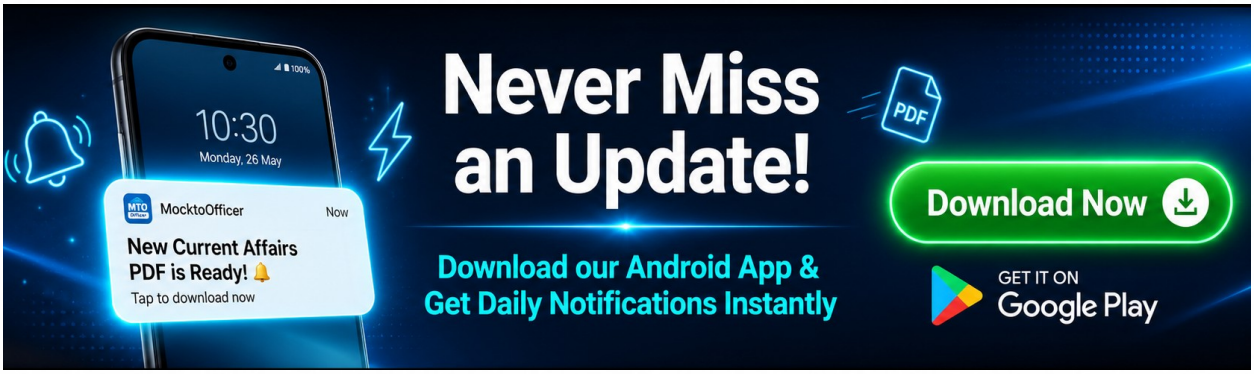
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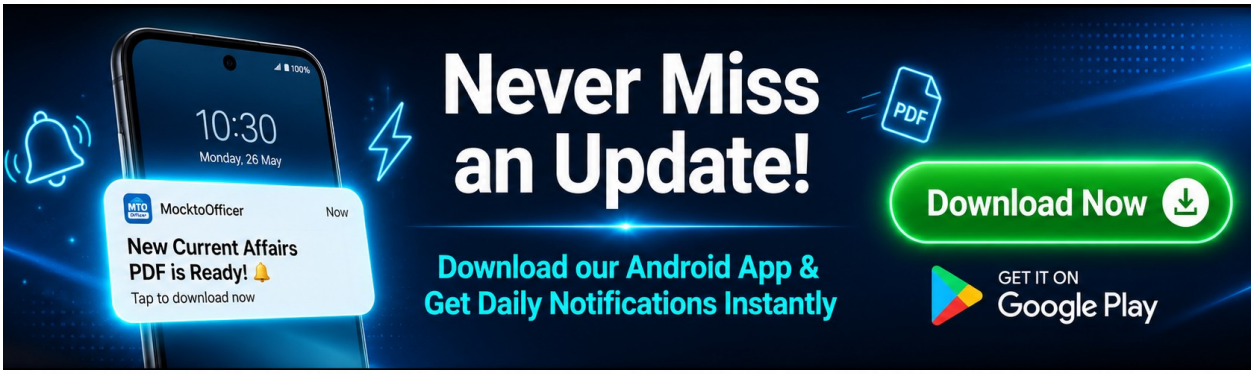
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Banking & Financial News

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

1. LIC Raises Stake in Central Bank of India to Over 6%

Quick Recap: State-owned insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has nearly doubled its equity stake in the Central Bank of India to 6.06% through an open market purchase, coinciding with the government's decision to double its Offer for Sale (OFS) size to 8%.

Must-Know Facts:

- The overall shareholding percentage accumulated by LIC in the Central Bank of India following its latest open-market transaction stands at 6.06%.
- The exact number of equity shares purchased by LIC during the single-day open market operational window on May 22, 2026, is 26.26 crore shares (representing a 2.901% stake).
- Capitalizing on strong subscription parameters, the Government of India expanded its total disinvestment footprint in the bank from an initial 4% up to 8% via the green-shoe routing.

