agreement aims to advance scientific research, knowledge exchange, and interdisciplinary studies in alternative medicine.
- The Ministry of Ayush highlighted that this partnership will contribute to the broader acceptance and integration of homoeopathy in mainstream healthcare.
- Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme have surged by 42% over the past 4 years, highlighting the financial stress in the agricultural sector
- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (MSGMBY) has achieved a major milestone of 10 lakh rooftop solar installations as of 10th March 2025
- The New Income Tax Bill 2025 Highlights- The Indian government is set to introduce the New Income Tax Bill 2025 to replace the existing Income Tax Act of 1961.
- GTRI Urges Government to Withdraw Mandatory Quality Control Norms on Steel Fasteners
- A parliamentary committee suggests reducing the entry age for Ayushman Vay Vandana Cards from 70 to 60 years
- The Centre has sanctioned a total of 116 new tourist destinations across the country
- A parliamentary committee revised the wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in view of the rising cost of living

**Current Affairs**

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- Prasar Bharati-SHABD free subscription extended till March 2026 to support media organizations
- The Indian government has established a high-level fintech committee
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) + Sarvam Artificial Intelligence (Sarvam AI), an indigenous full-stack Generative AI company- To enhance the Aadhaar system's user-friendliness, security, and accessibility for citizens.
- India's artificial intelligence (AI) Sector Poised to Surpass 2.3 Million Job Openings by 2027: Report by Bain & Company
- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)'s Role in Tribal Development from local artisans to global markets
- Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM), a voluntary and contributory pension scheme to provide social security to unorganised workers
- PM-Kisan: Govt recovers Rs 416 crore from ineligible farmers- The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, launched in February 2019, is a flagship initiative by the government aimed at providing financial assistance to cultivable land-holding farmers.
- Digitization and documentation of India's cultural heritage- These are crucial for its preservation and accessibility. The National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) plays a vital role in this effort by standardizing records, training stakeholders, and promoting public awareness.
- Government e-Marketplace surpasses Rs 5 lakh crore Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) before FY25 end
- Samarthya: National Competition on Corporate Rescue Strategies 2025
- Certification for Eri Silk: A Global Milestone- The North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd. (NEHHDC), operating under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, has obtained the Oeko-Tex certification from Germany for eri silk, signifying its compliance with international safety and environmental standards.
- Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) has achieved a milestone by monetizing the 2 MTPA Dugda Coal Washery located in Bokaro, Jharkhand
- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has made significant discoveries at 2 different locations in India, shedding light on ancient burial practices and Buddhist heritage
- Centre notifies 24% hike in salaries, pensions for Members of Parliament (MPs)
- Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill 2025 along with 35 government amendments
- Expansion of Jan Aushadhi Kendras under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)





- The GoI has decided to discontinue the Medium Term and Long Term Government Deposit (MLTGD) components of the Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) effective March 26, 2025
- India taken a step in its clean energy transition with the launch of an ambitious Nuclear Mission, reinforcing its commitment to sustainable energy
- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), in collaboration with IIIT-Hyderabad- To launch a large-scale Biometric SDK Benchmarking Challenge to enhance fingerprint authentication for children.
- Parliament Passes Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, introducing several crucial reforms to India's banking sector
- Sagarmala Programme Completes 10 Years Since Implementation

### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

- India's Economic Growth in Q3 of FY 2024-25
- Ministry of Labour & Employment has chaired the 237th meeting of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT), Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) in New Delhi
- Gross GST revenue collection in February 2025 at Rs.1,83,646 crore
- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transaction volume in February dipped by 5% to 16.11 billion, compared to 16.99 billion in January
- CRISIL (Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited) released its outlook for the FY26
- Housing finance market to grow at 15-16% Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) through 2029-30: CareEdge
- Mintoak Innovations Pvt Ltd, an Indian startup backed by PayPal and HDFC Bank acquired 'Digiledge'
- Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFSL) announced the acquisition of remaining 17.8% stake in Jio Payments Bank Ltd (JPBL) from the SBI for Rs 104.5 crore
- Microfinance Institution (MFI) loan defaults rise a tad in Karnataka, but trend is better: CreditAccess Grameen
- Salman Khan teams with GRM for Wheat Flour Campaign
- Credit Disbursement to Priority Sectors Jumps 85% from ₹23 lakh crore in 2019 to ₹42.73 lakh crore in 2024
- India's MSME sector has seen substantial growth in credit availability alongside a notable reduction in Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) over the past 5 years
- The Holi festival continues to be a major economic catalyst for traders and businesses across India







