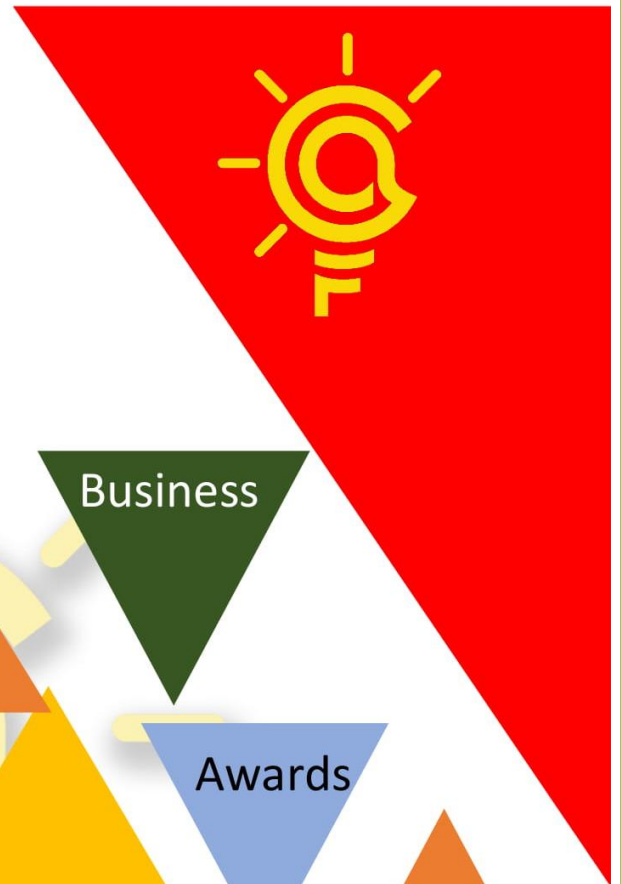




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## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 01	Maharashtra Day/Maharashtra Divas and Gujarat Foundation Day/Gujarat Sthapana Divas	-
May 05	Traders' Day	-
May 07, 2025	66th Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrates its Raising Day	-
May 11	National Technology Day	"YANTRA-Yugantar for Advancing New Technology, Research & Acceleration".
May 14	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti 2025	-
May 16	Celebrating 50 Years of Sikkim's Statehood	-
May 16	National Dengue Day	"Act Early, Prevent Dengue: Clean Surroundings, Healthy Living".
May 21	National Anti-Terrorism Day	-
May 29	Maharana Pratap Jayanti 2025	-
May 30	Goa marks its 39th Statehood Day	-
May 30	Hindi Journalism Day 2025	-
May 31	Ahilyabai Holkar Jayanti	-
September 23	Ayurveda Day	-





## INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 01	International Workers' Day/International Labour Day	
May 03	United Nation (UN's) 32nd World Press Freedom Day/World Press Day	"Reporting in the Brave New World-The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Press Freedom and the Media"
May 05	World Portuguese Language Day	
May 06	International No Diet Day	
May 07	World Athletics Day	
May 08	International Thalassaemia Day/ World Thalassaemia Day	"Together for Thalassaemia: Uniting Communities, Prioritizing Patients".
May 12	International Nurses Day	"Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies".
May 15	United Nations (UN's) International Day of Families	"Family-Oriented Policies for Sustainable Development: Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development".
May 16	United Nations (UN's) International Day of Living Together in Peace	-
May 16, 2025	United Nations (UN's) 8th International Day of Light	"Light, Innovation, Society".
May 17	The United Nations (UN's) World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	"Gender Equality in Digital Transformation".





<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 18	International Museum Day	"The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities".
May 19, 2025	1st-ever United Nations (UN's) World Fair Play Day	
May 20	United Nations (UN) observes World Bee Day	"Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all".
May 20	6th International Human Resource (HR) Day	#HumanifyAI: Leading Change Together.
May 20, 2025	26th World Metrology Day	"Measurements for all times, for all people".
May 21	United Nations (UN)'s 6th International International Tea Day	
May 22	United Nations (UN's) International Day for Biological Diversity	"Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development".
May 23	United Nations (UN)'s International Day to End Obstetric Fistula	"Her Health, Her Right: Shaping a Future Without Fistula".
May 23	25th World Turtle Day	"Dancing Turtles Rock!"
May 25	Africa Day	"Revisiting Our History, Shaping Our Future.
May 25	United Nations (UN's) World Football Day	
May 25	World Thyroid Day	
May 28	World Hunger Day	"Sowing Resilience".
May 29	International Day of United Nations (UN) Peacekeepers	"The Future of Peacekeeping".





<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 29	72nd International Everest Day	
May 30	United Nations (UN's) International Day of Potato	"Shaping history, feeding the future".
May 31	World No Tobacco Day	"Unmasking the Appeal: Exposing Industry Tactics on Tobacco and Nicotine Products".
1st Tuesday of May	World Asthma Day	Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for ALL
2nd Saturday of May and October	United Nations (UN) World Migratory Bird Day 2025	Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities"
3rd Friday of May (16th May, 2025)	20th Endangered Species Day	"Celebrate saving species"
May 25 - 31	United Nations (UN)'s International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories	

## **SPORTS**

### **Cricket**

- The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has introduced a policy update barring transgender women from participating in all levels of women's cricket
- Renowned Indian Cricketer, Virat Kohli, announced his retirement from Test cricket after 14-year Test Career
- ICC Player of the Month for April 2025- ICC Men's Player of the Month: Mehidy Hasan Miraz (Bangladesh). ICC Women's Player of the Month: Kathryn Bryce (Scotland).
- The ICC has unveiled a landmark USD 3.6 million prize for the winners of the upcoming World Test Championship final
- The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) unveiled the Rohit Sharma Stand at the iconic Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai
- England Batsman Joe Root made history by becoming the quickest player to amass 13,000 runs in Test cricket





- Virat Kohli made history in T20 cricket to become the first cricketer ever to score 9,000 T20 runs for a single franchise

### Badminton

- The 19th edition of the BWF (Badminton World Federation) Sudirman Cup

Category	Winners	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Shi Yuqi (China)	Jeon Hyeok-jin (South Korea)
Women's Singles	An Se-young (South Korea)	Wang Zhiyi (China)
Women's Doubles	Liu Shengshu/Tan Ning (China)	Baek Ha-na/Lee So-hee (South Korea)
Mixed Doubles	Feng Yanzhe/Huang Dongping (China)	Seo Seung-jae/Chae Yu-jung (South Korea)

### Football

- Liverpool Football Club crowned Premier League Champions for the 2024-25
- Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has announced Brazil as the host country of the Women's football world cup in 2027
- FIFA has officially lifted the suspension imposed on the Republic of Congo's football federation
- The 7th edition of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) U-19 Championship 2025-The Indian men's under-19 (U-19) football team clinched their 4th South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) U-19 Championship by defeating Bangladesh in the final held at the Golden Jubilee Stadium in Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Veteran Spanish goalkeeper Pepe Reina, represents Liverpool and Villarreal, has declared that he will retire at the end of the 2024-25 season
- Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Europa League-Tottenham Hotspur (also known as Spurs), a North London (England)-based Football club defeated the Manchester (England) based football club, Manchester United (MANU) in the UEFA Europa League final at San Mames Stadium in Bilbao, Spain.
- Cristiano Ronaldo has scored his 800th club goal in a Saudi Pro League match for Al-Nassr against Al-Fateh

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### Shooting

- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025 (1st leg)-India emerged as the top performer with a total of 11 medals, comprising 3 gold, 4 silver, and 4 bronze, followed by China with 4 medals at the event concluded in Suhl, Germany.

### Chess

- L.R. Srihari from Tamil Nadu became India's 86th chess Grandmaster (GM)
- Indian Grandmaster Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa secured his maiden Grand Chess Tour (GCT) at the Superbet Chess Classic Romania 2025, held in Bucharest (Romania)

### Weightlifting

- The Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF) announced Ahmedabad, Gujarat, will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships

### Grandprix

- Monaco Grand Prix 2025-Indian racing driver Kush Maini achieved a historic feat by winning the Formula 2 Sprint Race at the Monaco Grand Prix 2025.
- F1 Monaco Grand Prix 2025-The event was held at Circuit de Monaco in Monte Carlo, Monaco.

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Lando Norris (McLaren)	United Kingdom
2	Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)	Monaco
3	Oscar Piastri (McLaren)	United Kingdom

### Events

- PM Modi inaugurated the 7th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) in Patna, Bihar
- The Archery World Cup 2025 Stage 2 was held in Shanghai, China
- Pankaj Advani clinches 2025 CCI Billiards Classic Title in Mumbai
- with a national record throw of 90.23 metres in the Doha Diamond League 2025
- Miss Estonia, Eliise Randmaa, emerged victorious at the Miss World 2025 Sports Challenge, held in Hyderabad







- Napoli has officially secured the Serie A crown for the 2024-25 season by defeating Cagliari
- UEFA Women's Champions League 2025-Arsenal created history by defeating powerhouse FC Barcelona 1-0 in the UEFA Women's Champions League final held in Lisbon, Portugal.