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2. Bank Education Loans Hit Decade-High 15% Growth to ₹85,800 Crore in FY26

Quick Recap: Credit extended by commercial banks for higher education in India surged by 15 per cent year-on-year to reach a record decade-high outstanding book value of ₹85,800 crore in the 2025-26 fiscal year (FY26), driven by rising academic costs and a strong preference for overseas studies.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total outstanding value of education loans held by Indian commercial banks reached a historic high of ₹85,800 crore at the close of the FY26 cycle.
- The student loan sector recorded a year-on-year growth rate of 15 per cent, marking its highest single-year jump in a decade.
- Under the standard lending guidelines of most public sector banks, collateral security is typically waived for education loans valued up to ₹7.5 lakh.

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3. DFS Secretary Reviews PSB Performance for FY 2025-26

Quick Recap: Department of Financial Services (DFS) Secretary M. Nagaraju chaired a review meeting where it was announced that Public Sector Banks achieved a historic record net profit of ₹1.98 lakh crore and reduced Gross NPAs to an all-time low of 1.93% in FY 2025–26.

Must-Know Facts:

- The record-breaking aggregate net profit achieved collectively by India's Public Sector Banks during the 2025–26 financial year is ₹1.98 lakh crore.
- The total financial volume of unclaimed assets successfully restituted to citizens over the past six months under the awareness campaign is over ₹6,800 crore.
- The historic low percentage level touched by the banking sector's Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) at the close of the fiscal year is 1.93%.

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4. RBI Data: Sectoral Deployment of Bank Credit – April 2026

Quick Recap: Data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reveals that India's non-food bank credit registered a robust year-on-year growth of 15.8 per cent in April 2026, driven by strong lending across the services, industrial, and personal loan sectors.

Must-Know Facts:

- The year-on-year growth rate registered by non-food bank credit at the close of the reporting period in April 2026 is 15.8 per cent.
- The specific economic segment that registered the highest year-on-year bank credit growth rate of 18.6 per cent is the services sector.
- The specific retail credit component within the personal loans segment that bucked the growth trend and experienced a moderation is credit card outstanding.

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5. Bank Credit Growth Remains Resilient at 16.2%

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released data showing that national bank credit registered a year-on-year growth of 16.2 per cent during the fortnight ended 15 May.

Must-Know Facts:

- The year-on-year bank credit growth rate achieved in India during the specific fortnight ended 15 May stood at exactly 16.2 per cent.
- The total absolute valuation of outstanding loans across the domestic banking system reached ₹211.87 trillion during the reported fortnight.
- The annual growth rate recorded by financial institutions for gold loans within the retail lending segment exceeded 120 per cent.

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6. RBI's Forex Transaction Gains Rise 52% to ₹1.69 Lakh Crore in FY26

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recorded a 52 per cent surge in its income from foreign exchange transactions to reach ₹1.69 lakh crore during the financial year 2026, according to its annual report.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total income generated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from foreign exchange transactions during the financial year 2026 reached exactly ₹1.69 lakh crore.
- The absolute volume of the total balance sheet of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) expanded to ₹91.97 lakh crore as of 31 March 2026.
- The total surplus transfer cleared by the central bank for remittance to the Government of India for the financial year 2026 amounted to ₹2,86,588.46 crore.

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7. Net Household Financial Savings Rise to 7% of GNDI in FY25: RBI

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released its comprehensive annual report indicating that net household financial savings in the country rebounded to 7 per cent of the Gross National Disposable Income (GNDI) during the financial year 2025.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact proportion of Gross National Disposable Income (GNDI) achieved by net household financial savings in India during the financial year 2025 stands at 7 per cent.
- The gross financial savings of Indian households experienced a parallel expansion to reach 11.2 per cent of the Gross National Disposable Income (GNDI).
- The primary factor that facilitated the recovery of net national household savings was a structural moderation in the overall growth rate of household financial liabilities.

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8. RBI and State Bank of Vietnam Sign MoU on Digital Payments and Fintech

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deepen bilateral cooperation in financial innovation, digital payments, and regulatory coordination.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for fintech and digital payment cooperation was officially signed between the central banks of India and Vietnam on 5 May 2026.
- The agreement was officially signed by the respective Deputy Governors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV).
- The key concrete deliverable under the signed bilateral agreement is the establishment of payment system connectivity for cross-border Quick Response (QR) code-based merchant payments.

