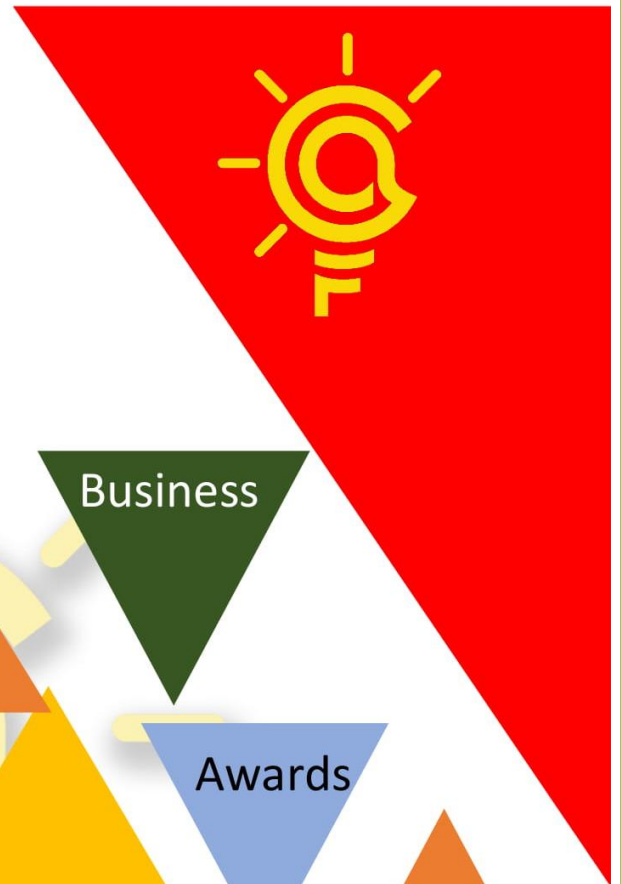




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**IMPORTANT DAYS****NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 01, 2025	State Bank of India celebrated its 70th foundation day	-
July 01	National Doctors' Day	"Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?"
July 01, 2025	8th anniversary of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day	"GST-Simplifying Taxes: Empowering Citizens"
July 01	National Chartered Accountants Day (CA Day)	-
July 12, 2025	National Simplicity Day	-
July 16	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Appreciation Day	-
July 22	National Flag Adoption Day	-
July 22, 2025	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) marked its 44th Foundation Day	-
23 July	National Broadcasting Day	-
24th July	Income Tax Day also known as Aaykar Diwas	-
26th July, 2025	26th Kargil Vijay Diwas/Kargil Victory Day	-
July 27, 2025	Karur Vysya Bank observed its 109th Founder's Day	-





### INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 02	World Sports Journalists Day	"Championing Fair Play: Reporting with Integrity and Impact".
July 03	International Plastic Bag Free Day	-
July 07	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) observes 4th World Kiswahili Language Day	"Kiswahili: A Bridge for Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue".
July 06	1st-ever United Nations' World Rural Development Day	-
July 07	World Bioproduct Day	-
July 14	Bastille Day (France) 2025	-
July 15, 2025	United Nations (UN's) 10th World Youth Skills Day	"Youth empowerment through AI and digital skills".
July 16	World Snake Day	"Respect, Don't Fear: Protecting Nature's Silent Guardians".
July 17	Day of International Criminal Justice (International Justice Day/World Day for International Justice)	-
July 18	United Nations (UN's) Nelson Mandela International Day (Mandela Day)	"It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity".
July 20	United Nations (UN's) World Chess Day (International Chess Day)	"Every Move Counts".





<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 20	United Nations (UN's) International Moon Day	-
July 22, 2025	12th World Brain Day	"Brain Health for All Ages".
July 25 2025	1st-ever United Nations (UN's) International Day for Judicial Well-being	-
July 25, 2025	United Nations (UN)'s 5th World Drowning Prevention Day	"Your Story Can Save a Life"
July 25, 2025	1st-ever United Nation (UN's) International Day for Women and Girls of African Descent	"Rising Together: Women and Girls of African Descent Leading with Strength".
July 26	UNESCO's 10th International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystems/World Mangrove Day	"Protecting Wetlands for our future".
July 28	15th World Hepatitis Day	"Hepatitis: Let's Break It Down"
July 28	World Nature Conservation Day	
July 29, 2025	15th International Tiger Day (Global Tiger Day)	
July 30	United Nations(UN's) World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	"Human trafficking is organised crime-End the exploitation".
1st Saturday of July (July 5, 2025)	United Nations (UN) International Day of Cooperatives or CoopsDay	"Cooperatives: Driving Inclusive and Sustainable Solutions for a Better World".





<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 26, 2025 to August 01, 2025	Hepatitis Awareness Week	-

## SPORTS

### Cricket

- India scores over 1,000 runs in a single Test match and joins the elite "1000-club" in Test cricket
- India and England played out a historic day of Test match cricket at the Edgbaston Cricket Ground in Birmingham
- The Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) is now the most valuable team, with a worth of \$269 million, after winning their first IPL title in 2025
- A portrait of the legendary Sachin Tendulkar was unveiled in the MCC Museum
- MI New York crowned Major League Cricket (MLC) 2025
- ICC Players of the Month for June 2025 -ICC Men's Player of the Month: Aiden Markram (South Africa).ICC Women's Player of the Month: Hayley Matthews (West Indies).
- Veteran West Indies all-rounder Andre Russell has announced his retirement from international cricket
- ICC forms working committee to explore two-tier Test system
- Harmanpreet Kaur become the 1st-ever visiting batter to score 3 Women's ODI centuries in England and only the 3rd Indian woman to score 4,000 ODI runs

### Badminton

- US Open 2025-Indian badminton player Ayush Shetty clinched his maiden Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour title by defeating Canada's Brian Yang in the Men's Singles final of the 2025 US Open Badminton Tournament.
- The 42nd edition of the Japan Open Badminton Tournament (officially named as the Daihatsu Japan Open 2025)





Category	Winners	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Shi Yu Qi (China)	Alex Lanier (France)
Women's Singles	An Se-Young (South Korea)	Wang Zhi Yi (China)
Men's Doubles	Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae (South Korea)	Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin (Malaysia)
Women's Doubles	Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning (China)	Tan Pearly and Thinaah Muralitharan (Malaysia)
Mixed Doubles	Wei Ya Xin and Jiang Zhen Bang (China)	Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Supissara Paewsampran (Thailand)

### Football

- UEFA Women's Euro 2025-The England Women's Football Team won the UEFA Women's Euro 2025 in Basel, Switzerland, defeating world champions Spain in a penalty shoot-out.

### Swimming

- Indian swimmers, Srihari Nataraj and Benedicton Rohit, have set new 'India best' times at the World University Games in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany

### Hockey

- The 96th All India MCC Murugappa Gold Cup 2025 Hockey Tournament-The Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) claimed the coveted title of the 96th All-India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2025, defeating Indian Navy 3-1 at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium, Chennai.
- Hockey India conducted its 15th Hockey India Congress in Mahabalipuram, to marking 100 years of Indian hockey's glorious journey

### Tennis

- 138th edition of the Wimbledon Championships

Category	Winners	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)
Women's Singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Amanda Anisimova (USA)
Men's Doubles	Julian Cash & Lloyd Glasspool (Great Britain)	Rinky Hijikata (Australia) & David Pel (Netherlands)





Category	Winners	Runner-Up
Women's Doubles	Veronika Kudermetova (Russia) & Elise Mertens (Belgium)	Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) & Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)
Mixed Doubles	Kateřina Siniaková (Czech Republic) & Sem Verbeek (Netherlands)	Joe Salisbury (Great Britain) & Luisa Stefani (Brazil)

### Weightlifting

- Pungni Tara bags silver medal in Asian youth weightlifting championship 2025- Pungni Tara lifted a total of 141 kg, including 60 kg in snatch and 81 kg in clean and jerk, to claim a silver medal in youth girls' 44 kg weight category at the Asian youth and junior weightlifting championships in Astana.

### Boxing

- The 2nd leg of the 2025 World Boxing Cup was held in Astana, Kazakhstan-India won 11 medals (3 Gold, 5 Silver, and 3 Bronze), finishing 3rd in the medal tally.

### Chess

- SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz Croatia 2025-Magnus Carlsen of Norway, the World No.1 chess player, won the SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz Croatia 2025 tournament held in Zagreb, Croatia, with a total score of 22.5 out of 36 points.