- Government seeks Parliament nod to spend ₹51,463 crore extra in current financial year
- India's Sun Pharma to acquire Checkpoint Therapeutics for \$355 million
- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) notified the "Ten Year Zero Coupon Bond of Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC)" as a Zero Coupon Bond (ZCB)
- India's Retail Inflation Falls to a 7-Month Low in February 2025
- Moody's Rating released 'Banking System Outlook-India', revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast for the FY26 to exceed 6.5% up from 6.3% in FY25
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved that,- Investment holding company of the Tata Group, Tata Sons Private Limited's (Tata Sons) proposal to acquire additional 10% stake in Direct-toHome (DTH) provider Tata Play Limited (Tata Play) from Singapore-based wealth fund Temasek Holdings Private Limited which is owned by Baytree Investments (Mauritius) Pte Limited.
- Temasek Holdings has signed an agreement to acquire a 10% stake in Haldiram Snacks Food Pvt Ltd (Haldiram's) for over Rs.8,000 crore (around USD 1 billion)
- India to Become World's 3rd Largest Economy by 2028: Morgan Stanley
- Reserve Bank of India conducts \$10 bn forex swap to inject liquidity
- India's wholesale inflation rate witnessed a slight increase in February 2024, settling at 2.38%, as per data released by the Ministry of Commerce
- Global Rating agency Moody's asset quality of Indian banks may deteriorate moderately up to 3.0 per cent in the next 12 to 18 months after substantial improvements
- Patanjali Ayurved Ltd (PAL) along with Dharampal Satyapal Group Limited (DS Group) has secured a majority stake in Magma HDI General Insurance Company
- Generative AI to drive productivity gains of up to 46% in Indian banking operations by 2030: EY report
- Tea producer McLeod Russel India Ltd (MRIL) has transferred its debt exposure to the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) for Rs 700 crore, representing a 36% haircut
- India's sugar production has declined by 16.13% to 23.71 million tonnes so far in the ongoing 2024-25 season
- Credit-deposit growth gap likely to dip sharply in FY26: India Ratings
- Fitch Ratings has maintained the Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) of Union Bank of India and Punjab National Bank at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook





- India's net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) witnessed a significant decline, dropping to \$1.4 billion in April 2024-January 2025 from \$11.5 billion in April 2023-January 2024
- Urban Company Introduces 15-Min 'Insta Maid' Service, Triggers Outrage Over Labour Concerns
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for February 2025
- Government has notified significant revisions to the turnover and investment criteria for classifying MSMEs, which will come into effect from April 1
- India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has doubled over the last 10 years from \$2.1 trillion in 2015 to \$4.3 trillion in 2025, reporting a growth of 105%
- The Committee of Creditors of Reliance Capital (RCap) has withdrawn a petition filed last year claiming ₹1,060 crore as interest payment from IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL)
- S&P Global Ratings (formerly Standard & Poor's) released its Economic Outlook for Asia-Pacific (APAC) 2025
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has expanded its shipyard business by acquiring a 100% stake in Nauyaan Tradings Private Limited (NTPL)
- India's core sector growth dropped to 2.9% in February 2025, marking the slowest expansion in 5 months

## RANKING

### National Ranking

- Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI)-January 2025 Report-The Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) is a crucial economic indicator that reflects the performance of eight fundamental sectors of the Indian economy.
- PM Narendra Modi released India's 1st ever riverine dolphin estimation report during his visit to Gir National Park in Gujarat
- Top-10 Largest Women Employers in India by 2025-The largest employer of women in India in 2025 is Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Women Employees (%)</u>	<u>Value (in Rs.Crore)</u>
1	Tata Consultancy Services	2,14,098	34%	Rs.16,10,800
2	Infosys	1,24,569	37%	Rs.7,99,400





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3	Qess Corp	95,725	17%	Rs.10,360
4	Wipro	82,595	35%	Rs.3,18,270
5	Reliance Industries	74,317	21%	Rs.17,52,650
6	Shahi Exports	70,000	70%	Rs.24,330
7	HCL Technologies	66,268	28%	Rs.5,18,170
8	HDFC Bank	55,610	26%	Rs.14,22,570
9	ICICI Bank	43,233	31%	Rs.9,30,720
10	Samvardhana Motherson Intl.	40,288	36%	Rs.1,17,370

- India is the largest producer of jute in the world with the most jute mills in India are located in West Bengal

**International Ranking**  
**The 19th edition of 'The Wealth Report 2025'**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Number of HNWLs</u>	<u>Percentage increase</u>
1	The United States of America (USA)	905,413	38.7%
2	Chinese Mainland	471,634	20.1%
3	Japan	122,119	5.2%
4	India	85,698	3.7%
5	Germany	69,798	3.0%

- IndiGo Airlines achieved a significant milestone by securing the position of the world's 2nd fastest-growing airline in terms of seat capacity





## Top 10 richest women in India 2025

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Net Worth</u>	<u>Company</u>
1	Savitri Jindal	\$34.3 billion	Jindal Group
2	Rekha Jhunjhunwala	\$8 billion	Titan Company Limited, and others
3	Renuka Jagtiani	\$5.6 billion	Landmark Group
4	Vinod Gupta	\$4.7 billion	Havells
5	Smita Crishna-Godrej	\$3.5 billion	Godrej
6	Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw	\$3.4 billion	Biocon
7	Radha Vembu	\$3.2 billion	Zoho Corporation
8	Anu Aga	\$3.1 billion	Thermax
9	Leena Tewari	\$3.0 billion	USV Pharma
10	Falguni Nayar	\$2.9 billion	Nykaa