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9. PM SVANidhi Lending Period Extended Till March 2030

Quick Recap: The Central Government has approved the restructuring and extension of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, shifting its final lending deadline up to March 2030 to continue driving financial inclusion for urban micro-enterprises.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final lending timeline designated for the distribution of financial assistance under the PM SVANidhi scheme has been extended until March 2030.
- The digital transaction network driven by the scheme beneficiaries achieved an aggregate financial value of nearly ₹8.96 lakh crore across its active cycles.
- The social security mapping sub-program has successfully sanctioned over 1.52 crore welfare benefits to indexed vendor households through the SVANidhi se Samriddhi pathway.
- The financial performance reviews indicate that beneficiary incomes registered a steady average annual increase of nearly 20 per cent due to the capital interventions.

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10. RBI: Services Exports and Remittances to Cushion Current Account in FY27

Quick Recap: According to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Annual Report, a robust outlook for services trade—mainly software and business services—and steady inward remittances from non-Gulf countries will support and cushion India's current account balance in FY27 (2026–27).

Must-Know Facts:

- The RBI expects India's current account balance in FY27 to be cushioned primarily by services exports and inward remittances from non-Gulf countries.
- Software and business solutions served as the primary drivers of invisibles growth, making up 77.8% of net services exports during April–December 2025.
- The RBI report emphasizes that USD 250 billion in AI-focused infrastructure investments scheduled through 2047 will help anchor long-term foreign capital.
- Strategic shifts in space policy now officially permit up to 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in satellite manufacturing and components to boost technological inflows.

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11. Banks Sanction ₹35,000 Crore to MSMEs Under ECLGS Amid West Asia Crisis

Quick Recap: To shield the MSME sector from international trade shocks, commercial banks have sanctioned ₹35,000 crore in emergency credit under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) to counter severe supply chain and freight disruptions caused by the ongoing West Asia crisis.

Must-Know Facts:

- Under the special emergency window triggered by the West Asia trade crisis, the interest rates charged on ECLGS advances remain capped to ensure borrowing costs stay affordable for distressed small units.
- The micro and small enterprise categories received the vast majority of the ₹35,000 crore total credit allocation, reflecting their low financial resilience against international freight volatility.
- The government's credit guarantee intervention works in tandem with structural steps taken by the Ministry of Shipping to help prioritize container availability for hit exporters at prime domestic ports.

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12. UPI Transactions Hit Record ₹29.9 Lakh Crore in May 2026

Quick Recap: India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) achieved a historic milestone in May 2026, processing digital transactions worth an unprecedented ₹29.9 lakh crore, fueled by a massive surge in retail merchant payments and higher tier-2 and tier-3 town adoption.

Must-Know Facts:

- The absolute transaction value processed on the UPI platform for May 2026 reached a historic high of ₹29.9 lakh crore.
- The structural expansion continues to be driven primarily by Person-to-Merchant (P2M) transactions, which outpace peer-to-peer transfers in terms of absolute volume growth.
- This milestone performance builds upon the platform's robust trajectory from the previous fiscal year, reflecting deep structural shifts in daily consumer transaction habits across urban and rural India.

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13. NPCI International and ACLEDA Bank Launch UPI Payments in Cambodia

Quick Recap: NPCI International has collaborated with ACLEDA Bank to officially launch Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transaction acceptance in Cambodia through the national KHQR code system.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official launch date for the Phase 1 cross-border UPI payment linkage between India and Cambodia is 3 June 2026.
- The total number of Cambodian merchants providing immediate UPI acceptance via the national KHQR network is over 4.5 million.
- The total number of international sovereign nations that currently support localized UPI transaction ecosystems following Cambodia's inclusion is nine.
- The specific Cambodian national unified QR code framework mapped to interface directly with the Indian UPI platform is called KHQR.