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Magnus Carlsen	Norway
2	Wesley So	United States of America (USA)
3	D Gukesh	India

- Indian stars Arjun Erigaisi and world champion D Gukesh have been seeded as top two for the 4th FIDE Grand Swiss chess
- Murugappa Group's Cholamandalam Investment and Finance launches Chola Chess to nurture chess talent
- Tamilnadu's Harikrishnan A Ra becomes India's 87th Grandmaster
- Las Vegas Freestyle Chess Grand Slam 2025

Position	Winner	Prize (USD)
1	Levon Aronian (USA)	200,000
2	Hans Moke Niemann (USA)	140,000
3	Magnus Carlsen (Norway)	100,000
6	Arjun Erigaisi (India)	40,000
7	R.Praggnanandhaa (India)	30,000







### FIDE World Women's Chess Cup 2025

Position	Winner	Prize (USD)
1	Divya Deshmukh-India	USD 50,000
2	Koneru Humpy-India	USD 35,000
3	Tan Zhongyi-China	USD 25,000

### Shooting

- National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) announced that India will host the ISSF World Cup in 2027 and the ISSF Junior World Championships in 2028

### Grandprix

#### Formula One (F1) British Grand Prix 2025

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Lando Norris (McLaren)	United Kingdom
2	Oscar Piastri (McLaren)	Australia
3	Nico Hulkenberg (Kick Sauber)	Germany

### Events

- Inaugural edition of the Equestrian Champions League-Chennai Bulls tallied 109 points for the top spot in the inaugural edition of the Equestrian Champions League.
- The inaugural edition of Neeraj Chopra Classic 2025-A World Athletics Gold-level event held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The 57th International Chemistry Olympiad (iChO) 2025-India won two gold and two silver medals at the 57th International Chemistry Olympiad (iChO) 2025, held in Dubai, UAE.
- Bihar won U18 Boys' title at 10th Junior National Rugby 7s Championship 2025 by defeating Odisha
- The 66th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2025-India secured 3 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal at the 66th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2025, held in Sunshine Coast, Australia.
- India's premier motorsport event, the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2025-RF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2025, kicked off its 1st round at Kari Motor Speedway, Coimbatore.
- FISU World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany-Archers Parneet Kaur and Kushal Dalal clinched the country's first gold medal in the compound mixed team archery event.





- IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship 2025-Riley Powell (Wales) defeats Pankaj Advani (India) at IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship 2025 held in Manama, Bahrain.
- United Arab Emirates will host the Asia Cup 2025-This tournament will be held from September 9 to 28, 2025.
- World Junior Squash Championships 2025-India's Anahat Singh won a bronze medal at the World Junior Championships 2025 held in Cairo, Egypt.

### Others

- Prasar Bharati and Handball Association of India (HAI) have signed a 3-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) To produce and broadcast all national and international handball events.
- Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya introduced the National Sports Governance Bill in Lok Sabha
- World Athletics introduces new eligibility regulations for female category in world ranking competitions-From 1 September 2025, all athletes wishing to participate in the female category will be required to undergo a once-in-a-lifetime SRY (Sex-determining Region Y) gene test, a reliable biological marker for determining sex.

## **BANKING AND FINANCE**

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

- Bank credit growth to industry slowed to 4.9% in fortnight ended May 30
- RBI issued final guidelines for the due diligence of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) Touchpoint Operators (ATOs)
- RBI issued RBI (Project Finance) Directions 2025, banks to provide 1-1.25% for projects under construction
- RBI has directed all banks to integrate the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) To combat rising cyber-enabled financial frauds and strengthen real-time fraud detection and digital security in India's financial sector by enabling automated data sharing and fraud risk classification of mobile numbers linked to financial transactions.
- RBI announced Reserve Bank of India (Pre-payment Charges on Loans) Directions, 2025
- RBI reported that India's external debt rose by 10% to USD 736.3 billion at the end of March 2025, compared to USD 668.8 billion at the end of March 2024
- RBI amends Foreign Exchange Management (Export of Goods and Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 to include specific offshore vessels





- RBI mandates use of Department of Telecommunications' newly developed Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) technology for cyber fraud prevention
- The Gross Non-Performing Loans (NPA) and Net NPA of Scheduled Commercial Banks declined to multi-decadal lows of 2.3% and 0.5%, respectively
- RBI released data showing a threefold rise in the number of banking frauds in FY25 to 23,953 cases
- RBI announces auction of two dated securities worth ₹25000 crore
- RBI has published the draft 'Novation of OTC Derivative Contracts' Directions, 2025
- RBI allows CareEdge IFSC Ratings for Basel III Risk Weighting
- EximPe, a cross-border fintech company has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- RBI has announced the inclusion of NSDL Payments Bank, a subsidiary of National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) in Schedule II of the RBI Act, 1934
- RBI conducts surprise variable rate repo (VRR) auction for ₹50,000 cr to infuse liquidity in banking system
- RBI's Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) measures the depth and reach of financial inclusion across the country, rising by 4.3% in FY25
- RBI approved the proposal of Currant Sea Investments to acquire 9.99% stake in Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC)First Bank
- Inflation, growth outlook to decide rate cuts, not current CPI data: Malhotra
- RBI monetary panel member sees no challenges in Indian economy growing over 6.5% in FY26
- RBI to conduct 3-day Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction to absorb ₹50,000 crore
- RBI eases investment rules for banks and NBFCs in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)
- RBI is unlikely to re-introduce the policy of lending money daily to banks at a fixed rate, despite increased clamour for it from market participants

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

- SBI announced the “Solar Rooftop Programme” to support India’s Renewable Energy (RE) transition
- SBI inaugurates specialised trade finance hubs ‘Global Trade Finance Centres’ at Kolkata and Hyderabad
- PhonePe + SBI Cards and Payment Services-Jointly launched a co-branded credit cards of two variants such as ‘PhonePe SBI Card PURPLE’ and ‘PhonePe SBI Card SELECT BLACK’

**Bank of Baroda (BoB)**

- Bank of Baroda report projects softening bias in India’s 10-year bond yield

**Canara Bank**

- KredX, India’s leading integrated supply chain finance platform, signed a strategic partnership with Canara Bank-To bridge the Rs.30 lakh crore credit gap in the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.

**Indian Bank**

- Indian Bank pays over ₹1616.14 crore in dividend to the Government for the financial year 2024-25-For the financial year 2024-25, Indian Bank declared a dividend of ₹16.25 per share, in line with its robust financial performance.

**Bank of India**

- Bank of India reduces interest rates on savings and green deposits
- The Bank of India (BoI) has cut interest rates on its Savings Bank (SB) deposits and Green Deposit products, waived charges for non-maintenance of the minimum balance across all SB account schemes, and reduced home loan interest rates by 50 basis points.

**Punjab and National Bank (PNB)**

- PNB has decided to waive penal charges for non-maintenance of minimum average balance (MAB) in all savings accounts





### Private Sector Banks

#### Federal Bank

- Federal Bank introduced India's 1st-ever biometric authentication solution for electronic (e)-commerce card transactions

#### Karur Vysya Bank

- Karur Vysya Bank + Kshema General Insurance have entered a strategic bancassurance alliance-To introduce 'Kshema Kisan Sathi', a rural-focused dual-benefit insurance product aimed at India's agri-centric and rural communities .
- This alliance aligns with the India's and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)'s push to enhance insurance penetration in Tier-2 and Tier-3 towns, advancing the vision of 'Insurance for All' by 2047.

#### Payments Bank

- Fino Payments Bank launched a new digital savings account named "GATI", which means "speed" in several Indian languages

#### Small Finance Bank

- Equitas Small Finance Bank launched 2-Financial Products such as 'Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR)(B) Deposit Account' and the 'Equitas Explorer Savings Account'
- ESAF Small Finance Bank to be a corporate agent for Shriram Life Insurance-As part of the partnership, ESAF Bank will act as a corporate agent for Shriram Life, distributing its insurance offerings through it's branch network.

#### Insurance News

- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) launched the Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees (SPREE) 2025
- LIC posts 14.6% growth in June individual premium income, higher than 12.12% growth in premium income of private life insurers
- Liberty General Insurance, ACKO become Tesla's insurance partners in India
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) launched a Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees (SPREE)
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) + The Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development signed a MoU-To promote 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' in rural areas, the MoU was signed during the National Conclave on Financial Inclusion, "Anubhuti" in Goa.