- **The Economist Group, a media company released its annual edition of Glass-Ceiling Index (GCI): Top 10 Best Countries for Working Women in 2025**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>
1	Sweden
2	Iceland
3	Finland
4	Norway
5	Portugal

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## India Value Rankings 2025

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name of the Brand</u>	<u>Score</u>
1	Amazon	56.5
2	Flipkart	53.0
3	Amul	52.8
4	Tanishq	48.4
5	MakeMyTrip	45.4

- IQAir released its 7th edition of "World Air Quality Report 2024"

## Top 5 most polluted countries in 2024:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Average PM2.5 (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</u>
1	Chad	91.8
2	Bangladesh	78.0
3	Pakistan	73.7
4	Congo	58.2
5	India	50.6

## Top 5 most polluted countries in 2024:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>City-Country</u>	<u>Average PM2.5 (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</u>
1	Byrnihat-Meghalaya, India	128.2
2	New Delhi-India	108.3
3	Karaganda-Kazakhstan	104.8
4	Mullanpur-India	102.3
5	Lahore-Pakistan	102.1

- Swedish think tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released the report 'Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2024'



**Top 5 Importers & Their Main Suppliers (2020-24):**

Rank	Exporter (Global Share %)	Main Recipients (Share of Exporter's Total Export %)		
		1st	2nd	3rd
1	Ukraine (8.8%)	USA (45)	Germany (12)	Poland (11)
2	India (8.3%)	Russia (36)	France (33)	Israel (13)
3	Qatar (6.8%)	USA (48)	Italy (20)	United Kingdom (UK) (15)
4	Saudi Arabia (6.8%)	USA (74)	Spain (10)	France (6.2)
5	Pakistan (4.6%)	China (81)	Netherlands (5.5)	Turkey (3.8)

**Top 5 Exporters & Their Main Suppliers (2020-24):**

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		1st	2nd	3rd
1	USA (43)	Saudi Arabia (12)	Ukraine (9.3)	Japan (8.8)
2	France (9.6)	India (28)	Qatar (9.7)	Greece (8.3)
3	Russia (7.8)	India (38)	China (17)	Kazakhstan (11)
4	China (5.9%)	Pakistan (63)	Serbia (6.8)	Thailand (4.6%)
5	Germany (5.6%)	Ukraine (19)	Egypt (19)	Israel (11)

- Indian pharmaceutical exports ranked 11th globally in value terms in the year 2023 and accounted for 3% of the total pharmaceutical exports
- India emerged as top source country for FDI into Dubai with USD 3 billion Investment
- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) released the 15th edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject





<u>Rank</u>	<u>University Name</u>	<u>Country</u>
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities</b>		
1	Harvard University	USA
2	University of Oxford	UK
3	University of Cambridge	UK
<b>Engineering &amp; Technology</b>		
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	USA
2	University of Oxford	UK
3	Stanford University	USA
<b>Life Sciences &amp; Medicine</b>		
1	Harvard University	USA
2	University of Oxford	UK
3	Johns Hopkins University	USA
<b>Natural Sciences</b>		
1	Harvard University	USA
2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA
3	University of Oxford	UK
<b>Social Sciences &amp; Management</b>		
1	Harvard University	USA
2	University of Oxford	UK
3	Stanford University	USA







## Top 9 Indian Institutions of India:

<u>Global Rank</u>	<u>Institution Name</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
20	IIT Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad Dhanbad, Jharkhand	Engineering-Mineral and Mining
26	IIT Delhi (IITD) New Delhi, Delhi	Engineering and Technology
27	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Business and Management Studies
28	IIT Bombay (IITB) Mumbai, Maharashtra	Engineering-Mineral and Mining
29	Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) New Delhi	Development Studies
31	IIT Madras (IITM) Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)	Engineering-Petroleum
40	IIM Bangalore (IIB) Bengaluru, Karnataka	Business and Management Studies
45	IIT Kharagpur (IITK) Kharagpur, West Bengal	Engineering-Mineral and Mining
50	IIT Bombay (IITB) Mumbai, Maharashtra	Engineering and Technology

## Flipkart's Super.money top 5 UPI app In February 2025

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Details</u>
1	PhonePe-The Undisputed Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transaction Volume: 7,656.40 million</li> <li>Market Share: 47.54%</li> <li>Transaction Value: Rs 11,18,963.81 crore</li> <li>Value Share: 50.94%</li> </ul>
2	Google Pay-The Strong Competitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transaction Volume: 5,836.80 million</li> <li>Market Share: 36.24%</li> <li>Transaction Value: Rs 7,71,089.15 crore</li> <li>Value Share: 35.11%</li> </ul>





<u>Rank</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Details</u>
3	Paytm-Holding its Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transaction Volume: 6.70% share</li> <li>Transaction Value: Rs 1,17,090.29 crore</li> <li>Value Share: 5.33%</li> </ul>
4	Super.money-The Rising Star	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transaction Volume: 139.10 million</li> <li>Replaced CRED as the 5th largest UPI app</li> </ul>
5	CRED & Other Smaller Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRED's Transaction Value: Rs 45,127.72 crore</li> <li>Value Share: 2.05%</li> <li>Navi's Transactions: 260.75 million</li> </ul>

- India's Free Speech Ranking in Global Index- A recent global survey by the US-based think tank The Future of Free Speech ranked India 24th out of 33 countries in its Free Speech Index.