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14. India's Insurance Market Projected to Grow 10.7% Annually Over Next Decade

Quick Recap: Driven by rising life expectancy, massive protection gaps, and supportive regulatory reforms, India's insurance sector is projected to expand at an annual rate of 10.7% over the next decade, making it the fastest-growing major insurance market globally.

Must-Know Facts:

- The projected annual growth rate for the Indian insurance market over the next decade is 10.7%.
- India's current overall insurance penetration stands at 3.8% of GDP.
- Total Indian insurance premium income reached $146 billion (₹13.96 lakh crore) in the year 2025.
- The projected annualized growth rate for India's health insurance sector through 2036 is 12.5%.
- The percentage of India's working-age population currently integrated into formal pension systems is roughly 46%.

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15. RBI Balance Sheet Expands 20.6% to ₹91.97 Lakh Crore in FY26

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India has recorded a 20.6 per cent expansion in its balance sheet size to ₹91.97 lakh crore during the financial year 2025–26, driven by notable increases in domestic assets and gold reserves.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total finalized balance sheet size of the Reserve Bank of India at the close of the financial year 2025–26 stands at ₹91,97,121.08 crore.
- The exact amount of the record-breaking financial surplus approved for direct dividend transfer to the central government is ₹2,86,588.46 crore.
- The total financial quantum systematically provisioned and transferred into the institutional Contingency Fund during this accounting year is ₹1,09,379.64 crore.
- The aggregate weight of the physical gold reserves accumulated and held by the central banking institution at the end of March 2026 is 880.52 metric tonnes.

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16. BharatPe and YES Bank Launch 'BharatPe Flex' Credit-on-UPI

Quick Recap: Fintech major BharatPe has introduced 'BharatPe Flex', an innovative credit-on-UPI service powered by YES Bank, allowing eligible users to pay for everyday transactions using a pre-approved credit line.

Must-Know Facts:

- The new credit-on-UPI product launched by fintech firm BharatPe to provide instant liquidity for daily expenditures is named BharatPe Flex.
- The private sector banking entity serving as the official financial power and credit line issuer behind this strategic collaboration is YES Bank.
- Borrowers using the app to cover their daily retail spends receive an interest-free billing cycle cushion of up to 45 days to repay or restructure their dues.

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17. RBI MPC Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged at 5.25%

Quick Recap: The Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India has unanimously decided to maintain the policy repo rate at 5.25 per cent and retain its neutral monetary policy stance due to heightened global risks and domestic inflation concerns.

Must-Know Facts:

- The policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility was maintained unchanged at 5.25 per cent by the expert committee.
- The projected real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate for the entire 2026-27 financial year was fixed at 6.6 per cent by the central bank.
- The headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation for the 2026-27 fiscal year is projected to reach 5.1 per cent due to emerging food and fuel pressures.
- The retail price hikes for petrol and diesel implemented since May 2026 stood at 7.4 per cent and 8.4 per cent, respectively.

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18. MSME Loan Portfolio Grows 12.8% to ₹46 Trillion in April 2026

Quick Recap: The micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) credit portfolio in India grew by 12.8 per cent year-on-year to reach ₹46 lakh crore in April 2026, even as the overall growth momentum showed signs of moderation due to global macroeconomic uncertainties.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total monetary value reached by the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) loan portfolio outstanding in India in April 2026 is ₹46 lakh crore.
- The exact percentage share of active loans commanded exclusively by the micro enterprise segment out of the total volume of loans distributed across the industry is 85.8 per cent.
- The precise proportion of low-risk borrowers recorded within the credit ecosystem in March 2026, reflecting enhanced portfolio health and robust underwriting, is 45 per cent.

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19. ADB and Standard Chartered Partner to Expand Supply Chain Finance in India

Quick Recap: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Standard Chartered Bank have entered into a strategic partnership to expand supply chain finance solutions for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The landmark partnership marks the absolute first time that the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has launched a dedicated distributor finance initiative within the borders of India.
- The offshore branch selected to operate the foreign currency Risk Participation Arrangement for international trade is located at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).
- The high-level corporate leader who officially signed the financial agreement on behalf of the banking operations of Standard Chartered Bank as India and South Asia Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is P.D. Singh.