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

- SEBI opens special 6-month window for transfer of physical shares that missed earlier deadline
- SEBI bans U.S-based Jane Street for index manipulation amounting to over ₹4,800 crore
- SEBI unveiled "Venture Capital Fund (VCF) Settlement Scheme 2025"
- SEBI + National Stock Exchange (NSE) has launched "Samuhik Prativedan Manch"-A unified reporting platform is to simplify compliance processes more streamlined, transparent, and costeffective for stockbrokers.
- SEBI along with stock exchanges, has revised the enhanced surveillance mechanism (ESM)

### World Bank

- The World Bank released its latest report titled "Towards Resilient and Prosperous Cities in India"

### Others

- Sundaram Mutual Fund launched a Multi-Factor new fund offer-It will invest based on various rule-based strategies, including Quality, Growth, Momentum and Value.
- Slice launched the Slice Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Credit Card and opened India's first UPI powered bank branch
- Mashreq became the 1st United Arab Emirates (UAE) bank to receive an In-Principle Approval (IPA) from International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
- Trinidad and Tobago became the 1st Caribbean country and the 8th worldwide to allow Indian travelers to use UPI for making payments
- The Indian government plans to raise ₹45,000 crore in the current FY by selling shares of public sector banks through the QIP method
- DGGI Bengaluru Unit uncovers 6 shell companies with fraudulent invoices worth Rs.266 crore involving Rs.48 crore fraudulently claimed Input Tax Credit
- Stock exchanges BSE and NSE issued an advisory to investors dealing with Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs)
- CTBC bank, a Taiwanese commercial bank, has proposed to the International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA)
- NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) announced the inclusion of 13 additional Indian banks into the UPI-PayNow, payment linkage between India and Singapore
- The USA-based global payment firm, PayPal + India's National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) International Payments Limited (NIPL)





- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) write off over ₹12 lakh crore between FY16 and FY25 in 9 years: Stated by the Ministry of Finance
- RBI's provisional data which showed that Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) of Public Sector Banks has steadily decreased over the last 5 years
- The Department of Posts (DoP) and NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)-To collaborate on an initiative to transform inward remittances to India.
- Unclaimed deposits with banks, including private lenders, stood at ₹67,003 crore at the end of June 2025
- Implementation of revised provisions under the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 is came into effect on 1 August 2025
- Bandhan Bank to improve its asset quality through disciplined credit appraisal, proactive provisioning, and effective recovery mechanisms

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **IIT News**

- The Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK) + Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (Tata Power-DDL) have signed a MoU-To collaborate on capacity building, training, and knowledge development in the power distribution sector.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru launched the 'BHARAT (Biomarkers of Healthy Aging, Resilience, Adversity, and Transitions) study'
- IIT Madras-incubated start-up Plenome Technologies develops tech for safe storage and retrieval of datasets

### **Science& Technology and Space News**

- Microsoft announces partnership with vibe coding startup Replit-Vibe coding platform Replit announced a strategic partnership with Microsoft to bring their software creation capabilities directly to enterprises.
- Google has agreed to pay about \$2.4 billion in a deal to license the technology of artificial intelligence-assisted coding tool Windsurf
- Israel has launched Dror-1, a geostationary communication satellite, developed by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)
- US defence department awards contracts to Google, Elon Musk's xAI
- India will trial older E5 bullet trains, but commercial operations will flag off with Japan's E10 Shinkansen, with launching these new models together
- Meta AI launched its 'Imagine Me' personalised image generation feature that works with text prompts on Instagram, Messenger, and WhatsApp chats







- Microsoft's announcement to strengthen AI language capabilities for European languages
- Google commits \$37 million to AI development in Africa
- NASA launched its new mission named 'Tandem Reconnection and Cusp Electrodynamics Reconnaissance Satellites (TRACERS)'
- Music Composer A.R. Rahman teams up with OpenAI's CEO Sam Altman for AI-driven musical metaverse 'Secret Mountain'

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

- DRDO conducted 2-consecutive flight tests of the indigenous 'Pralay' quasi-ballistic missile

### **India in Science & Technology and Space News**

- Axiom-4 trip to the International Space Station (ISS) will provide valuable inputs for Gaganyaan mission: ISRO
- Ananth Technologies is set to become India's 1st private company to offer satellite communication (satcom) services
- Akasa Air, India's fastest-growing airline has signed a 3-year agreement with GMR Aero Technic, India's leading airframe MRO organisation
- After a year of its launch, India's 1st Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bike has sold only a little over 60,000 units
- Indian Space Research Organisation conducted two short-duration hot tests of the Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System (SMPS)
- HCLSoftware introduced HCL Domino 14.5, a software solution designed for governments and regulated organisations focused on data privacy
- India test-fired two nuclear-capable Short-Range Ballistic Missiles (SRBMs), 'Prithvii' and 'Agni-I'
- ISRO has planned to establish an independent Indian space station by 2035 and execute a human moon landing mission by 2040
- ICMR is developing indigenous multi-stage Malaria vaccine named 'AdFalcivax'
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) launched 'Indian Navy Ship (INS) Ajay'
- India taps Global Satellite firms to boost Military Surveillance
- Tata Communications to build AI-led network for AWS in India
- Launch of Earth Observation Satellite NISAR jointly developed by ISRO and NASA
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch three more navigation satellites NVS-03, NVS-04 and NVS-05 by 2026







- DRDL-AIIMS Bibinagar unveil low-cost, advanced carbon fibre foot prosthesis
- Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, under the ISRO+ National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), under the Ministry of Earth Sciences signed MoU-For the development of a Human Occupied Vehicle (HOV) named 'MATSYA-6000', a submersible vessel under the 'Samudrayaan project'.

### Environment & Energy

- NTPC Simhadri commemorated its 28th Raising Day on July 8 at its administrative premises in Parawada, Anakapalli district
- The 11th edition of India Energy Storage Week (IESW 2025), a premier international conference and exhibition was held from July 08-10, 2025
- Tata Steel invests ₹1,074 crore in Singapore subsidiary-Tata Steel Limited acquired 124.62 crore equity shares worth \$125.25 million (₹1,073.63 crore) in its wholly-owned foreign subsidiary T Steel Holdings Pte. Ltd (TSHP).
- A new butterfly species named 'Zographetus mathewi' in the Western Ghats, one of the world's 8 'hotspots' of biological diversity
- Private Sector to Invest ₹77,000 Crore in Thermal Power by FY28: CRISIL

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Afghanistan

- India abstains from UNGA resolution on Afghanistan, cautioning against "business as usual" approach

### France

- New Caledonia to become a state within French Republic
- French President Macron announces 6.5 billion euros in extra military spending in next 2-years

### Pakistan

- Pakistan took over the rotating presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on July 1, 2025
- Microsoft closes its Pakistan office after 25 years



**Peru**

- 204th Peruvian National Day celebrated in Chennai

**Russia**

- Russia becomes the 1st country to officially recognise the Taliban-led Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

**Saudi Arabia**

- Three major fertilizer producers from India entered into long-term agreements on the supply of fertilizers with Ma'aden of Saudi Arabia

**Sri Lanka**

- Sri Lanka launched Hindi Course with Indian Collaboration-Strengthening India-Sri Lanka cultural and educational ties, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) in Colombo has launched a Hindi Language Learning Programme in partnership with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), the cultural arm of the High Commission of India
- Ashokan Pillar replica erected on premises of Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka in recognition of "great service" of Emperor Ashoka to the island nation

**Turkey**

- Turkey unveiled its most powerful non-nuclear weapons, the 'GAZAP bomb' and the 'NEB-2 Ghost bunker-buster'

**United States**

- President Donald Trump announced a trade deal with Vietnam that would allow U.S. goods to enter the country duty-free
- Trump announces 35% tariff on products imported from Bangladesh
- Trump announced that the U.S. to impose 50% tariff on copper imports, copper futures jump
- Seattle to roll out an event celebrating the country's most cherished fruit the mango
- Trump announced that the USA will withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) effective December 31, 2026
- EU and US Seal Landmark Trade Deal with 15% Tariffs
- US imposes 50% tariff on copper imports; limited impact on India





### United Kingdom

- India and the United Kingdom (UK) signed a landmark Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)
- United Kingdom (UK) launches first sanctions in new strategy to deter migrant crossings
- Australia and UK signed 50-Year Geelong Treaty under AUKUS Amid US Review of Alliance

### United Arab Emirates

- India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen defence ties

### Summit/Event

- The 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) was held in Sevilla, Spain
- The 10th QUAD Foreign Ministers' Meeting (QFMM) was hosted by the USA Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Washington, D.C, the USA
- Indian Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the 2nd edition of BIMSTEC Ports Conclave in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- India established COP-33 cell to host UN Climate Summit in 2028
- World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC) 2025 held in Shanghai, China

### Exercise

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Japan Coast Guard (JCG) conducted a joint maritime exercise 'Jaa Mata' (meaning "see you later") off the coast of Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- The Indian Navy and the Greek Navy held a joint PASSEX exercise near Mumbai in the Arabian Sea
- Indian Navy to participate in the 32nd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-25) conducted in Singapore
- The 14th edition of the India-Singapore joint military exercise "Bold Kurukshetra 2025" held at Jodhpur Military Station of the Indian Army

### Others

- The World Health Organization (WHO) launched a global drive to increase health taxes and fight chronic disease
- India initiates anti-dumping probe into polyethylene imports from 6 Gulf countries





- The European Commission proposed that the EU reduce its net greenhouse gas emissions 90% by 2040, compared with 1990 levels
- Colombia and Uzbekistan have joined the New Development Bank, as borrowing members of the NDB, expanding its membership to 11 nations
- The European Union ministers granted final approval for Bulgaria to adopt the euro, making it the 21st country to officially join the eurozone
- FATF adds new countries to Increased Monitoring list and updates High-Risk jurisdictions
- A drug manufacturer, Novartis received approval from Swissmedic for its new malaria drug, 'Coartem Baby', also known as Riamet Baby
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) released a technical brief "Mapping the Application of Artificial Intelligence in Traditional Medicine"
- The 2025 edition of "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" report

## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **President Draupadi Murmu News**

- Droupadi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects of Mahayogi Gorakhnath University at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh
- President Draupadi Murmu completed the 3rd year of her term of 5 years: Launches Key Initiatives

### **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's official Visit to Trinidad & Tobago (T&T)
- PM Narendra Modi's official Visit to Argentina-PM Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Argentine President Javier Gerardo Milei at Casa Rosada, the official seat of the Argentine government.
- PM Narendra Modi's official Visit to Brazil-PM Modi was on a 4-day official visit to Brazil at the invitation of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of Brazil to attend the 17th BRICS Leaders' Summit.
- PM Narendra Modi's official visit to Namibia-This visit marked his 1st-ever visit to Namibia and the 3rd Prime Ministerial visit from India to the southern African nation.
- PM Narendra Modi's official visit to Ghana-This marked the 1st bilateral visit by an Indian PM to a West African nation in 30 Years.
- PM Narendra Modi's official visit to United Kingdom-During the bilateral meeting with Keir Starmer, Prime Minister (PM) of the UK endorsed the new 'India-UK Vision 2035'





framework which appears to have replaced the '2030 Roadmap' announced by India and the UK in 2021.