### The 13th edition of the World Happiness Report (WHR) 2025

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>
<b>Top 5 Happiest Countries and India</b>	
1	Finland
2	Denmark
3	Iceland
4	Sweden
5	The Netherlands
118	India
<b>Top 5 Unhappiest Countries</b>	
147	Afghanistan
146	Sierra Leone





<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>
<b>Top 5 Happiest Countries and India</b>	
1	Finland
2	Denmark
145	Lebanon
144	Malawi
143	Zimbabwe
<b>Top 5 Happiest Countries in Asia</b>	
1	Taiwan
2	Singapore
3	Vietnam
4	Thailand
5	Japan

- India ranked 2nd Globally in Funding for Women-Led Startups: Tracxn Report- According to the report, Bengaluru-based Indian tech startup research and analytics firm Tracxn Technologies Ltd, India ranked 2nd globally after the United States of America (USA) in terms of total funding raised by companies with women founders.
- JSW Steel becomes world's most valuable steelmaker with USD 30.3 billion market capitalization
- The 14th edition of the Hurun Global Rich List 2025-China based Hurun Research Institute released the "2025 Hurun Global Rich List".

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Top 5 billionaires in the list			
Rank	Name	Company	Total Net Worth (USD Billion)
1	Elon Musk	Tesla, Inc, the United States of America (USA)	420
2	Jeff Bezos	Amazon, the USA	266
3	Mark Zuckerberg	Mark Zuckerberg	242
4	Larry Ellison	Oracle Corporation, the USA	203
5	Warren Buffett	Berkshire Hathaway Inc., the USA	167
Top 5 Women billionaires in the list			
1	Alice Walton	Walmart, the USA	102
2	Francoise Bettencourt	L'Oréal, France	67
3	Julia Koch & family	Koch Industries, the USA	60
4	Jacqueline Mars	Mars Inc, the USA	53
5	Roshni Nadar & family	HCL Technologies Limited, India	40
Top 5 billionaires in India			
1	Mukesh Ambani & family	Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), Mumbai (Maharashtra)	100
2	Gautam Adani & family	Adani Group, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)	97
3	Roshni Nadar & family	HCL Technologies Limited, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	40
4	Dilip Shanghvi & family	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, Mumbai	29





5	Azim Premji & family	Wipro Limited, Bengaluru, Karnataka	25
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**Top 5 countries in the list:**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Billionaires</b>
1	The United States of America(USA)	870
2	China	823
3	India	284
4	The United Kingdom (UK)	150
5	Germany	141

**Richest Man in the World by March 2025**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>Source of Wealth</b>	<b>Country</b>
1	Elon Musk	\$359.5 billion	Tesla, SpaceX, X	United States
2	Mark Zuckerberg	\$230.7 billion	Meta (Facebook)	United States
3	Jeff Bezos	\$226.7 billion	Amazon	United States
4	Larry Ellison	\$204.6 billion	Oracle	United States
5	Bernard Arnault	\$186.4 billion	LVMH	France
6	Warren Buffett	\$161.1 billion	Berkshire Hathaway	United States
7	Larry Page	\$141.5 billion	Google	United States
8	Sergey Brin	\$135.4 billion	Google	United States
9	Amancio Ortega	\$121.9 billion	Zara-parent Inditex	Spain
10	Steve Ballmer	\$118.9 billion	Microsoft	United States

**AWARDS****National Awards****The 14th Edition of the Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA) 2025**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Emerging Innovator Award	BugWorks Research	Innovation in biotechnology
Outstanding Startup Award	BrowserStack	Revolutionizing software testing solutions
Icons of Excellence	Ajay Singh (SpiceJet)	Leadership in aviation sector
Icons of Excellence	Katrina Kaif (Kay Beauty)	Entrepreneurship in beauty industry