### Others

- Sub-Inspector Geeta Samota of the CISF has achieved a groundbreaking milestone by becoming the 1st officer from her force to reach the summit of Mount Everest
- Shivpal Singh, a javelin thrower who competed for India in the Tokyo Olympics, has once again tested positive for a banned substance
- India's Mahendra Gurjar made the country proud by setting a world record in the men's javelin F42 category at the Nottwil World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Switzerland
- Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti became the youngest Indian to successfully complete the Seven Summits Challenge

## **BANKING AND FINANCE**

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

- Large section of bank loan borrowers yet to gain from RBI two consecutive rate cuts
- RBI's Gold Reserves Soar with 57.5 Tonne Purchase in FY25
- RBI working group recommends longer hours for interbank money markets
- RBI released the latest 'Data on services trade for March 2025'
- RBI transfers record ₹2,68,590.07 crore surplus to the Central Government for the financial year 2024-25
- The RBI scrapped "short-term investment limit" and "concentration limit"
- RBI imposed a total monetary penalty of Rs.2.72 crore on State Bank of India (SBI) and Jana Small Finance Bank (SFB)
- RBI mandated reporting of Digital Lending apps via CMS Portal
- India's outward foreign direct investment (FDI) commitments surged to \$6.8 billion in April 2025
- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that India's inflation is expected to align well with the target during FY26
- RBI to issue new Rs.20 banknotes with Governor Sanjay Malhotra's Signature
- RBI has cancelled the licence of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-based HCBL Cooperative Bank as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects





- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sold a record \$398.71 billion worth of foreign currency on a gross basis in FY 2024-25
- RBI issued draft guidelines outlining the procedures for banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to issue gold loans to individuals
- RBI has approved the transfer of Rs.2,68,590.07 crore (Rs.2.69 trillion) as surplus to the Government of India for the Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25)
- RBI officially notified the formation of a 6-member Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) under the Payments Regulatory Board Regulations, 2025

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

- SBI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with New Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)
- SBI launched a massive employee engagement and skill development initiative 'Next LEAP' and 'SuPer SBI: Great to Greater'

**Canara Bank**

- Canara Bank targets to lend Rs 55,000 crore In Corporate Loans this year
- Canara Bank launched 'CANARA TruEdge', a specialized and unique feature-rich suite of Current and Savings Accounts

**Union Bank of India**

- Union Bank of India (UBI) officially launched "Union Wellness Deposit ", an innovative retail term deposit scheme

**Punjab National Bank (PNB)**

- PNB has entered into an agreement to sell its entire stake in India SME Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (ISARC) for Rs.34.04 crore

**Private Sector Banks****Kotak Mahindra Bank**

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched a premium, invite-only metal credit card 'Kotak Solitaire Credit Card'

**Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

- The 58th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of ADB was held at Allianz MiCo-Milano Convention Centre in Milan, Italy



**Others**

- Goldsikka Limited launched its revolutionary innovation, India's 1st Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered gold melting Automated Teller Machine (ATM)
- India lists first Mortgage-Backed Pass through certificates on NSE
- India's Public Sector Banks have achieved a historical financial performance in FY25, with total profits soaring to ₹1.78 lakh crore, a 26% increase from the FY24
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) + Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL)-To expand credit accessibility across India through a strategic referral arrangement.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY****IIT News**

- IIT Kharagpur + Singapore's Institute of Microelectronics (IME) signed a landmark MoU-To boost semiconductor research, innovation, and talent development.

**Space and Technology News**

- India and Japan have made significant progress in their joint lunar exploration initiative, Chandrayaan-5 or LUPEX (Lunar Polar Exploration)
- NASA's GRAIL mission resolved the mystery of the Moon's geological asymmetry
- Google LLC introduced its Artificial Intelligence (AI)-first restructuring strategy, titled "AI Matryoshka"
- Google has introduced Google Beam, a cutting-edge 3D video communication platform
- China National Space Administration (CNSA) has launched Tianwen-2 spacecraft, a robotic probe
- India has launched an initiative to build its own electric trainer aircraft, named E-Hansa

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

- DRDO has conducted the maiden flight-trials of Stratospheric Airship Platform
- DRDO and the Indian Navy conducted combat firing (with reduced explosive payload) of the indigenously designed Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM)
- Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) + Instruments Research & Development Establishment (IRDE), a laboratory under DRDO signed a MoU-To collaborate on strengthening India's capabilities in ground-based Space Situational Awareness (SSA).





- Defence Materials Stores and Research & Development Establishment (DMSRDE), a laboratory of DRDO developed an indigenous nanoporous multi-layered polymeric membrane
- Dr. Samir V Kamat, Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D) inaugurated the Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC)

### India in Science & Technology

- India's ambitious human spaceflight programme, Gaganyaan has entered its final development phase with the 1st crewed mission now scheduled for early 2027
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) issued a Letter of Intent (LoI) to Starlink to Launch Satellite Internet Services in India
- Sarvam Artificial Intelligence (Sarovam AI) Private Limited launched 'Bulbul v2'
- India conducted the trials of its indigenously developed low-cost counter-drone system, Bhargavastra, at the Seaward Firing Range in Gopalpur, Odisha
- India is poised to conduct its 1st-ever biological experiments aboard the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the AXIOM-4 mission
- India has announced its maiden manned deep ocean mission 'Samudrayaan', which is scheduled to launch by 2026
- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) + European aerospace giant Airbus-Set to establish India's 1st privately-led helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Kolar district, Karnataka.

### Environment & Energy

- Adani Wind has set a target of achieving 2.5 GW of wind energy capacity in the current financial year FY26
- IREDA has earned an 'Excellent' rating from the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) for the FY 2023-24
- India planned a expansion of pumped storage hydropower capacity from less than 5 GW to 51.24 GW by 2032

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Bhutan

- Bhutan has introduced the world's 1st national cryptocurrency tourism payment system





### Chile

- India and Chile have signed Term of Reference (ToR)-For a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), marking a significant advancement in the bilateral trade relations between the two countries.

### China

- Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) launched the 1st-ever pangenome of Asian cultivated rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) by decoding the genomes of 144 wild and cultivated rice varieties across Asia
- The US and China have agreed to reduce reciprocal tariffs by 115% and freeze any further tariff actions for 90 days

### Denmark

- India and Denmark have renewed their long-term energy cooperation agreement by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)-To strengthen energy sector cooperation, which reflects the continued commitment of both countries to accelerate clean energy transitions.

### Maldives

- India extended its financial support to Maldives via the rollover of USD 50 million Treasury Bill for another one year

### Nepal

- Nepal to Restrict Mount Everest Permits: New Law to Limit Access

### New Zealand

- The 1st round of negotiations for the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) concluded in New Delhi

### Philippines

- The Philippines Embassy in New Delhi officially announced two new visa-free entry options for Indian citizens

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### Saudi Arabia

- Saudi Arabia unveiled TOURISE-A global collaborative platform that brings together leaders from tourism, technology, investment, and sustainability sectors.
- Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have jointly uncovered a new source of crude oil in the North Wafra Wara-Burgan field of the neutral zone

### United States

- Trump administration proposes \$163 billion in federal spending cuts
- US President Donald Trump signed a wide-reaching executive order "Most Favoured Nation Pricing Order"
- The U.S. and Saudi Arabia signed the largest defense cooperation agreement in U.S. history worth \$142 billion
- U.S. President Donald Trump announced the complete removal of U.S. sanctions on Syria
- US doctors used CRISPR technology to treat a 9-month-old infant, KJ Muldoon, suffering from a deadly liver condition
- A controversial new bill in the US Congress proposes taxing international money transfers made by non-citizens at a rate of 5%
- President Donald Trump unveiled defence plan for USD 175 billion 'Golden Dome'

### United Kingdom (UK)

- PM Narendra Modi and the UK PM Keir Starmer announced the conclusion of a Comprehensive and Mutually Beneficial India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA)
- The UK has signed a £3.4bn agreement to cede sovereignty over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius after an 11th-hour legal challenge failed

### Vietnam

- The International Day of Vesak 2025 is observed on May 12 as hosted by the Vietnam Buddhist Academy in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam
- Vietnam launched a 10-year Golden Visa for foreign investors and professionals

### Summit/Event

- The 2025 meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions (BRS COPs 2025) held in Geneva, Switzerland
- The World Bank Land Conference 2025 (WBLC 2025)-The premier international forum for the land sector was held in Washington DC, the United States of America (USA).