- Prime Minister Modi's 2-day official visit to Maldives-India signed 6-Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with the Government of Maldives in strategic sectors, fisheries & aquaculture, meteorology, digital public infrastructure, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), and recognition of the Indian Pharmacopoeia alongside a Line of Credit (LoC).
- PM Narendra Modi launched the 'Gyan Bharatam Mission (GBM)' an initiative at the digitisation of ancient manuscripts

### Ministry News

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

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved 10 capital acquisition proposals worth approximately Rs.1.05 lakh crore

#### Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Cooperation:

Shri Amit Shah (Gandhinagar, Gujarat)

- Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of India's 1st national level cooperative university Tribhuvan Sahkari University in Anand, Gujarat
- Amit Shah holds 'Sahkar Samvad' with Women Cooperative Workers
- Amit Shah launched the 'National Cooperative Policy 2025' at an event held at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan in New Delhi

#### Ministry of Road Transport and Highways:

Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

- Government reduces toll charges by up to 50% on national highways with bridges, tunnels
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 'Sigandur Bridge' over the Sharavathi River (backwaters) in Shivamogga district, Karnataka

#### Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers:

Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda (Rajya Sabha- Gujarat)

- Number of schemes being implemented to realise the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat in the pharmaceutical sector and to support domestic innovation



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

- The Finance Ministry mandates the adoption of the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) 'Sparsh' funds release system
- The Department of Financial Services had notified introduction of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) as an option under NPS
- Union Minister of State (MoS) Pankaj Chaudhary, Ministry of Finance inaugurated the Trade Facilitation Conference 2025
- Atal Pension Yojana, the Centre's flagship social security scheme aimed at unorganised sector workers, surpassed 8 crore total gross enrolments
- Implementation of dedicated schemes for women cooperatives by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)

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

- Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the 11th India Maize Summit in New Delhi
- The Centre has released ₹44,323 crore to States UTs under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) so far
- The 20th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme will be released
- Lakhpati Didi initiative is an outcome of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)
- Increasing the Income of Farmers through Digital Platforms
- The National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) is implemented in 15,000 natural farming clusters covering 7.5 Lakh Ha area across the country
- As of July 2025, 2.80 crore pucca houses have been completed under PMAY-G against the overall target of 4.95 crore

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

- Manohar Lal launched the 'Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries & Establishments (ADEETIE) scheme'
- Minister of Heavy Industries; Minister of Steel:  
Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy (Mandya, Karnataka)
- India and UAE explore collaboration in Green Steel and High-Grade Aluminium
- The Ministry of Heavy Industries launched India's 1st-ever demand incentive scheme for electric trucks (e-trucks)





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

- The Commerce and Industry Ministry has organised a Mango Promotion Programme in Abu Dhabi
- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) + Ather Energy, an Indian EV manufacturing company signed a MoU-To boost the growth of India's clean mobility and advanced manufacturing sectors.

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

- Pradhan inaugurates Agritech Innovation Hub and the Agritech Startup and Technology Showcase in Meerut
- Pradhan released the 'PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024'
- Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) 2025 in New Delhi-To commemorate 5 years of National Education Policy (NEP 2020).

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

- MSME sector created 28 crore jobs in 10 years, contributes 30% to GDP

### **Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways:**

#### **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal (Dibrugarh, Assam)**

- The Centre has created a blueprint to prepare the youth of the northeastern States for 50,000 jobs in the maritime sector over the next 10 years under Maritime India Vision 2030

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

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has signed an MoU with Sri Aurobindo Society (SAS)-To foster inclusive education through capacity building initiatives under 'Project Inclusion'.
- 54 kW solar power plant was inaugurated at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities
- National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) + Jai Vakeel Foundation (JVF) signed a MoU-To implement a structured and uniform education for Children with Intellectual Disabilities (CwID) across India.

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

- Projects Under the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science-The total number of approved projects state-wise for setting up of Science Centre/City/Innovation Hub/Digital Planetarium taken up by the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) under the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) of the Ministry of Culture.

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

- The Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry has launched the WAVEX Startup Challenge 2025
- Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the 'RailOne', a new super application (App) during the 40th Foundation Day of the CRIS held in New Delhi
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting launched a nationwide Artificial Intelligence (AI) challenge 'Kalaa Setu-Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat' for Indian Start-ups
- MeitY launched a Whitepaper titled "Transitioning to Quantum Cyber Readiness" in New Delhi
- India Set to lead the Global Creative Economy with AI-Driven Innovation: Secretary of I&B, Sanjay Jaju
- Ashwini Vaishnaw + Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis-Jointly inaugurated the 1st campus of the 'Indian Institute of Creative Technology' (IICT) at National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) Complex in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- India's first bullet train, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project expected to be completed in December 2029
- Railways to launch portal for Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members to book reserved tickets online
- Indian Railways conducted the test of India's 1st hydrogen- powered train coach, known as the Driving Power Car (DPC)
- Indian Railways to roll out 17000 Non-AC Coaches-To Strengthen General and Sleeper Capacity and introduce 100 new Amrit Bharat Trains and Expand Services for Unreserved Passengers.

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

- The Department of Posts released a Rs.125 commemorative coin and Rs.5 postage stamp to mark the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee







- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) launched the nationwide 'Sanchar Mitra Scheme'
- Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the Sanchar Saathi mobile app in Hindi and 21 regional languages-The expansion ensures that people from different regions of the country can access the app's services more conveniently, strengthening efforts against telecom-related cyber frauds.

**Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change:**

**Shri Bhupender Yadav (Alwar, Rajasthan)**

- Bhupender Yadav released the "Annual biodiversity report 2024" during an event held in Kolkata, West Bengal

**Minister of Culture; and Minister of Tourism:**

**Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Jodhpur, Rajasthan)**

- Ministry of Tourism issued operational guidelines for the SASCI Scheme

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

- Annpurna Devi renamed National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) as the Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development (SPNIWCD)
- Ministry of Women and Child Development approved 14,599 Anganwadi-cum-Crèches (AWCCs) under the Palna Scheme

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

- Hardeep Singh Puri announced that India has achieved 20% ethanol blending in petrol in 2025, 5 years ahead of its 2030 target

**Minister of Labour and Employment; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports:**

**Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Porbandar, Gujarat)**

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports + Digital India Corporation (DIC) under the MeitY signed a MoU
- Mansukh Mandaviya hosted the Youth Spiritual Summit on the theme of "Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat" in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Union Minister Mandaviya encourages youth to take up cycling for fit and drug-free India during Sundays on Cycle in Varanasi
- The Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security hosted the 20th leadership series Re-imagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence (RGDE)



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

- Kishan Reddy launched the Reach Out Envision Co-Design Localise Act Integrate Maintain (RECLAIM) Framework
- Coal and Lignite Gasification Initiative-The government approval of ₹8500 crore incentive scheme to promote coal and lignite gasification projects in both PSUs and private sectors, establishment of joint ventures by Coal India Limited with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), facilitation of coal linkage and supply for gasification projects through auction policies.