<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
Icons of Excellence	Jay Shah (ICC)	Contributions to global cricket governance
Leadership in Finance	Shyam Srinivasan (Federal Bank)	Leadership in financial sector
Tech Transformation Leader	Mohit Joshi (Tech Mahindra)	Driving technological transformation
Promising Startup	Minimalist	Transparent and effective skincare solutions
Regional Goliath	MTR Foods	Authentic Indian cuisine and quality commitment
Grassroots Philanthropists	Rizwan & Rekha Koita (Koita Foundation)	Social impact in healthcare and education
Climate Warrior	Indra Water	Sustainable water treatment solutions
Turnaround Star	Indian Hotels Co. Ltd. (IHCL)	Revitalization of hospitality and service excellence
Next-Gen Entrepreneur	Varun Jaipuria (Varun Beverages)	Expansion in the beverage sector
Institution Builder	Ashish Dhawan (Central Square Foundation)	Contributions to education reform and policy-making
Entrepreneur of the Year	Supam Maheshwari (FirstCry)	Leadership in baby and kids' retail market
CEO of the Year	Rajesh Jejurikar (Mahindra & Mahindra)	Innovation in automobile sector and business expansion

- Dr. Suborno Bose has been honored with the 'Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality and Education Through Technology' award
- Sahitya Akademi, India's leading literary institution is set to organize its annual Festival of Letters 2025 at Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi
- Dr. Jayashree Vencatesan Becomes 1st Indian to receive the 'Ramsar Women Change Makers in the World Wetlands Award 2025'
- Muthoot Microfin Limited, a leading Microfinance Institution (MFI) in India, secured 2 Gold Awards at the SKOCH Awards 2025 in New Delhi
- The 19th edition of the 'Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards' was held in New Delhi





<u>Award Category</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Publication/Channel</u>	<u>Format</u>
Hindi	Mridulika Jha	Aaj Tak	Print/ Digital
Regional Languages	Jisha Elizabeth	Madhyamam (Malayalam Language)	Print/ Digital
Environment, Science and Technology Reporting	Sibu Kumar Tripathi	India Today	Print/ Digital
Uncovering Invisible India	Satyasundar Barik	The Hindu	Print
Business & Economic Journalism	Twesh Mishra	The Economic Times	Print
Reporting on Politics and Government	Maitri Porecha	The Hindu	Print
Sports Journalism	Shahab Ali, Amarnath Kashyap	Hindustan	Print
Investigative Journalism	Nihal AP Koshie, Mahender Singh Manral, Mihir Vasavda	The Indian Express	Print
Feature Writing	Shubhajit Roy	The Indian Express	Print
Foreign Correspondent Covering India	Nilsch Christopher	Rest of World	Print/ Digital
Prakash Kardaley Memorial Award for Civic Journalism	Jeet Mashru, Somita Pal	Hindustan Times	Print







<u>Award Category</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Publication/Channel</u>	<u>Format</u>
Photo Journalism	P. Ravikumar	The New Indian Express	Print
Books (Non-fiction)	Dr. A.V. Venkateshpathy For his book " Swadeshi Steam: V.O. Chidambaram Pillai and the Battle against the British Maritime Empire"	Penguin Random House	Print
Hindi	Siddharth Mohan	The Lallantop	Broadcast/Digital
Regional Language	Mandar Gonjari	ABP Majha (Marathi Language)	Broadcast
Environment, Science and Technology	Joel Michael, Rohini Krishnamurthy	Down To Earth	Broadcast/Digital
Uncovering India Invisible	Vishnukant Tiwari, Athar Rather	The Quint	Broadcast
Reporting on Politics and Government	Ashutosh Mishra	India Today Television	Broadcast
Sports Journalism	Tejas Vaidya, Enakshi Rajvanshi	British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Hindi	Broadcast/Digital
Investigative Reporting	Anurag Dwary	New Delhi Television Limited (NDTV)	Broadcast

- Statue of Unity Sculptor Ram Sutar conferred with Maharashtra Bhushan Award
- Renowned Hindi poet and novelist Vinod Kumar Shukla has been selected for the 59th Jnanpith Award 2024
- Eminent Carnatic Violinist R K Shriramkumar has been conferred with the Sangita Kalanidhi award for 2025 by The Music Academy, Madras





<u>Category</u>	<u>Name of the Awardee</u>
Sangita Kalanidhi award	R K Shriramkumar
Sangita Kala Acharya award	Shyamala Venkateswaran
TTK Award	Madambi Subramania Namboothiri JT Jeyaraaj Krishnan and Jaysri Jeyaraaj Krishnan
The Musicologist Award	Professor C.A. Sridhara
Nritya Kalanidhi Award	Urmila Satyanarayana

- Punjab & Sind Bank has been awarded the Top Improvers title in the EASE 6.0 Reforms Index-This reflects its outstanding progress in enhancing banking services, digital transformation, and customer-centric initiatives.