- The 11th edition of the Seatrade Maritime Logistics Middle East conference was launched at the Dubai World Trade Centre
- The 20th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF20) held in New York
- The 11th round of talks between India and the European Union for a Free Trade Agreement kicked off in Brussels
- World Bank Land Conference (WBLC 2025)-The premier international forum for the land sector was held in Washington DC, the United States of America (USA).
- India participated in the 9th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Industry Ministers' Meeting held under the chairship of Brazil
- India Reinforced Commitment to WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-34 at the 78th World Health Assembly

### Exercise

- Inaugural Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise
- The QUAD partners conducted a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) in Honolulu, Hawaii (USA)
- China and Cambodia have begun their joint military exercise "Golden Dragon-2025" in Cambodia
- The 17th edition of Exercise "NOMADIC ELEPHANT", an annual bilateral joint military exercise between India and Mongolia commenced-Held at the Special Forces Training Centre in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

### Others

- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) launched the 'Accelerating Innovative Monitoring for Nature Restoration (AIM4NatuRe) initiative'-To enhance global monitoring of ecosystem restoration across forests, wetlands, grasslands, marine ecosystems, and degraded farmlands.
- India has emerged as a major contributor to a key breakthrough in the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project
- Republic of Angola joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement
- Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Scales Mt. Makalu: Historic Feat in Twin Peak Expedition
- The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) officially launched the Victims of Terrorism Advocacy Network (VoTAN)
- India and the European Union (EU) launched two major research initiatives under the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC)







- Honduras inaugurated its new embassy in New Delhi
- The Suez Canal Authority has introduced a 15% discount on toll fees for large container ships
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially adopted its first-ever global pandemic treaty, with 124 countries voting in favor
- India formally assumed the Chairmanship of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) for the 2025-26 term
- Algeria officially joins BRICS-backed New Development Bank (NDB) as new member

## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **Ministry News**

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

- Rajnath Singh inaugurated the BrahMos Aerospace Integration and Testing Facility
- Rajnath Singh approved the grant of 'Miniratna' Category-I status to 3 Indian Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs)

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

- Amit Shah unveiled the statue and renaming of Road and Rotary as a tribute to Bodofa Upendranath Brahma in New Delhi
- Ministry of Home Affairs witnessed a large-scale civil defence mock drill titled 'Operation Abhyas'
- A new Multi Agency Centre (MAC), country's foremost intelligence fusion centre was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- The Ministry of Home Affairs introduced the electronic-Zero First Information Report (e-Zero FIR) initiative
- Amit Shah launched the revamped Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Portal in New Delhi

#### **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways: Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari (Nagpur, Maharashtra)**

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has notified 'Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025'







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

- Shivraj announced the development of India's 1st two genome-Edited (GE) rice varieties namely, 'DRR Dhan 100 Kamla' and 'Pusa DST Rice 1'
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the "Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA)'

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

- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs announced to provide 4% reservation for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)

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

- Goyal imposed a ban on the use of several medically important antimicrobials in the aquaculture industry

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

- The Ministry of Education has approved the establishment of an off-campus centre of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)
- Government School Enrolment Drops in 23 States
- The Ministry of Education has initiated a countrywide campaign to enforce tobacco-free zones around schools and colleges

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

- Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) launched the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 portal

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

- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) signed a MoU with the global logistics major Rhenus Group (Germany)-To boost the inland waterways sector of India.

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

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities host the Inclusive India Summit at the India International Centre, New Delhi





**Minister of Civil Aviation: Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu (Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh)**

- Rammohan has granted in-principle approval for the setting up of greenfield airports in Kota (Rajasthan) and Puri (Odisha)

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

- Pralhad Joshi has launched 'Depot Darpan' Portal 'Anna Mitra' application (app) and 'Anna Sahayata' app-It aimed at transforming India's Public Distribution System (PDS), during the event hosted by the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD in New Delhi.

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

- Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's 1st 3 nanometer (nm) chip design centres in Noida (Uttar Pradesh) and Bengaluru
- The government has received 70 applications under its ₹23,000 crore Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS)
- The Ministry of Railways approved the launch of a new express train service between Agartala (Tripura) and Guwahati (Assam)

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

- MoS for Communications and Rural Development, Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani addressed the 'Bharat 6G 2025'
- The Department of Posts has released a commemorative postage stamp for 125 Years of Kodaikanal Solar Observatory
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has announced sharing of "Financial Fraud Risk Indicators (FRI)" with stakeholders
- The Department of Posts has launched two transformative web platforms 'Know Your DIGIPIN (Digital Postal Index Number) ' and 'Know Your PIN Code'

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

- Government has planned to merge Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) into the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC)





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

- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) + World Monuments Fund India (WMFI) + Tata Consultancy Services (TCS foundation)-ointly restored a 16th century old step well, 'Rajon ki Baoli' located at Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Jamali Kamali in New Delhi (Delhi).

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

- Mandaviya unveiled plans to host the Khelo India Northeast Games annually

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

- The Ministry of Mines released its provisional data, India's mining sector witnessed a strong growth in FY25, after reaching record production levels in the FY24
- G. Kishan Reddy launched the Non-Ferrous Metal Recycling Website and Stakeholders' Portal-To strengthen India's nonferrous metal recycling ecosystem.
- India's Coal imports during FY 2024-25 fell by 7.9 %

**Minister of Jal Shakti: Shri C R Patil (Navsari, Gujarat)**

- The 62nd Executive Committee Meeting of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held in New Delhi

**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)**

- National Statistics Office (NSO) released the inaugural Monthly Bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for April 2025

**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)**

- The Department of Science & Technology (DST) launched 5 Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) testbeds in the cement industry





**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)**

- National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune, hosted a unique celebration combining Vat Amavasya with the Ministry of Ayush's Harit Yoga initiative

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

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launched a Pilot Apprenticeship Scheme

**State News**

**Andhra Pradesh**

- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu launches 'Creator Land', India's first transmedia entertainment city in Amaravati
- IBM + Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) + Andhra Pradesh government to launch the Quantum Valley Tech Park in Amaravati
- Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan has announced a property tax exemption
- ReNew Power has unveiled plans to invest Rs.22,000 crore in a renewable **energy complex at Bethapalle in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh**

**Arunachal Pradesh**

- Arunachal Pradesh has drilled Northeast India's first geothermal production well in Dirang
- Arunachal Pradesh's Leparada district has added a new member to India's butterfly family named "Euthalia malaccana"

**Assam**

- Assam introduces 'Ankita', India's 1st AI News Anchor in Regional Language
- Nagshankar Temple, located in Biswanath district in northeastern Assam, has been named a model temple for turtle conservation

**Gujarat**

- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel announced the results of the 16th Asiatic Lion Census





- Gujarat has emerged as the 24th State or Union Territory in India to achieve complete railway route electrification
- Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi was on a 2-day visit to Gujarat
- Gujarat launched a comprehensive healthcare scheme named Gujarat Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

#### Goa

- The inauguration of “Sagar Bhavan” and “Polar Bhavan” at the National Centre of Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) in Goa

#### Haryana

- Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini implement a new scheme “Pandit Lakhmi Chand Kalakar Samajik Samman Yojana”-For the welfare of the senior artists and scholars of the state.

#### Kerala

- PM Modi dedicated Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport to the country in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- The Kerala government has launched the ‘Jyothi’ scheme-A comprehensive campaign aimed at enrolling migrant children into the state’s education system and anganwadis.
- With a strong focus on educational inclusion, health, and welfare, the initiative seeks to address the systemic neglect of children of migrant workers who often remain outside the formal education framework due to frequent relocations and lack of documentation.
- Kozhikode has been inducted into the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC)

#### Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh became the 1st state in India to implement an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Real-Time Forest Alert System
- Government of Madhya Pradesh + Government of Maharashtra signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)-To implement the Tapti Basin Mega Recharge Project worth Rs.19,244 crore, touted as the world’s largest groundwater recharge initiative.





### Maharashtra

- PM Modi inaugurated the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 in Maharashtra
- India's 1st EduCity with Foreign Universities Coming Up in Navi Mumbai
- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis has approved the launch of the 'Adishakti Abhiyan'
- Maharashtra Govt has approved a policy to promote the use of artificial sand, also known as manufactured sand (M-Sand)
- The Maharashtra government + global investment firm Blackstone signed a MoU-To construct over ten advanced logistics and industrial parks across key locations in the state. The project, involving Rs.5,127 crore in FDI, is expected to bring about job creation.