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20. Indian Stock Market Slips to 7th in Global Market Capitalisation

Quick Recap: India has dropped to the seventh position in global equity market capitalization rankings, after being overtaken by Taiwan and South Korea due to a massive, global artificial intelligence semiconductor rally.

Must-Know Facts:

- India’s stock market cap slipped to US$ 4.85 trillion, dropping to 7th place globally behind the US, China, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea.
- South Korea's chipmaking giants, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix, both hit historic milestones by individually crossing the US$ 1 trillion market value threshold.
- As global funds rotated into semiconductor hubs, India's weight in the prominent MSCI Emerging Markets Index fell from a peak of 19 per cent down to roughly 12 per cent.

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21. SBI Pays ₹8,813 Crore Dividend to Centre for FY26

Quick Recap: India's largest public sector lender, State Bank of India (SBI), has presented a massive dividend cheque of ₹8,813 crore for the financial year 2025–26 to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact financial value of the final dividend cheque handed over by SBI to the central government for the fiscal year 2025–26 amounts to ₹8,813 crore.
- The absolute equity stake held by the Government of India as the dominant majority promoter in the State Bank of India stands at 55.52 per cent.
- Driven by massive operational scaling, SBI’s total banking business officially crossed the quantitative ceiling of ₹109 trillion in FY26.

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22. ECLGS 5.0 Guarantees Cross the 1 Lakh Mark

Quick Recap: The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 has achieved a significant milestone as total guarantee issuances crossed the 1 lakh mark, reaching 1,06,549 guarantees with an aggregate value of ₹48,484.26 crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of credit guarantees officially issued under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 as of 9 June 2026 is 1,06,549.
- The total value of the credit protection guarantees successfully executed under the scheme stands at ₹48,484.26 crore.
- The specific target volume of additional liquidity that the Union Government aims to infuse into existing business accounts via the scheme is ₹2,55,000 crore.
- The specific date on which the Union Cabinet officially approved the operational guidelines and implementation of the scheme is 5 May 2026.

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23. RBI Issues Final Directions on Bank Lending to REITs and InvITs

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued its final Amendment Directions to permit and regulate commercial bank credit facilities extended to Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) under appropriate prudential safeguards.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific date on which the central bank originally published the initial draft version of these regulatory amendments for public feedback was 13 February 2026.
- The exact future calendar date on which the structural reclassifications under the Capital Charge for Credit Risk Standardised Approach Directions will formally come into effect is 1 April 2027.
- The official alphanumeric identification label assigned by the central bank to track and index this specific regulatory announcement is Press Release: 2026-2027/429.
- The formal name of the high-ranking regulatory official who signed off on the execution of this financial press notification is Chief General Manager Brij Raj.

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24. Ind-Ra: RBI Forex Swap Measures May Attract $60-70 Billion Inflows

Quick Recap: India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) stated that the foreign exchange swap measures introduced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on deposits and external borrowings could attract USD 60-70 billion in foreign capital to support the domestic currency.

Must-Know Facts:

- The estimated value range of foreign capital inflows projected to be generated by the central bank's foreign exchange swap interventions is USD 60-70 billion.
- The designated operational deadline up to which authorized dealer banks and state-owned entities can access the RBI swap facility is 30 September.
- The specific maturity duration range mandated for Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) deposits to qualify under the newly opened central swap window is 3-5 years.
- The specific fiscal year during which the domestic currency is projected to average around a value of ₹93.10 per US dollar following these flows is FY27.
- The specific index that the government hopes to target for Indian G-Sec inclusion through its streamlined investment norms is the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index.
- The exact calendar date on which the analytical assessment on foreign capital inflows was officially published by India Ratings and Research is 10 June 2026.