**Minister of Food Processing Industries: Shri Chirag Paswan (Hajipur, Bihar)**

- Implementation progress of PMFME Scheme under Atmanirbhar Bharat-Vocal for Local
- Approval of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Cooperative proposals under food processing support schemes

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

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti inaugurated the C-FLOOD, a web-based Flood Forecasting System at Shram Shakti Bhawan in New Delhi

**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)**

- India's Weather Forecasting System Undergoes Major Upgrade Under 'Mission Mausam'
- Jitendra Singh inaugurated the "National Biobank" at the CSIR- Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) in New Delhi
- The country now has over 1.7 lakh startups, with approximately 76,000 of them led by women
- Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutes (NSCSTI 2.0) in New Delhi





**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law and Justice; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs: Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (Bikaner, Rajasthan)**

- Arjun Ram Meghwal announced the transfers of 4 Chief Justices and appointments of 5 new Chief Justices across various High Courts in India
- The Department of Legal Affairs inaugurated the Mahila Aarogyam Kaksh at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

**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)**

- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) celebrated the successful completion of 10 Years of Skill India Mission

**State News**

**Andhra Pradesh**

- Andhra Pradesh launched the 'Digi Lakshmi Scheme'-A transformative initiative aimed at digitally empowering urban poor women and promoting self-reliance through entrepreneurship.
- CRDA gives its nod for acquiring additional 20,494 acres in Amaravati
- Andhra Pradesh launched Smart AI System named "Smart Mosquito Surveillance System (SMoSS)" to fight mosquitoes
- Andhra Pradesh TRANSCO (Transmission Corporation) undertakes power transmission projects worth ₹12,000 crore
- Kakinada SEZ Limited is setting up a 3x50 MLD (Million Litres per Day) Desalination Plant
- Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) + National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) signed a MoU-For transaction advisory services (TAS) and identifying potential revenue sources along with exploring monetisation options for available land assets.
- The Government of Andhra Pradesh introduced the Andhra Pradesh Space Policy (4.0) 2025-30
- Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS Pilani) to have advanced AI plus campus at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu launched the Andhra Pradesh Drone Mart portal at the State Secretariat





- Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation launched a 'Project SARTHI' (Systematic Augmented Radial Traffic & Hoop Induction)
- Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams + Indian Oil Corporation Ltd initiated the construction of a 45 metric tonnes LPG gas storage
- Andhra Pradesh CM unveiled the report of the Task Force on Economic Development for Swarna Andhra Pradesh @ 2047
- Andhra Pradesh to roll out 'Zero Fare Tickets' for women from August 15
- Centre announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) of ₹1,490 per quintal for Totapuri mangoes
- Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approves ₹80,000 crore investment proposals
- Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu unveils ₹1,500 crore road development plan
- The Visakhapatnam city police are all set to use Artificial Intelligence (AI)-For traffic management and real-time surveillance as part of the measures to improve public safety and law enforcement.
- MasterCard + Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) signed a MoU-To promote and enhance the state's rich cultural heritage, natural landscapes, and modern hospitality sector among international travellers.
- Google planned to establish a 1-Gigawatt (GW) Data Centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

### Assam

- Assam Cabinet approves Gaja Mitra Scheme to tackle human-elephant conflict
- Assam Cabinet approved several welfare measures to improve rural livelihoods, education, and traditional industries
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated India's 1st-ever water technology park, 'Aqua Tech Park', at Bagibari in Sonapur

### Bihar

- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Pratigya' scheme-The scheme was officially named CM-PRATIGYA (Chief Minister-Promotion of Readiness, Awareness and Technical Insights for Guiding Youth Advancement).
- The Bihar Cabinet made domicile mandatory for accessing the 35% reservation for women in State government jobs
- Bihar CM announced that up to 125 units of electricity would be free for consumers in the State from August 1, 2025
- PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Bihar
- Bihar CM announced the Formation of State Sanitation Workers Commission





- The Bihar Government launched the Bihar Patrakar Samman Yojana (BPSY) for retired journalists

### Goa

- Goa launched India's first RoRo (Roll-on/Roll-off) ferry service on the Mandovi River
- Goa Information and Technology Minister Rohan Khaunte has announced the rollout of the 'Har Ghar Fibre' initiative

### Gujarat

- Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched the Jan Suraksha Santrupti Abhiyan in Gandhinagar
- Gujarat has retained its leading position in solar rooftop adoption under the PM Surya Ghar (PMSG) Yojna
- Gujarat becomes 1st state to lead Cruise Bharat Mission, a national initiative to boost cruise tourism
- The Government of Gujarat has launched India's 1st-ever Tribal Genome Sequencing Project (TGSP)
- Gujarat waives ₹200 fee for rural property certificates under SVAMITVA Yojana

### Haryana

- Haryana Government has announced the development of Asia's largest jungle safari in the Aravalli Hills

### Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh became the 1st state in India to implement Aadhaar-based facial authentication (FaceAuth)
- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, CM of Himachal Pradesh launched the 'My Deed' pilot project

### Jharkhand

- Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren has launched the country's maiden mining tourism initiative and inked a pact with Coal India arm CCL-a MoU with Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) for the mining tourism initiative.





### Karnataka

- Karnataka Labour Minister introduced several schemes towards providing social security to the workers of the unorganised sector
- Karnataka Cabinet has approved the renaming of Bengaluru City University to 'Dr. Manmohan Singh City University'
- Bengaluru to get 4,500 electric buses under PM e-Drive scheme
- 'Mane Manege Police' initiative launched in Udupi district
- Karnataka inaugurated the automated driving testing track on the KIADB land in Phajir
- The sound-responsive system "Dhwani Spandana" launched in Mysuru city buses
- CM Siddaramaiah launched a special DigiLocker-based technology for the registration of nurses
- Free residential school will come up in Karnataka for cancer-affected children this academic year
- Karnataka gets 750 electric buses under PM-eBus Sewa scheme
- Karnataka proposes a new Devadasi legislation with clauses on paternity test, right to property
- Over 5,000 students enrol for Bharat Scouts and Guides in Karnataka's Mandya district
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates India's 2nd longest cable-stayed Sigandur bridge in Karnataka
- The Karnataka government 22 approved setting up residential schools for children of construction workers in 31 districts

### Kerala

- Kerala's 1st skin bank is being set up at the Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Arthunkal Police Station in Alappuzha, Kerala, was awarded the ISO Certification from BIS
- Kerala's Finance department authorised the release of ₹100 crore towards the subsidy for the procurement of paddy from farmers
- The Indian Institute of Management-Kozhikode launched Gyanodaya Centre
- Kochi metro to operate special services for 'Karkidaka Vavu'
- The 11th edition of Malabar River Festival to held in Kozhikode



**Madhya Pradesh**

- Madhya Pradesh's Indore Municipal Corporation launched India's 1st Quick Response (QR)-based digital house address project
- The Central Government announced the setting up of a new Akashvani Kendra (radio station) in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- The Youth Stipend Scheme was launched by the Madhya Pradesh government as a major welfare initiative
- Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh is set to become home to India's 1st Hindi-medium MBBS college

**Maharashtra**

- Maharashtra CM inaugurated the new Carnac Bridge in Mumbai as renamed as 'Sindoor Bridge' in the honour of Operation Sindoor
- The Government of Maharashtra declared August 7 as Sustainable Agriculture Day

**Meghalaya**

- The Behdeinkhlam Festival was celebrated in Jowai, Meghalaya

**Odisha**

- Odisha announced that Puri Municipality will be upgraded to a municipal corporation by merging several adjoining villages with the holy town
- Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi inaugurated the 1st ever 'ODISHA TEX 2025', Eastern India's largest textile and apparel industry event

**Punjab**

- Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann launched the 'Mukhyamantri Sehat Yojana'

**Rajasthan**

- The Rajasthan government launched the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Poverty-Free Village Scheme

**Sikkim**

- Yakten village in Pakyong district, Sikkim was officially declared India's 1st digital nomad village under the 'Nomad Sikkim' initiative







### Tamil Nadu

- Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh approved Rs.1,894 crore for the development plan in Tamilnadu
- Tamil Nadu CM Stalin releases 'Coimbatore Master Plan 2041'
- Tamil Nadu became the 1st state in India to implement a predictive death model for Tuberculosis (TB) patients
- The Tamil Nadu-Taiwan Technical Textile Partnership Summit held at Le Meridien, Coimbatore
- India's 1st Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Hornbill Conservation established at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) in Coimbatore
- Implementation of Sagarmala Projects across Tamil Nadu
- PM Narendra Modi's visit to Tamil Nadu-He visits Tamilnadu with a focus on infrastructure development, cultural heritage, and regional connectivity.

### Telangana

- Telangana launched Telangana Data Exchange (TGDeX), India's first state-led Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)
- Telangana women SHGs receive 1st rent of ₹69,468 each for renting buses to Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC)
- Kacheguda-Yesvantpur Vande Bharat to have 16 coaches from July 10
- Raj Bhavan and JNTU campuses are being transformed into model energy-efficient campuses under the Governor's Green Initiative in 2025
- Mobile Migration Resource Centre (m-MRC) titled Valasa Sahaya Kendram has been launched
- Ambedkar Yatra with 'Panch Jyotirlinga Darshan' Bharat Gaurav tourist train on August 16

### Uttar Pradesh

- The 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) will be opened at the Government Medical College in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh received the highest fund release under the Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) in FY 2024-25

### Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami directed the State police to initiate Operation Kalanemi





**West Bengal**

- PM Narendra Modi's Visit to West Bengal

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

- The Delhi government has approved the integrated district project fund and district project fund schemes
- Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) is set to introduce "Saheli Smart Cards" to replace the current pink ticket system
- Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta inaugurated the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) Seva Centre
- Delhi CM launches health initiatives to offer patients timely care

**Jammu and Kashmir**

- J&K is considering a ₹100-crore proposal to establish an Integrated Aqua Park under Phase-II of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)
- The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) + High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh + J&K Legal Services Authority (LSA)-To launch the Veer Parivaar Sahayata 2025, a scheme that aims to bolster legal aid for defence personnel and their families.