### Mizoram

- Mizoram CM, Lalduhoma declared Mizoram as the 1st fully literate state in India, in the presence of MoS for Education, Jayant Chaudhary
- Mizoram's capital Aizawl is now linked to the Indian railway network through the 51.38-km Bairabi-Sairang line

### Nagaland

- Government of Nagaland officially released a Coffee Table Book

### Odisha

- The Housing and Urban Development Department of Odisha launched the 'Atal Network of Knowledge, Urbanization & Reform (ANKUR)'-A strategic initiative for fostering inclusive, sustainable and innovative urban growth in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

### Rajasthan

- Rajasthan is set to become a key participant in India's 1st inter-state cheetah conservation corridor, collaborating with Madhya Pradesh
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) in Kota, Rajasthan
- PM Modi visited Rajasthan to inaugurate, lay foundation and dedicate various developmental projects worth Rs.26,000



**Tamil Nadu**

- Tamil Nadu Forest Department has reassigned the management of its ₹50 crore Endangered Species Conservation Fund-To the Advanced Institute of Wildlife Conservation (AIWC), Vandalur to ensure timely conservation of endangered species.
- Tamil Nadu introduced a Space Industrial Policy at enhancing its technological and industrial footprint

**Telangana**

- Telangana is set to hosts the 72nd Miss World pageant for the first time

**Tripura**

- Tripura launched the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan to empower farmers, designed to improve agricultural outcomes

**Uttar Pradesh**

- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath with Ajay Banga, President of World Bank-They jointly launched two initiatives 'UP AGREES (Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening)' and 'AI Pragya (Artificial Intelligence Programme for Resourcefulness, Awareness, Growth, and Youth Advancement)'
- Uttar Pradesh government has added 12 new district-specific products into One District One Product (ODOP) list
- Uttar Pradesh has launched India's first jungle safari train equipped with a Vistadome coach

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

- Delhi to conduct 5 Cloud-Seeding Trials with IIT-Kanpur's Expertise
- Delhi's East district Police has launched a community outreach initiative named 'Nayi Disha- A Path Back to Learning'

**Jammu and Kashmir**

- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has established its new office located at Transport Bhawan in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir

**Ladakh**

- Ladakh is home to 477 snow leopards, as per the study of Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India (SPAI) program







### Union Cabinet News

- The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) has approved Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane at Rs.355 per quintal for sugar season 2025-26 (October-September)
- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for Development, Maintenance and Management of Greenfield High-Speed Corridor along the National Highway-06 (NH-06)
- Union Cabinet has approved the National Scheme for Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Upgradation and the Setting up of five (5) NCoE for Skilling
- The Union Cabinet has approved the expansion of academic and infrastructure capacity of 5 new IITs in the States/Union Territory (UT)
- The Union Cabinet has approved the Revised SHAKTI (Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India) Policy
- Union Cabinet has approved a Joint Venture between HCL Group and Taiwanese electronics company Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Limited (Foxconn)-To set up a semiconductor unit near Jewar Airport in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) in Uttar Pradesh.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal of two multitracking projects across Indian Railways
- The CCEA approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2025-26

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

- NITI Aayog + Institute for Competitiveness (IFC), jointly released a comprehensive report titled "Enhancing MSMEs Competitiveness in India"
- Raising productivity and investment will be the key to accelerate economic growth: NITI Aayog's Suman Bery
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- NITI Aayog released a report titled "Designing a Policy for Medium Enterprises"

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### Events held in India

- The Regional Conference for the Western Region States was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra
- The Ministry of Fisheries hosted the 2025 Fisheries Secretaries Conference on Technology in Aquaculture in New Delhi
- PM Modi inaugurated the Rising North East Investors Summit 2025 held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi
- Wings India 2026, India's flagship civil aviation event is scheduled to take place in Hyderabad from January 28 to 31
- Rashtrapati Bhavan Hosts Artists-in-Residence Programme to Promote Folk Art

### Others

- GenomelIndia Project: India Unlocks National Genetic Resource for Research and Innovation"-The GenomelIndia Project, spearheaded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), has achieved a landmark by completing Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) of over 10,000 individuals across India.
- MGNREGA Work Demand Declines in April 2025-In April 2025, households demanding work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) stood at 20.1 million, reflecting a 6.6% decrease compared to April 2024.
- The Election Commission of India (ECI) is set to launch ECINET-ECINET is a comprehensive and modern digital platform designed to unify all electoral services under one roof.
- Operation Hawk 2025-The CBI, in collaboration with global law enforcement agencies, has successfully dismantled international child sexual exploitation networks through Operation Hawk 2025.
- India strengthen its maritime security by securing a \$131 million deal with the US for cutting-edge surveillance technology from HawkEye 360
- The Government of India has introduced chip-based e-passports across the country
- The government has announced an expansion of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS)
- According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) report, the all-India MMR for 2019-21 is 93 deaths per 1,00,000 live births
- The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has rolled out a series of directives targeting the issue of stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh





- The Government of India is re-evaluating the concept of safe harbour for social media platforms
- Establishment of Exclusive POCSO Courts across India-A significant move aimed at ensuring swift justice for child sexual abuse victims, the Supreme Court of India has directed the Central Government to urgently establish exclusive courts for cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.
- President Droupadi Murmu invoked Article 143 of the Indian Constitution-To make a Presidential Reference to the Supreme Court, seeking its advisory opinion on 14 constitutional questions related to the powers of Governors and the President in granting assent to State legislation.
- India launched the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) to position itself as a global semiconductor manufacturing and innovation hub
- Government e Marketplace (GeM), India's national public procurement portal marked its 8th anniversary on May 19, 2025
- India is set to redefine connectivity to its North-Eastern states with the development of a high-speed four-lane highway
- India's digital push in civil services training has gained momentum as the iGOT Karmayogi portal surpasses the 1 crore mark in registered users
- Election Commission of India (ECI) has introduced two key reforms, a Mobile Deposit Facility at polling stations and Rationalised Canvassing Norms
- National Commission for Women (NCW) introduced the 'Yashoda AI: Your AI SAKHI' initiative at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University in Bareilly
- India launched World's Highest Resolution Weather Forecast System Bharat Forecasting System (BFS)-Developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, and powered by the high-speed supercomputer Arka, BFS aims to deliver the most accurate and localised weather forecasts in the world with an unprecedented 6 km x 6 km grid resolution.
- The Government of India has started a new health scheme called the Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana (AVVY) in October 2024
- India's coastline length revised to 11,098.81 km following new methodology





## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

- Gross GST revenue collection in April 2025 at Rs.2,36,716 lakh crore
- Taxman Invokes Benami Law to Get Data from Payment Gateways-The Income-Tax (IT) Department has invoked the benami law to fish out information from a few payment gateway (PG) companies.
- Bank credit growth decelerated in March 2025, registering a 12% year-on-year increase, compared to 16.3% in the same period last year
- The Income Tax Department has officially notified the Income Tax Return (ITR) forms 1 and 4 for the assessment year (AY) 2025-26
- The Indian rupee rose to its highest level this year on the back of likely inflows into equities
- RPG Group-owned CEAT Ltd has earmarked Rs.950-Rs.1,000 crore as capital expenditure for this fiscal year
- Foreign investors have injected Rs.4,223 crore in the country's equity market in April 2025
- Private Banks increased lending rates despite a policy rate cut. The average lending rate touched 10.32%
- RBI's draft guidelines to regulate the gold loan sector have attracted interest from fintech companies seeking partnerships with banks and non-banking lenders
- India's coal industry recorded a promising start to FY 2025-26 with a notable rise in both production and dispatch during April 2025
- The share of domestic institutional investors (DIIs) in NSE listed companies scaled a new high in the March quarter, surpassing the ownership of foreign institutional investors (FIIs)
- Sunil Bharti Mittal, the chairman of Bharti Enterprises, has been inducted into the World Bank's Private Sector Investment Lab (PSIL)
- The Indian Rupee strengthened to ₹83.78/\$, driven by renewed foreign inflows and RBI's dollar-buying intervention
- S&P Global Ratings released its report titled "Global Macro Update: Seismic Shift in US Trade Policy Will Slow World Growth"
- Morgan Stanley has reiterated its bullish long-term outlook on India, calling it a key opportunity for investors amid global uncertainties
- Moody's Ratings released its Global Macro Outlook 2025-26 (May update)
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- CRISIL Ratings has put IndusInd Bank's long-term debt instruments on 'watch with negative implications'
- India secures 'BBB' Rating with Stable Outlook from Morningstar DBRS



**Top-10 Indian States with the highest GST Revenue Collection in FY 2024-25**

Rank	State	Total GST Collection in FY 2024 (in Rs. Crore)	GST Collection in April 2025 (in Rs. Crore)
1	Maharashtra	3,18,497	41,645
2	Karnataka	1,43,023	17,815
3	Gujarat	1,74,938	14,970
4	Tamil Nadu	1,12,456	13,831
5	Uttar Pradesh	1,05,789	13,600
6	Haryana	98,234	14,057
7	West Bengal	87,654	8,188
8	Rajasthan	76,543	6,228
9	Telangana	65,432	6,983
10	Andhra Pradesh	54,321	4,686