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25. Outward FDI Commitments by Indian Firms Fall 49% in May

Quick Recap: Data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reveals that Corporate India's total outward foreign direct investment (FDI) commitments dropped 49.02 per cent month-on-month to USD 4.49 billion in May 2026, driven by a broad slowdown in equity outlays, debt, and corporate guarantees.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final aggregate dollar value of outward FDI commitments made by domestic entities in May 2026 is USD 4.49 billion.
- The exact month-on-month percentage collapse in total overseas financial commitments recorded between April and May 2026 is 49.02 per cent.
- The year-on-year expansion rate of outbound corporate investments compared directly against May 2025 data is 34.6 per cent.
- The exact total value of corporate guarantees issued by Indian parent entities to support their foreign arms in May 2026 is USD 2,608.83 million.
- The specific calendar date on which this official outbound investment data was publicly released via the central bank's statistical channels is 10 June 2026.

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26. SBI Report: CAD Seen at 1.5-1.7% of GDP in FY27; BoP Surplus Possible

Quick Recap: A research report from the State Bank of India (SBI) highlights that while India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) is projected to remain at 1.5-1.7 per cent of GDP in FY27, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) aggressive foreign exchange swap measures are expected to shift the total Balance of Payments (BoP) into a USD 5-10 billion surplus.

Must-Know Facts:

- The projected target range for India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) as a percentage of GDP for FY27 is 1.5-1.7 per cent.
- The newly revised forecast for the final aggregate Balance of Payments (BoP) position in FY27 is a surplus of USD 5 to USD 10 billion.
- The massive volume of cumulative net capital inflows that the banking research unit expects to be triggered via the RBI's specialized swap framework is USD 55-65 billion.
- The estimated percentage growth rate that banking system deposits are projected to touch due to these global inflows is 14.5-15 per cent.
- The specific quantum by which the domestic credit-deposit gap is scheduled to shrink following these liquidity additions is around ₹1 lakh crore.
- The exact calendar date on which this comprehensive macroeconomic analysis was published by the State Bank of India's research arm is 10 June 2026.

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27. RBI Rolls Out USD-INR Swap Facility to Attract Fresh FCNR(B) Deposits

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has operationalized a special US dollar-rupee forex swap window for fresh Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits to incentivize foreign capital inflows and absorb underlying hedging costs for commercial banks.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specified timeline duration window for FCNR(B) deposits to be deemed eligible for the central bank's swap mechanism is a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 5 years.
- The operational final deadline date up to which commercial banks are permitted to actively mobilize fresh eligible deposits under this scheme is 30 September 2026.
- The absolute final calendar date up to which the actual RBI swap window will remain physically open to process accumulated transactions is 10 October 2026 (Note: Guidelines specify the window remains open until October 16, 2026 for deposits raised up to the September cutoff).
- The mandatory lock-in period threshold restriction imposed on savers before premature withdrawals can be considered by commercial banks is 1 year.
- The frequency limit dictating how often an Authorized Dealer Category-I banking institution can log into the system to execute an FCNR(B) swap with the regulator is once a week.
- The exact calendar date on which the Reserve Bank of India officially issued the comprehensive operational circular launching this forex swap facility is 8 June 2026.

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28. India and Nepal Launch Cross-Border Remittance Mechanism

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Finance announced the operationalization of a direct financial link between India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Nepal's National Payments Interface (NPI) to facilitate seamless, secure, and instant cross-border Peer-to-Peer (P2P) remittance transfers.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly launched cross-border remittance mechanism enables direct, instant money transfers explicitly via Peer-to-Peer (P2P) electronic structures.
- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform has officially achieved cross-border acceptance and operational status across exactly nine international countries.
- The international expansion network of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) includes Singapore, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and Cambodia.
- The official notification concerning the operationalization of the bilateral payment gateway was released by the government on 11 June 2026.

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29. Bank Credit Growth Hits Near Two-Year High of 17.65%

Quick Recap: According to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), commercial bank credit growth accelerated to a near two-year high of 17.65 per cent year-on-year in the fortnight ended 31 May 2026, while deposit growth lagged at 12.21 per cent.