### International Awards 97th Academy Awards-Oscars 2025

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner-Film Name</u>
Best Picture	Anora
Actor in a Leading Role	Adrien Nicholas Brody-The Brutalist
Actor in a Supporting Role	Kieran Kyle Culkin-A Real Pain
Actress in a Leading Role	Mikaela Madison Rosberg-Anora
Actress in a Supporting Role	Zoë Yadira Saldana-Perego-Emilia Perez
Animated Feature Film	Gints Zilbalodis-Flow
Animated Short Film	Shirin Sohani and Hossein Molayemi-In the Shadow of the Cypress
Cinematography	Dávid Jancsó-The Brutalist
Costume Design	Paul Tazewell-Wicked
Best Director	Sean Baker-Anora
Documentary Feature Film	Basel Adra, Rachel Szor, Hamdan Ballal, and Yuval Abraham-No Other Land
Documentary Short Film	Molly O' Brien and Lisa Remington-The Only Girl in the Orchestra





Film Editing	Myron Kerstein-Anora
International Feature Film	Walter Salles (Brazil)-I'm Still Here
Makeup and Hairstyling	Pierre-Olivier Persin, Stéphanie Guillon and Marilyne Scarselli-The Substance
Music (Original Score)	Daniel Blumberg-The Brutalist
Music (Original Song)	"El Mal" Jacques Audiard, Camille & Clément Ducol-Emilia Pérez
Production Design	Frances Hannon-Wicked
Live Action Short Film	Victoria Warmerdam and Wim Goossens-I'm Not a Robot
Best Sound	Gareth John, Richard King, Ron Bartlett, and Doug Hemphill-Dune: Part Two
Visual Effects	Paul Lambert, Stephen James, Rhys Salcombe, and Gerd Nefzer-Dune: Part Two
Writing (Adapted Screenplay)	Peter Straughan-Conclave
Writing (Original Screenplay)	Sean Baker-Anora

### Forbes' The Highest-Paid Actors of 2024

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Actor</u>	<u>Earnings (in million USD)</u>	<u>Country</u>
1	Dwayne Douglas Johnson	USD 88	United States of America (USA)
2	Ryan Rodney Reynolds	USD 85	Canada
3	Kevin Darnell Hart	USD 81	USA
4	Jerome (Jerry) Allen Seinfeld	USD 60	USA
5	Hugh Michael Jackman	USD 50	Australia
Rank	Actress	Earnings (in million USD)	Country
8	Nicole Mary Kidman	USD 31	USA
12	Mariska Magdolna Hargitay	USD 29	USA





15	Scarlett Ingrid Johansson	USD 22	USA
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- 30th Global Mobile (GLOMO) Awards-Google, a subsidiary of Alphabet Inc received two GLOMO Awards:
- PM Narendra Modi conferred the prestigious 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados', one of the highest national honors awarded by the Government of Barbados

### International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) 2025

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Best Film Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Picture: Laapataa Ladies</li> <li>• Best Direction: Kiran Rao (Laapataa Ladies)</li> <li>• Best Story (Original) In The Popular Category: Biplab Goswami (Laapataa Ladies)</li> <li>• Best Story (Adapted): Sriram Raghavan, Arijit Biswas, Pooja Ladha Surti, Anukriti Pandey (Merry Christmas)</li> <li>• Best Screenplay: Sneha Desai (Laapataa Ladies)</li> <li>• Best Dialogue: Arjun Dhawan, Aditya Dhar, Aditya Suhas Jambhale, Monal Thakkar (Article 370)</li> </ul>
Acting Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Performance in a Leading Role (Male): Kartik Aaryan (Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3)</li> <li>• Best Performance in a Leading Role (Female): Nitanshi Goel (Laapataa Ladies)</li> <li>• Best Performance in a Supporting Role (Female): Janki Bodiwala (Shaitaan)</li> <li>• Best Performance in a Supporting Role (Male): Ravi Kishan (Laapataa Ladies)</li> <li>• Best Performance in a Negative Role: Raghav Juyal (Kill)</li> </ul>
Debut Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Directorial Debut: Kunal Kemmu (Madgaon Express)</li> <li>• Best Debut (Male): Lakshya Lalwani (Kill)</li> <li>• Best Debut (Female): Pratibha Ranta (Laapataa Ladies)</li> </ul>





<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Music and Technical Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Music Director: Ram Sampath (Laapataa Ladies)</li> <li>• Best Lyrics: Prashant Pandey (Sajni from Laapataa Ladies)</li> <li>• Best Singer (Male): Jubin Nautiyal (Dua from Article 370)</li> <li>• Best Singer (Female): Shreya Ghoshal (Ami Je Tomar 3.0 from Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3)</li> <li>• Best Choreography: Bosco-Caesar (Tauba Tauba from Bad Newz)</li> <li>• Best Sound Design: Subash Sahoo, Boloy Kumar Doloi, Rahul Karpe (Kill)</li> <li>• Best Editing: Jabeen Merchant (Laapataa Ladies)</li> <li>• Best Cinematography: Rafey Mahmood (Kill)</li> <li>• Best Special Effects: Red Chillies VFX (Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3)</li> </ul>
Lifetime Achievement and Special Honors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema: Rakesh Roshan</li> </ul>

- The Airports Council International (ACI) + Madrid based travel technology company, Amadeus presented the 2024 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Award