- Japan-based Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) has entered into a definitive agreement to buy 20% stake in YES Bank
- Antfin (Netherlands) Holding BV, an affiliate of China's Ant Group is set to execute a bulk deal sale of a 4% equity stake in Paytm
- India's coal import in the April-February period of 2024-25 dropped 9.2% to 220.3 million tonnes (MT)
- The Centre has approved an extra 28 lakh tonnes of rice for the ethanol programme, in addition to the 24 lt allocated earlier
- India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate in April 2025 is 3.16%
- The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) released a report 'The World Economic Situation and Prospects as of mid-2025'
- India's Exports surge 9% in April 2025 amid US Tariff Uncertainty
- GS1, a global standards organisation renowned for introducing the 1st barcode system 50 years ago, has announced plans to roll out next-generation QR codes by 2027
- India's infrastructure output showed signs of weakening, as the core sector's growth rate dropped to a mere 0.5%, the lowest since August 2024
- Morgan Stanley upgraded its forecast for the Indian economy to 6.2% Year-on-Year (YoY) for FY 2026, up from 6.1% and 6.5% for FY 2027, up from 6.3%
- Fitch Ratings has raised India's medium-term growth potential by 0.2% points to 6.4% over the next 5-years compared with 6.2% previously
- The Ministry of Finance approved an 8.25% interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for the Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25)





- India recorded USD 81.04 billion Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in FY 2024-25, marking a 14% increase over the previous year
- The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew by just 2.7% in April, compared to a growth rate of 5.8% in March 2025
- Drools Pet Food Private Limited has achieved Unicorn status
- Crisil Limited, global rating agency has projected India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth at 6.5% for the Financial Year (2025-2026) (FY26)

## RANKING

### National Ranking

- Mumbai-based CareEdge Ratings (CARE Ratings Ltd) released its 2nd edition of its state rankings-Maharashtra has emerged as the best in overall composite rankings with a score of 56.5, followed by Gujarat (52.4) and Karnataka (51.9).

#### The Top 5 Group A and B category Ranking:

Rank	Large States (Group A)	North-East, Hilly & Small States (Group B)
1	Maharashtra (56.5)	Goa (62.1)
2	Gujarat (52.4)	Uttarakhand (48.2)
3	Karnataka (51.9)	Sikkim (47.2)
4	Telangana (51.4)	Himachal Pradesh (46.8)
5	Tamil Nadu (50.1)	Assam (44.2)

- Forbes India in collaboration with France based L'Oréal Paris, unveiled its annual W-Power 2025 list

Category	Winners
Business & Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Gita Gopinath, First Deputy MD of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington D.C., USA.</li> <li>• Renuka Ramnath, Founder of Multiples Alternate Asset Management, a key player in India's Private Equity (PE) sector.</li> <li>• Sonia Dasgupta, MD &amp; CEO (Investment Banking), Mumbai (Maharashtra)-based JM Financial Services Limited.</li> <li>• Kaku Nakhate – India CEO of USA based Bank of America, National Association</li> </ul>





Category	Winners
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leena Nair – Global CEO of France based Chanel, Inc.</li> <li>Sonal Desai – Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of Franklin Templeton Fixed Income Group, USA</li> <li>Vishakha Mulye – CEO of Mumbai based Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL)</li> </ul>
Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manu Bhaker, won two bronze medals in shooting at the 2024 Paris Olympics.</li> <li>Smriti Mandhana, emerged as 2024's highest run-scorer in women's cricket, and Pusarla Venkata Sindhu of Badminton.</li> </ul>
Entrepreneurship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anamika Khanna – Creative Director and Founder of Anamika Khanna and AK OK</li> <li>Mira Kulkarni – Founder and MD of Forest Essentials, Delhi</li> <li>Rohini Iyer – Founder and Director of Rain Reign Group</li> <li>Prerna Singh – CEO of Bhansali Productions</li> </ul>
Public Service & Academia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mona Khandhar – Principal Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Gujarat</li> <li>Dr. Pratima Murthy – Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) in Karnataka.</li> </ul>
Arts & Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payal Kapadia – Filmmaker, her debut feature All We Imagine As Light won the Grand Prix at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival, marking the first such achievement for an Indian director in 30 years</li> <li>Sunidhi Chauhan – Singer</li> </ul>
Corporate Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Savitha Balachandran – CFO of Tata Technologies Limited (TTL)</li> <li>Shefali Goradia – Chairperson of Deloitte South Asia</li> </ul>

- The 4th edition of the India Justice Report (IJR) 2025-IJR 2025 delivers a comprehensive analysis of the institutional capacity of the justice delivery system in India.

Rank	State
1	Karnataka
2	Andhra Pradesh





Rank	State
3	Telangana
4	Kerala
17	Uttar Pradesh
18	West Bengal

- Foreign Banks such as HSBC and American Express have emerged as leaders in net credit card additions in FY25, according to the RBI
- Indian Air Defence System List 2025-Indian Air Defence System is a multi-layered, technologically sophisticated network of missile systems, radars, and surveillance platforms developed to secure India's airspace from a range of aerial threats.

List of Indian Air Defence Systems			
Range	System Name	Origin	Maximum Range
Long-Range	S-400 Triumph	Russia	400 km
	PAD (BMD Phase-I)	Indigenous	300-2000 km
	AAD (BMD Phase-I)	Indigenous	150-200 km
Medium-Range	Akash	Indigenous	45 km
	Barak 8	India-Israel	100 km
	SPYDER	Israel	20-50 km
Short-Range	QRSAM	Indigenous	30 km
	2K12 Kub (Kvadrat)	Soviet Union	24 km
Very Short-Range	Strela-10, Tunguska, ZSU-23-4	Soviet Origin	Up to 5 km

- Uttar Pradesh has been identified as the largest watermelon-producing state in India

### Top-10 Richest Cities in India by 2025

Rank	City Name	Economy Worth
1	Mumbai	\$310 billion
2	Delhi	\$293.6 billion
3	Kolkata	\$150 billion
4	Bengaluru	\$110 billion
5	Chennai	\$78.6 billion
6	Hyderabad	\$75 billion
7	Pune	\$69 billion
8	Ahmedabad	\$68 billion
9	Surat	\$59.8 billion
10	Visakhapatnam	\$43.5 billion







### Top 10 Indian States Contributing to India's GDP (FY 2024-25)

Rank	State	Projected GSDP (INR lakh crore, FY 2024-25)	GDP per Capita (INR lakh)	Share of National GDP (%)
1	Maharashtra	42.67	2.89	13.30%
2	Tamil Nadu	31.55	3.50 (FY 2023-24)	8.90%
3	Karnataka	28.09	3.31	8.20%
4	Gujarat	27.90	3.13	8.10%
5	Uttar Pradesh	24.99	0.96	8.40%
6	West Bengal	18.80	1.57	5.60%
7	Rajasthan	17.80	1.67 (FY 2023-24)	5.00%
8	Telangana	16.50	3.83 (FY 2023-24)	4.90%
9	Andhra Pradesh	15.89	2.70	4.70%
10	Madhya Pradesh	15.22	1.56 (FY 2023-24)	4.50%

### Top 10 Indian States Powering India's Defence Sector

Rank	State	Key Contributions
1	Karnataka	Aerospace, avionics, drones, defence electronics
2	Telangana	Missile systems, UAVs, aerospace manufacturing
3	Uttar Pradesh	Defence Industrial Corridor, missile and drone manufacturing
4	Tamil Nadu	Armored vehicles, ammunition, Southern Defence Corridor
5	Maharashtra	Radar systems, armored vehicles, electronics
6	Gujarat	Aircraft assembly, defence aviation, private-sector growth
7	Andhra Pradesh	Aerospace ecosystem, defence electronics
8	Rajasthan	Military training grounds, testing and simulation environments
9	Madhya Pradesh	Ordnance factories, centralized logistics
10	Haryana	Precision manufacturing, electronics, defence training institutions







### Top 5 Rice Producing States in India 2025

Rank	State	Rice Production (in million tonnes)
1	West Bengal	15.8
2	Uttar Pradesh	13.5
3	Punjab	12.2
4	Andhra Pradesh	11.8
5	Telangana	10.5

### Top 5 Sugarcane Producing States in India 2025

Rank	State	Production
1	Uttar Pradesh	120 million tonnes
2	Maharashtra	90 million tonnes
3	Karnataka	40 million tonnes
4	Tamil Nadu	30 million tonnes
5	Haryana	18 million tonnes

### Top 5 Cotton Producing States in India 2025

Rank	State	Production
1	Gujarat	9.5 million bales
2	Maharashtra	7.1 million bales
3	Telangana	6.3 million bales
4	Rajasthan	4.7 million bales
5	Karnataka	4.1 million bales

### International Ranking

#### Bloomberg's Top 10 Wealthiest Families in Asia 2025

#### Top 10 Richest Families in Asia-2025

Rank	Family Name	Company	Wealth	Country
1	<b>Ambani</b>	<b>Reliance Industries</b>	<b>\$90.5B</b>	<b>India</b>
2	Chearavanont	Charoen Pokphand Group	\$42.6B	Thailand
3	Hartono	Djarum, Bank Central Asia	\$42.2B	Indonesia
4	<b>Mistry</b>	<b>Shapoorji Pallonji Group</b>	<b>\$37.5B</b>	<b>India</b>
5	Kwok	Sun Hung Kai Properties	\$35.6B	Hong Kong
6	Tsai	Cathay Financial, Fubon Financial	\$30.9B	Taiwan
7	<b>Jindal</b>	<b>OP Jindal Group</b>	<b>\$28.1B</b>	<b>India</b>
8	Yoovidhya	TCP Group	\$25.7B	Thailand
9	<b>Birla</b>	<b>Aditya Birla Group</b>	<b>\$23.0B</b>	<b>India</b>