**Ladakh**

- Ladakh held its 1st-ever Astro Tourism Festival at the District Panchayat Resource Centre, Agling in Leh

**Puducherry**

- Puducherry became the 1st Union Territory to integrate Tuberculosis (TB) screening under the Family Adoption Programme (FAP)
- Puducherry government notifies one-time regularisation scheme for unauthorised structures
- AAI designs Master Plan for Puducherry Airport expansion

**Union Cabinet News**

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) scheme with a corpus of Rs.1 lakh crore
- The Union Cabinet has approved an Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme





- Union Cabinet has approved the construction of 4-Lane Paramakudi-Ramanathapuram Section, a 46.7 km National Highway (NH-87) in TN
- The Union Cabinet has approved the National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025
- The Union Cabinet has approved the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)
- The Union Cabinet has approved an exemption to NLCIL from existing investment rules applicable to Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprises
- The Union Cabinet has approved the increase of investment limit for NTPC Limited (National Thermal Power Corporation Limited)
- The Union Cabinet has approved that the "PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)" to come into effect from 1st August 2025
- Cabinet approves ₹1,920 crore extra budget allocation for Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) scheme

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

- NITI Aayog released the report titled "Chemical Industry: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains"

#### **Events held in India**

- Union Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the 1st Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Cruise 2025 Dialogue in Chennai
- The 9th edition of the Mysuru Literature Festival-The festival will serve food for thought and ideas for reflection on a wide gamut of issues germane to contemporary times.
- The 1st-ever National Conference of Urban Local Body chairpersons across Indian States and UTs held in Manesar, Gurugram
- A 2-day national workshop aimed at improving English literacy among deaf students through the use of Indian Sign Language held in New Delhi
- India will host the 1st-ever international Manuscript Heritage Conference in September
- The 1st meeting of the Steering Committee for the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held at the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in Mumbai
- The 28th edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2025
- The 1st-ever Armed Forces National Conference-SHAPE 2025 (Sustainable Hospital Architecture, Planning, Infrastructure, and Equipment)



**Others**

- The liquidity surplus in India's banking system jumped to over ₹4 trillion, the highest in more than 2 years
- The Centre has asked States to take strict action on manufacturers and retailers selling sub-standard helmets to ensure the safety of 2-wheeler riders
- WOL3D has launched Vinglits, India's first 3D-printed flexible toy brand, at the 16th Toy Exhibition in Delhi
- Central Govt employees to mandatorily complete courses under Mission Karmayogi for annual performance appraisal
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) + Retail Sector Skill Council of India (RASCI) signed a MoU-For the 'Stipend Based Apprenticeship Programme (SAP)' on its campus.
- PM Modi distributes over 51,000 appointment letters at 16th Rozgar Mela
- National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) and UNICEF India launched TALASH
- National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tata Motors Limited (TML)
- Maratha Military Landscapes Added to UNESCO World Heritage List
- National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) + India Meteorological Department (IMD) signed a MoU-To launch India's 1st weather derivatives, which aims to help farmers and related industries deal with the growing risks caused by unpredictable weather, such as rainfall shortage, heatwaves, and unseasonal storms.
- In a first, President Murmu sanctions grant for Eklavya school toppers
- Eight new Bills, a resolution to extend the President's Rule in Manipur
- Rajya Sabha passes The Bills of Lading, 2025
- PM Modi's ₹15,000 Incentive Scheme for 1st-Time Private Sector Employees
- 97% of claims settled under PMFBY; Andhra Pradesh tops in pending payouts
- The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is set to introduce new curriculum modules

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## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

- Gross GST revenue collection in June 2025 at Rs.1,84,597 crore
- India's UPI transaction volume falls slightly in June 2025, with a total of 18.40 billion transactions amounting to Rs.24.04 lakh crore
- Reliance Defence Ltd + USA-based Coastal Mechanics Company, Inc., a US Department of Defense (DoD)-authorised contractor signed a strategic agreement-To establish India's 1st major private sector Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility for military aircraft, tapping into the Rs.20,000 crore defence MRO market.
- The GST Council simplifies compliance, reduce tax slabs to three, and broaden the base by bringing petroleum products under GST
- Reliance Jio become the world's largest Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) provider, overtaking US-based T-Mobile
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified the Cost Inflation Index (CII) for the FY 2025-26 at 376, up from 363 in FY25
- Gujarat becomes 3rd Indian state to cross 1 crore stock market investors: National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) projects India's real GDP growth at 6.4%-6.7% for FY26 and outlines key economic recommendations
- Nvidia set to become world's most valuable company in history with the chipmaker's market capitalisation reaching \$3.92 trillion
- Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC has raised ₹700 crore through the 1st closure of its Structured Opportunities Fund-Series II, a Category II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)
- JioBlackRock Mutual Fund raises over ₹17,800 crore via maiden NFO
- CoinSwitch launches Web3 coins with access to over 1 lakh crypto tokens using rupee
- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has subscribed to ₹1,301.25 crore worth of Non-Convertible Debentures issued by Aditya Birla Capital Ltd (ABCL)
- Adani Power has completed the acquisition and implementation of a resolution plan for Vidarbha Industries Power Ltd with an aggregate consideration of Rs 4,000 crore
- Nvidia Corporation became the world's 1st publicly traded company to achieve a market capitalisation of USD 4 trillion
- IndiGo Ventures, the corporate venture capital arm of air carrier IndiGo announced the 1st close of its maiden fund at ₹450 crore
- India's net direct tax collection declined by 1.34% year-on-year to Rs 5,62,827 crore as compared to Rs 5,70,483 crore in the same period last year
- India's Retail Inflation declined to 2.10% in June 2025





- Income Tax refunds jump 474% since 2013-14, issuance time improves in past 11 years
- Adani Group has sold a 20% stake in AWL Agri Business Limited (Adani Wilmar Limited) to Wilmar International, Singapore, for ₹7,150 crore at ₹275 per share
- HSBC faced backlash from green clients after exiting the Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA)
- Elon Musk's Tesla to open 1st India store in Mumbai
- Reliance Retail Ventures Limited has announced the acquisition of Kelvinator, the iconic consumer durables brand, for an unspecified amount
- Medical devices firm Micro Life Sciences (Meril) + Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) has entered into definitive agreements-To invest \$200 million for around 3% stake in the company.
- The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the merger of Adani Cementation Limited (ACL) into Ambuja Cements
- India's investment trusts to expand debt fundraising as yields drop: Analysts say
- Commercial vehicles maker Ashok Leyland has signed a MoU with Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank for vehicle financing
- TVS Electronics launched 'TVSE Aikya', a nextgen platform for Infrastructure Managed Services
- Index of eight core industries grows at three-month high of 1.7% in June, as compared to 5% in June last year
- India's Intellectual Property (IP) ecosystem has transformed with digitization, legal reforms and support for innovators, leading to a 44% rise in IP filings from 2020 to 2025
- Titan to acquire 67% stake in UAE-based Damas jewellery
- Net FDI in May 2025 down 98% to \$35 mn on lower gross inflows & higher repatriation
- Sundar Pichai net worth: Indian-origin Google CEO becomes a billionaire as Alphabet shares near record high
- According to a Morgan Stanley report, India is expected to become the world's 3rd-largest economy by 2028 and more than double its GDP to \$10.6 trillion by 2035
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released its World Economic Outlook (WEO) Update 'Global Economy: Tenuous Resilience amid Persistent Uncertainty, July 2025'
- India's largest eyewear retailer, Lenskart, has filed for an initial public offering, which includes the issue of fresh shares worth ₹2,150 crore
- India Adds 17 crore Jobs Since 2017-18: Boost in Employment and Female Participation





- India Records 65,000 Crore Digital Payments Worth ₹12,000 Trillion in 6-Years
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) signed MoUs with NSE International Financial Services Centres (IFSC) (NSE International Exchange, IX) and Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA)

## RANKING

### National Ranking

- NITI Aayog released the 2nd edition of the North Eastern Region (NER) District Sustainable Development Index (SDG) Report (2023-24)

#### Top 5 Districts in NER District SDG Index 2023-24:

Rank	Name of the District (State)	SDG Score
1	Hnahthial (Mizoram)	81.43
2	Champhai (Mizoram)	79.86
3	Gomati (Tripura)	78.79
4	Mokokchung (Nagaland)	78.43
5	West Tripura (Tripura)	77.64