<u>Awards (Size)</u>	<u>Airports</u>
Best Airport under 2 Million Passengers in Asia-Pacific	Kannur International Airport (CNN), Kannur (Kerala)
Best Airport of 2 to 5 Million Passengers in Asia-Pacific	Chandigarh International Airport (IXC), Chandigarh (Punjab)
Best Airport of 15 to 25 Million Passengers in Asia-Pacific	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (HYD), Hyderabad (Telangana)
Best Airport over 40 Million Passengers in Asia-Pacific	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (BOM), Mumbai (Maharashtra)
Best Airport over 40 Million Passengers in Asia-Pacific	Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL), New Delhi (Delhi)





<u>Awards (Size)</u>	<u>Airports</u>
Best Airport at Arrivals Globally	Kempegowda International Airport Limited (BLR), Bengaluru (Karnataka)
Best Airport at Arrivals Globally	Mangaluru International Airport (IXE), Mangaluru (Karnataka)

- Dr. Andrew Barto (USA) and Richard S. Sutton (Canada) two pioneers of Reinforcement Learning named as recipients of the 2024 ACM A.M. Turing Award
- RBI has been selected as the recipient of Digital Transformation Award 2025 by London (the UK)-based Central Banking Publications
- Veteran Indian Actor and Padma awardee, Konidela (K) Chiranjeevi conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award- For Excellence in Public Service through Cultural Leadership from Bridge India during a ceremony held at the United Kingdom (UK)'s Parliament known as House of the Commons, in London, the UK.
- Renowned Austrian hydrologist, Günter Blöschl has been named as the recipient of Stockholm Water Prize for year 2025
- Chairman of Chennai-based Sanmar Group, Vijay Sankar has been conferred with Denmark's Knight's Cross for Consular Services
- The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters announced renowned Japanese mathematician Masaki Kashiwara the winner of 2025 Abel Prize

## APPOINTMENTS

### National Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Succeeded by</u>
Ajay Bhadoo	CEO of Government e Marketplace (GeM)	L Satya Srinivas (additional charge), incumbent CEO of GeM.
Ajay Seth	India's new Finance Secretary in March 2025	Tuhin Kanta Pandey
Ajay Seth, the Economic Affairs Secretary	Assigned the additional charge of Secretary, Department of Revenue	Tuhin Kanta Pandey





<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Succeeded by</u>
All-rounder Axar Patel	Delhi Capitals Captain for IPL 2025	Rishabh Pant
Anuj Kumar Singh, a 2009-batch Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) officer	Joint Secretary (Director level) in UPSC	-
Arun Mammen, Vice Chairman & Managing Director of MRF Ltd	Chairman of Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)	-
Ashok Singh Thakur	Chairman of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)	-
Atul Kumar Goel (Former MD& CEO of Punjab National Bank)	Chief Executive of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)	Sunil Mehta
CMD of Power Finance Corporation Ltd. (PFC), Parminder Chopra	Additional Charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of REC Ltd	-
Deena Mehta	Re-appointed as the Independent Director of Fino Payments Bank	-
Deputy MD of IFCI, Rahul Bhawe	MD & CEO of Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)	-
Dr. Ajit Ratnakar Joshi	Executive Director (ED) of RBI	-
Dr. Mayank Sharma	Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)	-
Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman	CEO of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)	Professor Abhay Karandikar







<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Succeeded by</u>
Former Cabinet Secretary of India, Rajiv Gauba	The 5th Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog	-
Former NITI Aayog CEO and India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant	Chancellor of NIIT University	K Kasturirangan
Gopal Vittal	Chairman of the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA)	José Maria Álvares-Pallete
Indian Legal Service (ILS) officer, Anju Rathi Rana	India's first woman Law Secretary	Niten Chandra
Indranil Bhattacharyya	Executive Director of RBI to oversee the Department of Economic and Policy Research	-
Justice Harish Tandon	Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court	Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh
Justice Joymalya Bagchi of the Calcutta High Court	Judge of the Supreme Court	-
Justice S. Ravindra Bhat	Chairperson of the National Task Force (NTF)	-
Kamal Wali	Head of Security Operations Center at ICICI Bank	-
Manan Kumar Mishra	Re-elected as the Chairman of the Bar Council of India (BCI)	-
Mythili Balasubramanian	Interim MD & CEO of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company (EARC)	-
N Ganapathy Subramaniam	Chairman of	-





<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Succeeded by</u>
	Tata Communications	
President of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), Sanjay Kumar Singh	Bureau Member of United World Wrestling (UWW)-Asia	-
Rajeev Shukla	As India's representative on the Board of Directors (BoD) of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)	Jay Shah
Rajiv Bajaj	Reappointed as the MD& CEO of Bajaj Auto	-
Rajneet Kohli	Executive Director of the Foods and Refreshment Division at Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL)	Shiva Krishnamurthy
S. K. Majumdar	Executive Director of Canara Bank	-
SBI Chairman, Challa Sreenivasalu Setty	Chairman of the Indian Banks Association (IBA)	MV Rao, CEO of the Central Bank of India
Sunil Kakkar	Whole-Time Director (Corporate Planning) of Maruti Suzuki	-
Takashi Nakajima	President & CEO of Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL)	Takuya Tsumura
Vikas Kaushal	Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)	Rajneesh Narang