Must-Know Facts:

- The year-on-year growth rate recorded by outstanding bank credit in the fortnight ended 31 May 2026 reached a near two-year high of exactly 17.65 per cent.
- The absolute volume of outstanding bank credit across India stood at ₹215.15 trillion, while total outstanding deposits reached ₹260.02 trillion as of 31 May 2026.
- The specific growth divergence or gap between bank credit expansion and deposit mobilization widened to exactly 544 basis points during the reported fortnight.
- The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Shri Sanjay Malhotra, recently noted that bank credit growth remains robust, broad-based, and heavily supported by the rising costs of market-based funding channels.

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30. Forex Reserves Fall $711 Million to $681.610 Billion

Quick Recap: India's foreign exchange reserves decreased by 711 million dollars to settle at 681.610 billion dollars for the week ended June 5, 2026, primarily driven by a contraction in foreign currency assets.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total consolidated valuation of India's foreign exchange reserves following the reported weekly contraction stands at 681.610 billion dollars.
- The specific financial amount of the net drop observed across the comprehensive national reserve infrastructure for the week ended June 5, 2026, was 711 million dollars.
- The autonomous value expansion recorded exclusively within the gold reserve holdings of the central bank during the weekly reporting window was 1.975 billion dollars.
- The total value of the Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs) component following the standalone multi-billion dollar drop during the weekly cycle is 543.444 billion dollars.

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31. RBI Final Directions on Advertising and Sale of Financial Products

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India has released final comprehensive amendment directions regulating how banks and NBFCs advertise, market, and sell financial products, set to take effect from January 1, 2027.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final RBI Amendment Directions regarding marketing and selling practices will officially come into effect on January 1, 2027.
- The initial draft guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct were published for stakeholder consultation on February 11, 2026.
- The new rules specifically introduce comprehensive boundaries against mis-selling and the usage of dark patterns, alongside tightening compliance for Direct Selling Agents (DSAs) and Direct Marketing Agents (DMAs).
- The regulatory updates also modify existing guidelines governing Agency Business and Referral Services originally introduced in the Directions, 2025.

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32. NABARD: Farm Credit Demand to Stay Strong in FY27

Quick Recap: The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) projects resilient growth in India's agricultural and rural credit demand for the 2026-27 fiscal year, propelled by rising production expenses, wider credit card penetration, and capital investments.

Must-Know Facts:

- The provisional total financial value of agricultural credit disbursed across India during the 2025-26 fiscal year reached approximately ₹30 lakh crore.
- The total volume of concessional refinance assistance and targeted short-term liquidity products deployed by NABARD to support rural financial channels during the 2025-26 period was ₹4.5 lakh crore.
- Small and marginal farmers constitute a massive 86 per cent share of the total operational land holdings across the Indian agricultural landscape.
- Fertilizer and irrigation inputs together account for a relatively contained 11 per cent share of the aggregate production expenses involved in domestic crop cultivation.

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33. India Tops Global Digital Wallet Downloads; PhonePe Leads Worldwide

Quick Recap: India captured the top spot globally for digital wallet app downloads in 2025 with over 440 million installs, with homegrown platform PhonePe emerging as the most-downloaded digital wallet app worldwide.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of digital wallet app downloads recorded inside India during the calendar year 2025 was 440 million.
- Globally, digital wallet and peer-to-peer payment applications collectively crossed 1.8 billion downloads in 2025.
- Despite a decline in new application downloads by 12% in 2025, India's UPI ecosystem saw transaction volumes grow by 33% to reach 228.5 billion transactions.
- The aggregate total financial value of all UPI transactions processed in India during 2025 culminated at ₹299.7 trillion.
- Together, dominant players PhonePe and Google Pay commanded an overwhelming market share of over 80% of all UPI transactions during the first half of 2025.

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34. UPI Launched at Galeries Lafayette in Nice, France

Quick Recap: India has officially expanded its global digital payments footprint by launching the Unified Payments Interface at the famous Galeries Lafayette department store in Nice, France, to facilitate seamless transactions for Indian travellers.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific geographical location chosen for the latest European launch of the Indian digital payment application was the Galeries Lafayette department store in Nice, France.
- The prominent state official who presided over the launch event and announced the integration was the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal.
- The foundational international expansion of the Indian Unified Payments Interface (UPI) network within the French sovereign territory originally commenced at the Eiffel Tower in 2024.