#### Goal-wise Top 3 Districts:

Category	Top 3 Districts
SDG 1 (No Poverty)	Mokokchung (Nagaland); Gangtok (Sikkim); and Thoubal (Manipur)
SDG-2 (Zero Hunger)	Champhai (Mizoram); Phek (Nagaland); Kakching (Manipur); and South Tripura (Tripura)
SDG-3 (Good Health & Well Being)	Upper Siang (Arunachal Pradesh); East Siang (Arunachal Pradesh) and West Siang (Arunachal Pradesh)
Goal-4 (Quality Education)	West Tripura (Tripura); Dimapur (Nagaland) and Gangtok (Sikkim)
SDG-5 (Gender Equality)	Saitual (Mizoram); Wokha (Nagaland) and Longleng (Nagaland)
SDG-6 (Clean Water & Sanitation)	Saitual (Mizoram); Serchhip (Mizoram); and Champhai (Mizoram)
SDG-7 (Affordable and Clean Energy)	Saitual (Mizoram); Wokha (Nagaland); Mokokchung (Nagaland) and Longleng (Nagaland)
SDG-8 (Decent work and Economic Growth)	Lower Siang (Arunachal Pradesh); Kamrup Metropolitan (Assam) and Lower Subansiri (Arunachal Pradesh)
SDG -9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure)	Hnahthial (Mizoram); Champhai (Mizoram) and West Tripura (Tripura)





Category	Top 3 Districts
SDG-10 (Reduced Inequality)	South West Khasi Hills (Meghalaya); Pakke Kessang (Arunachal Pradesh); and East Kameng (Arunachal Pradesh)
SDG-11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities)	Not considered in the composite ranking
SDG -12 (Responsible Consumption & Production)	South Tripura (Tripura); Unakoti (Tripura) and Gomati (Tripura)
SDG-13(Climate Action)	Hnahthial (Mizoram); Mokokchung (Nagaland) and Khawzawl (Mizoram)
SDG-15 (Life on land)	Hnahthial (Mizoram); Lower Dibang Valley (AR); and Saitual (Mizoram)
SDG-16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions)	Kamjong (Manipur); Hnahthial (Mizoram); and Pherzawl (Manipur)

- Delhi records cleanest day of 2025 on July 11, 2025 with Air Quality Index (AQI) at 59
- Gujarat recorded a total production of 48.59 lakh tonnes of potatoes in the 2024-25 season
- Avendus Wealth Management in collaboration with Hurun India, released the inaugural Avendus Wealth-Hurun India U30 List 2025

Rank	Name	City	Company	Sector
1	Kaivalya Vohra (22)	Mumbai	Zepto	Transport & Logistics
2	Aadit Palicha (22)	Mumbai	Zepto	Transport & Logistics
3	Mihir Menda (25)	Boston (USA)	RMZ	Real Estate
4	Shashwat Nakrani (26)	Delhi	BharatPe	Financial Services
5	Chaitanya Jalan (927)	Kolkata	Ramkrishna Forgings	Automobile & Automotive Components

#### Top-10 Public Sector Banks with the Highest Number of Employees

Rank	Bank	Employees (2025)
1	State Bank of India	2,36,221
2	Punjab National Bank	1,02,746
3	Canara Bank	81,260
4	Union Bank of India	73,945
5	Bank of Baroda	73,742







6	Bank of India	50,564
7	Indian Bank	39,778
8	Central Bank of India	33,081
9	UCO Bank	21,049
10	Indian Overseas Bank	20,966

- Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (KTR) in Assam has emerged as the tiger reserve with the 3rd-highest tiger density in India

### International Ranking

- Hurun Research Institute released the 7th edition of the "Global Unicorn Index " report

### Top 5 countries with Most number of Unicorns

Rank	Country	Number of Unicorns
1	United States of America(USA)	758
2	China	343
3	India	64
4	United Kingdom (UK)	61
5	Germany	36

### Top 5 Global Unicorns in Global Unicorn Index 2025

Rank	Unicorn	Valuation (USD billion)
1	SpaceX, USA	350
2	OpenAI, USA	300
3	ByteDance, China	300
4	xAI, USA	115
5	Ant Group, China	87

- The World Bank released its report titled "Spring 2025 Poverty & Equity Brief-It ranked India as the world's 4th-most equal country with a Gini Index score of 25.5 (2022-23), compared to 28.8 (2011-12).
- Indian men's football team drops six places to 133rd in FIFA rankings, worst in 9 years

### TIME Magazine released its inaugural TIME 100 Creators List 2025

### Top 10 Countries for Millionaire Migration in 2025

- In 2025, according to the Henley Private Wealth Migration Report, an estimated 142,000 millionaires are expected to migrate to new countries. This figure is projected to rise even further to 165,000 in 2026.







- This movement marks one of the largest voluntary shifts in private wealth in modern history.
- These migrations are being driven by several factors, favorable tax regimes, safe and luxurious lifestyles, political stability, and access to global business hubs. Countries are not only competing for skilled workers and investments, but also actively attracting high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) to build stronger financial ecosystems.
- India is not among the top 10 destinations for millionaire migration in 2025. It ranks 57th globally, with a net outflow of around 3,500 millionaires.

Rank	Country	Millionaire Migration	Wealth Inflow (USD)	Millionaire Growth Percentage
1	United Arab Emirates	9,800	63 billion	98%
2	United States	7,500	43.7 billion	78%
3	Italy	3,600	20.7 billion	20%
4	Switzerland	3,000	16.8 billion	28%
5	Saudi Arabia	2,400	18.4 billion	55%
6	Singapore	1,600	8.9 billion	62%
7	Portugal	1,400	8.1 billion	38%
8	Greece	1,200	7.7 billion	24%
9	Canada	1,000	5.7 billion	26%
10	Australia	1,000	5.6 billion	30%

- South Asia has achieved its highest-ever immunization coverage for children, with notable progress in India and Nepal
- Travel+Leisure, a travel and lifestyle magazine released the Travel + Leisure Readers' 10 Favourite International Airports of 2025 List

Rank	Airport	Score
1	Istanbul Airport-Turkey	98.57
2	Singapore Changi Airport-Singapore	95.20
3	Hamad International Airport-Qatar	92.34
4	Zayed International Airport-The United Arab Emirates (UAE)	89.48
5	Dubai International Airport-UAE	88.38
9	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport-Maharashtra, India	84.23

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### World's Most Beautiful Airport of 2025

Rank	Airport
1	Yantai Penglai International Airport (China)
2	Marseille Provence Airport (France)
3	Roland Garros Airport (Réunion Island, France)
4	Kansai International Airport (Japan)
5	Portland International Airport (USA) and San Francisco International Airport (USA)

- Henley & Partners released the Henley Passport Index 2025: The top 10 strongest and weakest passports globally Q1 2025

Rank	Country	Visa-free Score
1	Singapore	195
2	Japan	193
3	Finland	192
4	France, Germany, Italy, South Korea, Spain, Austria	191
5	Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Belgium	190
6	New Zealand, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Australia	189
7	Greece, Canada	188
8	Malta, Poland, Czechia	187
9	Hungary, Estonia	186
10	United States, Latvia, United Arab Emirates, Lithuania	185

## AWARDS

### National Awards

- The Thermal Units of NLC India Limited were honoured with the prestigious "Environment Excellence Gold Award-Thermal Sector (2025)"
- Veteran archaeologist V. Vedachalam received the Tamil Wikki Suran Award as he completed 51 years in the field
- President Murmu confers Kalinga Ratna Award 2024 to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan at an event in Cuttack, Odisha
- Droupadi Murmu conferred Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 Awards at the ceremony hosted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs-The event was attended by Union Minister Manohar Lal and Union Minister of State Tokhan Sahu.
- Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), has been awarded the National Geospatial Practitioner Award 2025





- Kerala Govt has announced the Kerala State Kathakali, Pallavur Appu Marar Vadya Puraskaram, and the Keraleeya Nritta-Natya Puraskaram for 2023
- Telangana govt announces ₹1 crore cash award for Rahul Sipligunj
- Rethin Pranav and Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi awarded the T.K. Ramanathan award for the best player of the 2024-25 season (₹30,000 each)
- G P Birla Memorial Award conferred on ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan
- 17 MPs honoured with Sansad Ratna Awards for Parliamentary performance
- Remona Evette Pereira, the BA student from Mangaluru, entered the Golden Book of World Records with her 170-hour-long Bharatanatyam performance

### International Awards

- PM Modi conferred with Ghana's highest civilian honour Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana
- PM Narendra Modi conferred with the Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- Deepika Padukone becomes first Indian honoured with star on Hollywood Walk of Fame
- PM Narendra Modi conferred with Brazil's highest state of honour "The Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross"
- PM Narendra Modi was conferred with the "Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis", the highest civilian honour of Namibia
- Indian Women's Rights Activist from Maharashtra, Varsha Deshpande honoured with 2025 United Nations (UN) Population Award
- Former Chief Justice of Nepal Kalyan Shrestha honoured with the "Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080", a prestigious national award of Nepal
- Sudanese-Scottish author Leila Aboulela has been named the winner of PEN (Poet, Playwright, Editors Essayist, Novelist) Pinter Prize 2025
- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a global higher education analytics firm, released the latest edition of QS Best Student Cities 2026

Rank	City	Country/State	Overall score
1	Seoul	South Korea	100
2	Tokyo	Japan	99.9
3	London	United Kingdom (UK)	97.1
4	Munich	Germany	96.3
5	Melbourne	Australia	95.7
<b>Indian Cities featured in the list</b>			
98	Mumbai	Maharashtra	61.6
104	New Delhi	Delhi	60.5
108	Bangalore	Karnataka	59.6