**International Appointments**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Succeeded by</u>
Yamandú Orsi	President of Uruguay	Luis Lacalle Pou
Mark Carney	Canada's New Prime Minister	Justin Trudeau
Lip-Bu Tan	CEO of Intel Corporation	Interim Co-CEOs David Zinsner and Michelle (MJ) Johnston Holthaus
Stuart Young	Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago	Dr. Keith Rowley
Kirsty Coventry	10th President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)	-
Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah	1st Female President of Namibia	President Nangolo Mbumba
Yusuf Pachmariwala	MD& CEO of Hitachi Cash Management Services	Anup Neogi
Indian-American Scientist Dr. Jay Bhattacharya	Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by the U.S. Senate in 2025	-

**Brand Ambassadors**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Brand Ambassador</u>	<u>Key Points</u>
Levi's appoints Diljit Dosanjh	As Global Ambassador	Levi's, the globally renowned denim brand making him the 1st Punjabi artist to join the brand's creative community.
Indian cricketer Jasprit Bumrah	Brand Ambassador for the USA-based Skechers, a footwear brand	Bumrah joins fellow Indian cricketers Ishan Kishan and Yastika Bhatia, who have been representing Skechers for over a year.





Former captain of the Indian national cricket team, Krishnamachari Srikkanth	Goodwill Ambassador for 'VISION 2020 India'	A national initiative focused on eliminating avoidable blindness and visual impairment across India.
Indian Cricketer Rishabh Pant	Brand Ambassador for Goibibo	Goibibo is owned by MakeMyTrip Limited.
Vicky Kaushal	Brand Ambassador for Tata Motors' Passenger and Electric Vehicle segment in 2025	The collaboration kicks off with the "Take the Curvv" campaign, which will promote Tata Motors' upcoming Tata Curvv SUV during IPL 2025.
Indian Cricketer Jasprit Bumrah	Brand Ambassador of Larsen & Toubro Finance Ltd	This partnership was facilitated by RISE Worldwide, which partners with athletes and brands to enhance brand value and market reach.

### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

<b><u>Book Name</u></b>	<b><u>Author Name</u></b>	<b><u>Published by</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
Autobiography of Nobel laureate and social reformer Kailash Satyarthi named, 'Diyasalaai'	-	Rajkamal Prakashan	The book was launched by former President of India Ram Nath Kovind.
"To the Seventh Generation: The Journey of Christian Medical College Vellore"	Dr. V.I. Mathan	-	-
The autobiography "Stumped" by Syed Kirmani	Co-authored by Syed Kirmani, Debashish Sengupta, Dakshesh Pathak	-	-





<u>Book Name</u>	<u>Author Name</u>	<u>Published by</u>	<u>Details</u>
"Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings"	P.S. Raman, a former vice-president of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA)	-	

## **OBITUARY**

- Russian chess grandmaster Boris Spassky passed away at the age of 88 in Moscow, Russia
- Ron Draper, the oldest surviving Test Cricketer passed away in Gqeberha, South Africa at the age of 98
- Fred Stolle, a Tennis Legend passed away at the age of 86
- Syed Abid Ali, a Former Indian Cricketer passed away at the age of 83 in California, the United States of America (USA)
- Ramakanta Rath, renowned Odia poet and Padma Bhushan awardee passed away at the age of 90
- Former Union Minister Debendra Pradhan passed away at the age of 84
- Richard Chamberlain, the iconic television and film actor passed away at the age of 90

## **DEFENCE**

- Rajnath Singh created history by becoming the 1st Defence Minister of India to visit the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) of the Indian Air Force in Bengaluru
- Indian Navy's First Training Squadron Concludes Visit to Phuket Deep Sea Port in Thailand
- The 2025 Edition of the Indian Navy's capstone Theatre Level Operational Exercise (TROPEX) was conducted over a period of 3 months from Jan-Mar 25
- Keel Laying of Second Fleet Support Ship (FSS) for Indian Navy
- India's indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas AF MK1 test-fired the Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile Astra off the coast of Chandipur, Odisha
- Indian Navy launches frigate 'Tavasya' under project 1135.6





- The DRDO + the Indian Navy have conducted the flight-test of the Vertically-Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM)
- Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi inaugurated the new North Jetty at the Naval Base in Kochi
- Indian Navy launched its '10th Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge' Large Scale Additive Manufacturing (LSAM 24) (Yard 134)
- The Indian Army + Indian Air Force (IAF) + other branches of the Indian Armed Forces- Jointly carried out a high-intensity, integrated multi-domain warfare exercise, 'Ex Prachand Prahaar' in the high-altitude terrain of Arunachal Pradesh(AR).
- Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan inaugurated Techkriti 2025, IIT Kanpur's flagship technical and entrepreneurial festival
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in the 12-day biennial multinational air exercise INIOCHOS-25, held at Andravida Air Base of Greece

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