Rank	Family Name	Company	Wealth	Country
10	Lee	Samsung	\$22.7B	South Korea
13	Bajaj	Bajaj Group	\$20.1B	India
18	Hinduja	Hinduja Group	\$15.2B	India

### Top 10 Countries by Active Military Personnel in 2025

Rank	Country	Active Military Personnel
1	China	2,035,000
2	India	1,455,550
3	United States	1,328,000
4	North Korea	1,320,000
5	Russia	1,320,000
6	Ukraine	900,000
7	Pakistan	654,000
8	Iran	610,000
9	South Korea	600,000
10	Vietnam	600,000

- International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s April 2025 World Economic Outlook (WEO)

### Top 10 largest economies in the world by GDP (Current Prices) in 2025:

Rank	Country	GDP (USD)	GDP Per Capita (Current Prices) (USD)
1	United States of America	USD 30.34 trillion	30.51 thousand
2	China	USD 19.53 trillion	19.23 thousand
3	Germany	USD 4.92 trillion	4.74 thousand
4	India	USD 4.39 trillion	4.19 thousand
5	Japan	USD 4.27 trillion	4.19 thousand
6	United Kingdom	USD 3.73 trillion	3.84 thousand
7	France	USD 3.28 trillion	3.21 thousand
8	Italy	USD 2.46 trillion	2.42 thousand
9	Canada	USD 2.33 trillion	2.23 thousand
10	Brazil	USD 2.31 trillion	2.13 thousand

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released its Fiscal Monitor Report in April 2025





## Top 10 Countries with Highest Public Debt in 2025

Rank	Country	General Government Gross Debt (% of GDP)
1	Sudan	252%
2	Japan	234.9%
3	Singapore	174.9%
4	Greece	142.2%
5	Bahrain	141.4%
6	Maldives	140.8%
7	Italy	137.3%
8	United States	122.5%
9	France	116.3%
10	Canada	112.5%

- Reporters Without Borders (RSF) released the World Press Freedom Index (WPFI) 2025

Rank	Country	Global Score
1	Norway	92.31
2	Estonia	89.46
3	The Netherlands	88.64
4	Sweden	88.13
5	Finland	87.18
151	India	32.96

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) released "Human Development Report (HDR) 2025-A matter of choice: people and possibilities in the age of Artificial Intelligence"

Rank	Country	HDI Score(2023)
1	Iceland	0.972
2	Norway	0.970
2	Switzerland	0.970
4	Denmark	0.962





Rank	Country	HDI Score(2023)
5	Germany	0.959
130	India	0.685
189	Burundi	0.419
190	Central African Republic	0.416
191	Niger	0.414
192	Chad	0.404
193	South Sudan	0.388

### Top 10 Most Valuable Cryptocurrencies in 2025 by Market Cap

Rank	Name	Symbol	Market Capitalization (in USD)
1	Bitcoin	BTC	\$1.92 trillion
2	Ethereum	ETH	\$220.86 billion
3	Tether	USDT	\$149.41 billion
4	XRP	XRP	\$125.82 billion
5	BNB	BNB	\$87.87 billion
6	Solana	SOL	\$75.98 billion
7	USDC	USDC	\$60.97 billion
8	Dogecoin	DOGE	\$25.69 billion
9	Cardano	ADA	\$24.51 billion
10	TRON	TRX	\$23.14 billion

### Top-10 Most Polluted and Least Polluted Countries in the World in 2025

#### List of top-10 most polluted countries in the world in 2025

Rank	Country	PM2.5 concentrations
1	Chad	91.8
2	Bangladesh	78
3	Pakistan	73.7
4	Democratic Republic of the Congo	58.2
5	India	50.6
6	Tajikistan	46.3
7	Nepal	42.8
8	Uganda	41
9	Rwanda	40.8
10	Burundi	40.3





## List of top-10 least polluted countries in the world in 2025

Rank	Country	PM2.5 concentrations
1	Bahamas	2.3
2	French Polynesia	2.5
3	Barbados	3.1
4	Grenada	3.2
5	Iceland	4
6	New Zealand	4.4
7	Australia	4.5
8	Estonia	4.6
9	Finland	5.2
10	Sweden	5.3

## Forbes released the 2025 list of the world's highest-paid athletes

## Top 5 Highest-Paid Athletes in 2025:

Rank	Name-Sport Related to-Country	Total Earnings
1	Cristiano Ronaldo-Soccer-Portugal	USD 275 Million
2	Stephen Curry-Basketball-United States of America (USA)	USD 156 Million
3	Tyson Fury-Boxing-United Kingdom	USD 146 Million
4	Dak Prescott-Football-USA	USD 137 Million
5	Lionel Messi-Soccer-Argentina	USD 135 Million

## Top-10 Billionaires-Producing Industries in 2025

Rank	Industry	No. of Billionaires	Billionaire Name	Company	Country
1	Finance & Investments	464	Warren Buffett	Berkshire Hathaway	USA
2	Technology	401	Mark Zuckerberg	Meta	USA
3	Manufacturing	342	Reinhold Wuerth & family	Wuerth Group	Germany
4	Fashion & Retail	297	Bernard Arnault & Family	LVMH	France
5	Healthcare	230	Thomas Frist Jr. & family	HCA Healthcare	USA





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6	Food & Beverage	223	Zhong Shanshan	Nongfu Spring	China
7	Diversified	210	Mukesh Ambani	Reliance Industries	India
8	Real Estate	206	Harry Triguboff	Meriton	Australia
9	Media & Entertainment	116	Rupert Murdoch & family	News Corp.	Australia
10	Energy	106	Vagit Alekperov	Lukoil	Russia

### Top-10 Largest Navies in the World by 2025

#### Top-10 Largest Navies in the World

Rank	Navy	Units	Total Value of Resources (TvR)
1	United States Navy	232	323.9
2	People's Liberation Army Navy	405	319.8
3	Russian Navy	283	242.3
4	Indonesian Navy	245	137.3
5	Republic of Korea Navy	147	122.9
6	Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force	105	121.3
7	Indian Navy	100	100.5
8	French Navy	70	92.9
9	British Royal Navy	50	88.3
10	Turkish Navy	90	80.5

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### Top 10 World's Biggest Aircraft Carriers

Rank	Name	Country	Displacement (Tons)	Aircraft Capacity	Propulsion	Commissioned
1	Gerald R. Ford Class	United States	100,000	75+	Nuclear (2×A1B)	2021
2	Nimitz Class	United States	97,000	60	Nuclear	1975-2009
3	Queen Elizabeth Class	United Kingdom	65,000	Up to 40	Gas turbines + diesel	2017-2019
4	Admiral Kuznetsov	Russia	58,500	30	Steam turbines	1991
5	Fujian (Type 003)	China	80,000+	60+	Conventional	2022 (Trials)
6	Shandong	China	66,000	40	Conventional	2019
7	Liaoning	China	58,600	50	Conventional	2012
8	INS Vikramaditya	India	44,500	30	Conventional	2013
9	Charles de Gaulle (R91)	France	42,000	40	Nuclear (2 reactors)	2001
10	INS Vikrant	India	43,000	Up to 40	Conventional (STOVAR)	2022

### Top 10 Military Helicopters in the World

Rank	Helicopter	Country of Origin	Max Speed (km/h)	Range (km)	Crew	Primary Roles
1	AH-64E Apache Guardian	USA	293	476	2	Attack, CAS, Anti-armor
2	Mil Mi-28NM Havoc	Russia	300	435	2	Attack, Anti-armor, Urban Combat
3	Kamov Ka-52 Alligator	Russia	300	460	2	Attack, Reconnaissance, Anti-tank





4	UH-60M Black Hawk	USA	295	592	4	Utility, Transport, Medevac
5	Eurocopter Tiger	Germany/France	315	800	2	Attack, Recon, Escort
6	AH-1Z Viper	USA	370	610	2	Attack, CAS, Escort
7	AW101 Merlin	Italy/UK	309	1390	3-4	ASW, Transport, Search and Rescue (SAR)
8	CH-47F Chinook	USA	302	741	3	Heavy-lift, Transport, Medevac
9	NHIndustries NH90	Europe (Consortium)	300	800	2-3	Transport, ASW, SAR
10	HAL Prachand (LCH)	India	268	550	2	Attack, High-altitude Warfare

- Henley & Partners + wealth intelligence firm, New World Wealth released the 4th annual edition of World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2025

Rank	City	Country	Number of Millionaires (USD 1 Million +)
1	New York City	The United States of America (USA)	384,500
2	The Bay Area	USA	342,400
3	Tokyo	Japan	292,300
4	Singapore	Singapore	242,400
5	Los Angeles	USA	220,600