128	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	54.1
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- Deepika Sehrawat became the 1st-ever Indian player to win the Poligras Magic Skill Award
- 'Meri Panchayat' mobile application (app) has been awarded the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2025 Champion Award
- Suhani Shah Wins "Best Magic Creator" at FISM World Championship of Magic 2025
- State Bank of India (SBI) has been adjudged as the World's Best Consumer Bank for 2025 by Global Finance magazine
- Indian Hindi novelist and short story writer Geetanjali Shree was named one of the 14 winners of the PEN Translates Award 2025 by English PEN
- Kerala Tourism won the PATA Gold Award 2025 in the category of 'Most Engaging Social Media Campaign'

## APPOINTMENTS

### National Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
1-year extension of Bhanu Pratap Sharma	As the Chairperson of Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)	-
Air Marshal S Sivakumar	Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA) at the Air headquarters in New Delhi	-
Ajay Kumar Shrivastava	New Director (Engineering & R&D) at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)	-
Ajay Seth	Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)	Debasish Panda
Amitabh Kant	Non-Executive Director on the Board of InterGlobe Aviation Ltd (IndiGo)	-
Anju Rathi Rana, the law secretary	Ex-officio member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)	-
Anuradha Thakur, Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs	Director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Ajay Seth
Babitha B P	Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (General Manager-	-





Name	Designation	Succeeded by
	Infrastructure Security & Special Projects) at the SBI	
Deepak Bagla, former MD& CEO of Invest India	Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) at NITI Aayog	Dr. Chintan Vaishnav
Dr Abhijat Sheth	Chairperson of the National Medical Commission (NMC)	Suresh Gangadhar
Dr. Puneet Kumar Goel	Chief Secretary of Manipur	Prashant Kumar Singh
Hardeep Singh Brar	President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bayerische Motoren Werke (BMW) Group India	Vikram Pawah
Hemant Rupani	CEO of Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB)	Juan Pablo Rodriguez
IAS officer, Sanjay Kaul	MD & CEO of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)	Tapan Ray
IIT Guwahati student, Sukanya Sonowal	Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador	-
Justices Vinod Kumar, Shail Jain and Madhu Jain	New Judges of Delhi High Court	-
Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader from Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)	Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh	Brigadier Dr. Bhairon Dutt (B. D.) Mishra (Retired)
Kesavan Ramachandran	Executive Director of RBI	-
Kuruvilla Joseph	1st Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram	-
Madhubala Kalluri	Director (Finance) of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI)	-
Manish Chopra	CEO of Sabyasachi Couture, the iconic Indian luxury fashion house	-
Neeraj Gambhir	Executive Director of Axis Bank	Arjun Chowdhry
Nitin Gupta, an officer of 1986 batch of Indian Revenue Service	Chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)	Ms Ravneet Kaur
Nitu Chandra and Kranti Prakash Jha	SVEEP icons for Bihar by the Election Commission of India (ECI)	-
Paramjit Singh Chadha	Managing Director of ZF Commercial Vehicle Control Systems India Ltd	-





Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Priya Nair	1st woman MD& CEO of Hindustan Unilever Limited	Rohit Jawa
Professor Ashim Kumar Ghosh	Governor of Haryana	Bandaru Dattatreya
Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju	Governor of Goa	P S Sreedharan Pillai
R Doraiswamy	1st full-term MD & CEO of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)	Sat Pal Bhanoo
Raghavendra S Bhat, the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Karnataka bank	Interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank	Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma
Reappointment of Abhijit Kishore	As the Chairperson of Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) for 2025-26	-
Sahil Kini, fintech entrepreneur and former co-founder of Setu	CEO of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)	Rajesh Bansal
Sonali Mishra, senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer	1st female Director General (DG) of the Railway Protection Force (RPF)	Manoj Yadava
Stephane Deblaise	CEO of Renault Group India Operations	-
Sudhanshu Mittal	Re-elected as the Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI) President	-
Sunil Jayawant Kadam	Executive Director at SEBI	-
The 2001-batch IAS officer, Ravishankar J	MD of the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL)	M. Maheshwar Rao, IAS
Ujjwal Deorao Nikam, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, C Sadanandan Master and Dr. Meenakshi Jain	To the Rajya Sabha under Article 80(1)(a) of the Constitution of India	-
Uma Kanjilal	1st woman Vice- Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)	-

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### International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by	Key Points
Amlan Bora	Chief Representative for the Port of Rotterdam Authority for India and South Asia	-	Prior to this, he was the Chief Representative and Trade & Investment Commissioner of the Netherlands Business Support Offices (NBSO) in India.
Indian media executive, Sanjog Gupta	7th Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of International Cricket Council (ICC)	Geoff Allardice (Australia)	It marks the 2nd top leadership position at ICC held by an Indian, following Jay Shah's election as ICC Chairman in 2024.
Indian-American economist Gita Gopinath	1st Deputy MD of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), will step down in August 2025	-	To return to Harvard University as a professor of economics.
Jennifer Geerlings-Simons	1st Female President of Suriname	Chandrikapersad "Chan" Santokhi	-
Nikhil Ravishankar	CEO of Air New Zealand	Greg Foran	Prior to joining, he held leadership roles at Vector and consulting firm Accenture, where he was MD.
Nikita Bier	Head of Product at X	-	He has worked with Elon Musk's social media platform as an advisor since 2024, had helped integrate xAI's chatbot Grok on to the platform.







Name	Designation	Succeeded by	Key Points
Sabih Khan	Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Apple	Jeff Williams	He is a long-serving Senior Vice President of Operations in Apple.
Vikas Saravakota, Director of NATURE	Represent India at the Youth Democracy Network (YDN) Asia-Pacific regional meeting in Tokyo in 2025	-	YDN, convened by the partnership for strengthening Civic Democracies, empowers youth to promote transparency, counter disinformation, and protect civic spaces.
Yuliia Svyrydenko	2nd Woman Prime Minister of Ukraine	Denys Shmyhal	She was nominated by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy,

### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

Book Name	Author Name	Published by	Details
"Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict"	V.S. Ravi, a retired IPS officer launched his book	The Hindu Group	-
"Das Paise ka Postcard"	S.N. Ahmed, a retired Indian Army officer	-	The book was launched in Hyderabad by Vinay Varma, a respected actor and theatre director.
"Sustainable Wellness of Students: A Collective Responsibility in Higher Education"	Edited by Lata Pandey and Dr. Ramanand	-	Released by the Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami.

### **OBITUARY**

- Velikkakathu Sankaran (V.S) Achuthanandan, former CM of Kerala and a veteran Communist leader, passed away at the age of 101





## DEFENCE

- The coast guards of QUAD nations have launched the 1st-ever "QUAD-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission" under Wilmington Declaration
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tamal (F71), a multi-role stealth guided missile frigate, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia
- The Indian Navy received the stealth frigate Yard 12652 (Udaygiri) from Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- The Indian Army held a curtain-raiser event for the upcoming Tri-Services Academia Technology Symposium at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi
- Air Marshal V K Garg attended INVEST 2025 at IIT Delhi as Guest of Honour
- The Indian Navy inducted Sub-Lieutenant (SLt) Aastha Poonia from Uttar Pradesh as the 1st woman pilot in the fighter stream of Naval Aviation
- Indian Navy has signed an agreement with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)-For the implementation of National Maritime Domain Awareness (NMDA) Project, with an aim to strengthen maritime and coastal security.
- The Indian Navy conducted user trials of the Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket (ERASR)
- Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) delivered Indian Naval Ship (INS) Nistar to the Indian Navy
- DRDO and the Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted a flight-test of indigenously developed Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) 'Astra'
- Indian Army launched 'Operation SHIVA' to ensure safe Amarnath Yatra in Kashmir
- India received the second GE F404-IN20 engine from the United States of America (USA)-based General Electric (GE) Aerospace
- Indian Army showcases 'Prachand Shakti' in Meerut
- Indian Army conducted the 1st of Production Model firing trial of "Akash Prime"
- RRP Defence Ltd through its dedicated entity 'Vimananu Ltd' has entered into a tie-up with French-American aerospace firm CYGR
- The Indian Navy Ship (INS) Sandhayak, India's indigenously built Survey Vessel (Large) docked at Port Klang (Malaysia)-For its maiden hydrographic mission to Malaysia.
- India, South Korea hold 13th high-level Coast Guard meeting in Delhi
- A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) has been issued for a large-scale Indian Air Force (IAF) exercise held in Rajasthan along the India-Pakistan border
- Keel laid for first AI-enabled offshore patrol vessel of Indian Coast Guard





- Indian Army received the three AH-64E Apache attack helicopters, the 1st batch of six AH-64E Apache Helicopters, from the USA
- Goa Shipment Limited (GSL) launched 'Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Atal' (Yard 1275) in Vascoda-Gama, Goa
- Construction of India's 1st Indigenous Hovercraft for Coast Guard begins at Goa Shipyard

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