### Top-10 Robotics Companies Leading the AI Revolution

Rank	Company	CEO	Headquarter
1	Boston Dynamics	Robert Playter	Waltham, Massachusetts, USA
2	Fanuc Corporation	Kenji Yamaguchi	Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan
3	ABB Robotics	Morten Wierod	Zurich, Switzerland
4	Intuitive Surgical	Gary S. Guthart, Ph.D.	Sunnyvale, California, USA
5	NVIDIA	Jensen Huang	Santa Clara, California, USA
6	Yaskawa Electric	Masahiro Ogawa	Kitakyushu, Japan
7	Universal Robots	Kim Povlsen	Odense, Denmark
8	Google DeepMind	Demis Hassabis	London, United Kingdom
9	KUKA AG	Peter Mohnen	Augsburg, Germany
10	Tesla	Elon Musk	Austin, Texas, USA

### Top 10 Strongest Currencies in the World in 2025 (Highest Valued in INR)

Rank	Currency Name	Value in INR	Value in USD
1	Kuwaiti Dinar	278.41	3.26
2	Bahraini Dinar	226.43	2.65
3	Omani Rial	221.65	2.60
4	Jordanian Dinar	120.33	1.41
5	Gibraltar Pound	113.53	1.33
6	British Pound Sterling	113.53	1.33
7	Cayman Islands Dollar	102.49	1.20
8	Swiss Franc	103.34	1.21
9	Euro	97.01	1.14
10	United States Dollar	85.34	1.00

### Top 10 Countries by Oil and Gas Reserves in 2025

Rank	Country	Proven Oil Reserves	Proven Natural Gas Reserves
1	Venezuela	Over 300 billion barrels	Over 200 trillion cubic feet
2	Saudi Arabia	Over 267 billion barrels	Over 300 trillion cubic feet
3	Iran	Over 155 billion barrels	Over 1,200 trillion cubic feet
4	Russia	About 107 billion barrels	Over 1,300 trillion cubic feet
5	United States	About 70 billion barrels	Around 450 trillion cubic feet
6	Iraq	Over 145 billion barrels	Over 130 trillion cubic feet
7	Qatar	Around 25 billion barrels	Over 850 trillion cubic feet
8	United Arab Emirates	Around 111 billion barrels	Over 200 trillion cubic feet





Rank	Country	Proven Oil Reserves	Proven Natural Gas Reserves
9	Canada	Over 170 billion barrels	Over 75 trillion cubic feet
10	Brazil	Over 15 billion barrels	Around 16 trillion cubic feet

### Top 10 Countries with the Most Technological Innovation in 2025

Rank	Country	Key Innovation Areas	Notable Strengths
1	United States	AI, biotech, semiconductors, space tech, clean energy	Silicon Valley, top R&D spend, strong VC ecosystem
2	China	5G, AI, EVs, facial recognition, green manufacturing	Government-led strategy, mass production, fast scaling
3	South Korea	Semiconductors, robotics, smart cities	High R&D-to-GDP ratio, tech giants like Samsung and LG
4	Germany	Industry 4.0, mobility, green hydrogen, robotics	Engineering excellence, EU innovation leadership
5	Japan	Robotics, deep tech, quantum, space robotics	Strong in hardware and automation, aging tech solutions
6	Israel	Cybersecurity, medtech, fintech, quantum encryption	High start-up density, military-to-commercial innovation
7	United Kingdom	AI, fintech, biosciences, quantum computing	Academic research, global start-up hub, government funding
8	Singapore	Smart cities, fintech, AI governance, cybersecurity	Smart Nation strategy, regional innovation hub
9	India	SaaS, space tech, fintech, public digital infrastructure	Huge STEM talent, digital public goods leadership
10	Sweden	Green tech, digital health, circular economy, design innovation	Sustainability-driven innovation, clean energy solutions

### Top 10 countries leading in the semiconductor industry in 2025

Rank	Country	Their Strengths	Important Companies
1	Taiwan	Advanced node fabrication, TSMC dominance	TSMC, UMC
2	United States	Chip design, AI chips, equipment, fab expansion	Intel, NVIDIA, AMD, Qualcomm, Lam Research
3	South Korea	Memory chip leadership, advanced foundries	Samsung, SK hynix
4	China	Largest consumer market, expanding domestic fabs	SMIC, YMTC, HiSilicon





5	Japan	Materials, lithography tools, legacy chips	Tokyo Electron, Renesas, Kioxia
6	Netherlands	EUV lithography (ASML)	ASML
7	Germany	Automotive semiconductors, EU chip leadership	Infineon, Bosch, GlobalFoundries Dresden
8	Singapore	Advanced fabs, packaging and testing	GlobalFoundries, Micron, UMC
9	Israel	Chip design, AI processors, autonomous tech	Intel Israel, Mobileye, Mellanox
10	India	Chip design, EDA services, upcoming foundries	Vedanta-Foxconn, ISM, Tata Electronics

### Top 10 Nations Leading in Space Technology in 2025

Rank	Country	Their Strengths	Their Achievements
1	United States	Human spaceflight, reusability, deep space missions	Artemis, Starlink, Mars rovers
2	China	Moon & Mars exploration, space station, ASAT tech	Tiangong, Tianwen-1, Chang'e series
3	Russia	Heritage systems, heavy launch, lunar ambitions	Soyuz, GLONASS, Oryol
4	India	Affordable launch, lunar missions, private sector growth	Chandrayaan-3, Gaganyaan, Aditya-L1
5	European Union (ESA)	Earth observation, deep-space science, launch collaboration	Ariane 6, JUICE, Copernicus
6	Japan	Planetary probes, ISS partner, lunar plans	Hayabusa2, Martian moons mission
7	UAE	Mars mission, Moon rover, regional diplomacy	Hope Probe, Rashid, MBRSC
8	South Korea	Launch vehicles, lunar orbiters, satellite tech	KPLO, Nuri rocket, 6G satellites
9	Iran	Military satellites, domestic launch capability	Noor-2, Qased, Simorgh
10	Brazil	Satellite applications, equatorial launch site	Amazon monitoring, Alcântara Launch Center





### Top 10 Weakest Currencies in the World in 2025 (Compared to INR)

Rank	Currency Name	Country	Approx. Exchange Rate (INR:Local)
1	Lebanese Pound (LBP)	Lebanon	1 INR ≈ 1,100 LBP
2	Iranian Rial (IRR)	Iran	1 INR ≈ 497 IRR
3	Vietnamese Dong (VND)	Vietnam	1 INR ≈ 300 VND
4	Sierra Leonean Leone (SLL)	Sierra Leone	1 INR ≈ 263 SLL
5	Laotian Kip (LAK)	Laos	1 INR ≈ 250 LAK
6	Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)	Indonesia	1 INR ≈ 188 IDR
7	Uzbekistani Som (UZS)	Uzbekistan	1 INR ≈ 149 UZS
8	Guinean Franc (GNF)	Guinea	1 INR ≈ 135 GNF
9	Paraguayan Guarani (PYG)	Paraguay	1 INR ≈ 88 PYG
10	Congolese Franc (CDF)	DR Congo	1 INR ≈ 82 CDF

### Top 5 Military Satellites and Space Assets in 2025

Satellite System-Country/Region	Primary Function	Features
Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF)-United States	Secure military communications	Jam-resistant, global coverage
Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS)-Russia	Navigation and timing	Encrypted military signals, global reach
Yaogan-China	Reconnaissance and surveillance	Optical/SAR imaging, ELINT capabilities
Geostationary Satellite (GSAT)-India	Military communications	Multi-band secure links for naval forces
Galileo-European Union	Navigation and timing	Encrypted PRS for government/military use

### Top-10 Busiest Airports in the World by Passenger Traffic in 2025

Rank	Airport Name	Location	Passenger Traffic
1	Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta	Atlanta, USA	108,067,766
2	Dubai International	Dubai, UAE	92,331,506
3	Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW)	Dallas/ Fort Worth, USA	87,817,864
4	Tokyo Haneda (HND)	Tokyo, Japan	85,900,617





Rank	Airport Name	Location	Passenger Traffic
5	London Heathrow (LHR)	London, UK	83,884,572
6	Denver International (LHR)	Denver, USA	82,358,744
7	Istanbul Airport	Istanbul, Turkey	80,073,252
8	Chicago O'Hare	Chicago, USA	80,043,050
9	Indira Gandhi Intl.	New Delhi, India	77,820,834
10	Shanghai Pudong	Shanghai, China	76,787,039

- India surpasses Japan to become the World's 4th Largest Economy
- The Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2024-The report was released by Ireland-based Concern Worldwide and Germany-based Welt Hunger Hilfe.

## AWARDS

### National Awards

- Indian javelin thrower and double Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra conferred the Honorary Rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army (TA)
- President Draupadi Murmu conferred the 58th Jnanpith Award on Sanskrit Scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya for Sanskrit
- President Droupadi Murmu, the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces, honoured brave personnel with gallantry awards
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change 21 winning ideas of 'Ideas4LiFE' under Mission LiFE

### International Awards

- The Pulitzer Prize Board announced the winners of 109th Pulitzer Prize (2025)-It honors outstanding works produced in the 2024 calendar year across categories including Journalism, Books, Drama and Music, and Special Citations.

### Winners of 2025 Pulitzer Prizes in Journalism:

Category	Winners
Public Service	ProPublica for the work of Kavitha Surana, Lizzie Presser, Cassandra Jaramillo and Stacy Kranitz
Breaking News Reporting	Staff of The Washington Post
Investigative Reporting	Staff of Reuters





Category	Winners
Explanatory Reporting	Azam Ahmed and Christina Goldbaum of NYT and Matthieu Aikins (contributing writer)
Local Reporting	Alissa Zhu, Nick Thieme and Jessica Gallagher of the Baltimore and The New York Times (NYT)
National Reporting	Staff of The Wall Street Journal
International Reporting	Declan Walsh and the Staff of the NYT
Feature Writing	Mark Warren (contributor), Esquire
Commentary	Mosab Abu Toha (contributor), The New Yorker
Criticism	Alexandra Lange (contributing writer), Bloomberg City Lab
Editorial Writing	Raj Makand, Sharon Steinmann, Lisa Falkenberg and Lean Binkovitz of The Houston Chronicle
Illustrated Reporting and Commentary	Ann Telnaes of The Washington Post
Breaking News Photography	Doug Mills of The NYT
Feature Photography	Moises Saman (contributor), The New Yorker
Audio Reporting	Staffs of The New Yorker

### Winners of 2025 Pulitzer Prize – Books, Drama and Music

Category	Winners
Fiction	James, by Percival Everett (Doubleday)
Drama	Purpose, by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins
History	Native Nations: A Millennium in North America by Kathleen Du Val (Random House)





Category	Winners
	Combee: Harriet Tubman, the Combahee River Raid, and Black Freedom During the Civil War by Edda L. Fields-Black (Oxford University Press)
Biography	Every Living Thing: The Great and Deadly Race to Know All Life by Jason Roberts (Random House)
Memoir (Autobiography)	Feeding Ghosts: A Graphic Memoir by Tessa Hulls (MCD)
Poetry	New and Selected Poems by Marie Howe (W.W. Norton & Company)
General Nonfiction	To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause: The Many Lives of the Soviet Dissident Movement by Benjamin Nathans (Princeton University Press)
Music	Sky Islands by Susie Ibarra

**2025 Pulitzer-Special Citations:**

Category	Winners
Special Awards and Citations	Chuck Stone (Posthumously)

- Sonu Sood, Indian actor and philanthropist will be honoured with the Humanitarian Award
- Nicaragua's historic newspaper La Prensa has received the 2025 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize
- The 78th Annual Cannes Film Festival

Award Name	Winner	Director
Palme d'Or	It Was Just an Accident	Jafar Panahi(Iran)
Grand Prix	Sentimental Value	Joachim Trier(Norway)
Jury Prize	Sirât	Oliver Laxe(Spain)
	Sound of Falling	Mascha Schilinski (Germany)
Best Director	The Secret Agent	Kleber Mendonça Filho(Brazil)







Best Performance by an Actor	The Secret Agent	Wagner Moura(Brazil)
Best Performance by an Actress	The Little Sister	Nadia Melliti(France)
Best Screenplay	Young Mothers	Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne(Belgium)

- The World Food Prize Foundation named Brazilian Microbiologist Dr.Mariangela Hungria as the winner of the 2025 World Food Prize
- Dr Sukhpal Kaur, Principal of the National Institute of Nursing Education (NINE) at PGIMER, Chandigarh, has been named finalist for Global Nursing Award
- India received the Certification of Elimination of Trachoma as a Public Health Problem by the World Health Organisation (WHO)
- India projected to become world's top potato producer by 2050
- Kannada writer, lawyer, and activist Banu Mushtaq, along with translator Deepa Bhasthi, won the International Booker Prize 2025
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) achieved the "Guinness World Record (GWR) TM" title for "most life insurance policies sold in 24 hours"
- India recognized for contributions to LHC experiments receiving the 2025 Breakthrough Prize
- Indian-American artist Raja Kumari wins her 1st American Music Award for the Arcane: League of Legends soundtrack
- Spiritual leader and Founder of Isha Foundation Jagadish "Jaggi" Vasudev (Sadhguru) was conferred the 'Global Indian of the Year 2025'

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## APPOINTMENTS

### National Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari	49th Vice Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force	Air Marshal Sujeet Pushpakar Dharkar
Ajoy Chawla, CEO of Titan's Jewellery Division	MD of Bengaluru- based Titan Company	C.K. Venkataraman
Bhawna Agarwal	Senior Vice President and MD of Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) India	Som Satsangi
Dr. Samir V. Kamat,	2nd 1-year extension in service to Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D) and Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)	-
Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommends Sanjay Joshi	As Chairmancum- Managing Director (CMD) of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL)	R.R. Singh
Former Defence Secretary Dr.Ajay Kumar	Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	Preeti Sudan
Harvansh P. Chawla	Chairman of the New Delhi-based BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI)	-
Justice Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai	52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI)	Justice Sanjiv Khanna
Justice Kempaiah Somashekar, Judge of the Karnataka High Court	Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court	Justice D. Krishnakumar
Justice Surya Kant, Supreme Court Judge	Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)	Justice B R Gavai, Judge, Supreme Court of India
N Venu	Managing Director of Hitachi India	Bharat Kaushal (promoted to the Executive Chairman of Hitachi India)





Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Prakash Magdum	Managing Director of National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)	Prithul Kumar
Ram Mohan M K	Director of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)	-
Sujata Chaturvedi, Former Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	-

## International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Anita Anand	Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs	-
Anthony Albanese	Re-elected as the Prime Minister of Australia	-
Anurag Bhushan, a 1995-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer	India's next Ambassador to Sweden	-
Greg Abel	CEO of Berkshire Hathaway	Warren Buffett
Joachim-Friedrich Martin Josef Merz, leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and lawyer	10th Chancellor of Germany	-
Kamil El-Tayeb Idris	16th Prime Minister (PM) of the Republic of the Sudan (Sudan),	Abdalla Hamdok
Kamla Susheila Persad-Bissessar	9th Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago	The incumbent PM, Stuart Richard Young
Krishnamurthy Venkata (K.V.) Subramanian	<b>Terminates</b> as the Executive Director (ED) for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)	-
Lawrence Wong	Prime Minister of Singapore	Lee Hsien Loong
Salem Saleh Bin Braik	Prime Minister of Yemen	Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak
USA-based Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost	267th Pope of the Catholic Church	Pope Francis



**Brand Ambassadors**

Name	Brand Ambassador
Bollywood actress Shraddha Kapoor	Brand Ambassador for Eureka Forbes' SmartClean Robotic Vacuum Cleaners range
Cricketing icon Kapil Dev, India's 1983 World Cup-winning captain	Brand Ambassador of SoBo Mumbai Falcons
Former Cricketer and Vice-President of the Karnataka Wildlife Board, Anil Kumble	Brand Ambassador for the Karnataka Forest and Wildlife Department
Shahid Kapoor	Brand Ambassador for Vogue Eyewear India
Shubman Gill	Brand Ambassador for Oakley Inc in India

**BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

Book Name	Author Name	Published by
"Original Sin: President Biden's Decline, Its Cover-Up, and His Disastrous Choice to Run Again"	CNN anchor Jake Tapper and Axios journalist Alex Thompson	-
The Diary of a Cricketer's Wife	Puja Pujara	HarperCollins India

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## **OBITUARY**

- Mathew Samuel Kalarickal, an eminent cardiologist recognized as the 'Father of Angioplasty' in India
- Jose Alberto Mujico Cordano, a former President of Uruguay and Guerilla fighter passed away at the age of 89 in Montevideo, Uruguay
- Dr. Saroj Ghose, a renowned science communicator and the founding figure behind India's science museum movement passed away at the age of 89

## **DEFENCE**

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) announced that the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv variants
- A nationwide Civil Defence Mock Drill is being conducted across 244 districts in India to assess preparedness for hostile attacks
- The Indian Armed Forces carried out 'Operation Sindoor'
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) has delivered indigenously developed 'Arnala'
- The Indian Navy's INS Kiltan has docked in Singapore to participate in International Maritime Defence Exhibition (IMDEX) Asia 2025
- Operation Nader and Anti-Terror Operations in Jammu & Kashmir
- The Indian Army Engineers under the Spear Corps + National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) conducted 'Exercise Raahat'-The exercise was held at the Rangapahar Military Station in Dimapur, Nagaland.
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG), through its annual mission Operation Olivia, has successfully protected nearly 6.98 lakh Olive Ridley turtles
- The Indian Navy will officially induct a uniquely constructed Ancient Stitched Ship at Karwar Naval Base





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