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35. India Records $4.7 Billion Current Account Surplus in April

Quick Recap: Preliminary balance of payments data released by the Reserve Bank of India shows that India logged a current account surplus of 4.7 billion United States Dollars in April 2026, driven by higher services exports and robust net transfer receipts.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise financial volume of the current account surplus secured by India during the month of April 2026 stood at exactly 4.7 billion United States Dollars (USD).
- The total volume of foreign capital pulled out of domestic financial markets by foreign portfolio investors (FPI) during April 2026 reached an aggregate of exactly 8.7 billion United States Dollars (USD).
- The structural deficit compiled across India's comprehensive Balance of Payments (BoP) architecture at the end of the month amounted to exactly 6.6 billion United States Dollars (USD).

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36. RBI Final Guidelines to Curb Mis-Selling of Financial Products from January 2027

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued final guidelines targeting the mis-selling of financial products, implementing strict requirements for explicit customer consent, banning digital "dark patterns," and mandating a full refund and compensation if mis-selling is proven.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final implementation deadline mandated by the Reserve Bank of India for these stricter anti-mis-selling guidelines is January 1, 2027.
- Under the finalized framework, banks must safely maintain all secure records and transcripts of customer consent for one year following the formal termination of the financial contract to aid dispute audits.
- If a product or service is proven to have been mis-sold, the bank must issue a 100 per cent refund of the entire amount paid by the consumer alongside applicable compensation.

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37. PSU Banks Record Sharp Jump in Green Deposits in FY26

Quick Recap: Driven by the maturation of the central bank's regulatory framework, eight Indian state-owned banks collectively more than doubled their green deposit mobilization to reach ₹3,733.11 crore in the financial year 2025-26.

Must-Know Facts:

- The collective financial quantum of green deposits mobilized by the eight analyzed state-owned lenders during the financial year 2025-26 is ₹3,733.11 crore.
- The specific infrastructure segment into which State Bank of India allocated the entirety of its newly raised green deposit funds is clean transportation (electric vehicles).
- The total cumulative book value achieved by Bank of Baroda's active outstanding green deposit portfolio as of March 31, 2026, is ₹1,899.12 crore.

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38. SEBI Revises ETF Framework with Dynamic Price Bands

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has announced a comprehensive revision to the regulatory framework governing Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) by introducing dynamic price bands, updated base price calculation methodologies, and a specialized pre-open call auction mechanism.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific calendar date on which the newly revised regulatory framework introduced by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) will officially come into effect is 1 September 2026.
- The initial boundary percentage limit designated under the dynamic price band framework for equity and debt instruments, excluding overnight and liquid categories, is ±10%.
- The target implementation date by which stock exchanges and asset management companies are directed to transition to the T-1 day closing net asset value (NAV) as the standard base price is 1 April 2027.

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39. RBI Publishes Minutes of the 61st MPC Meeting

Quick Recap: The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) voted unanimously to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent and maintain its neutral stance during its sixty first meeting held from June 3 to 5, 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) was maintained at 5.25 per cent by the central bank.
- The total foreign exchange reserves held by India at the time of the review stood at nearly $700 billion, providing approximately 11 months of import cover.
- The central government successfully reduced the domestic fiscal deficit to 4.4 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by the conclusion of the 2025-26 financial year.

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40. Forex Reserves Decline $9.98 Billion to $671.625 Billion

Quick Recap: According to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's foreign exchange reserves declined by 9.985 billion United States Dollars (USD) to hit 671.625 billion United States Dollars for the week ended 12 June.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total foreign exchange reserves of India dropped by 9.985 billion United States Dollars (USD) to a final valuation of 671.625 billion United States Dollars during the week under review.
- The value of India's gold assets suffered an extreme contraction of 10.754 billion United States Dollars, bringing the total gold holdings down to 103.821 billion United States Dollars.
- The Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs) counteracted the negative trend slightly by expanding by 846 million United States Dollars to reach 544.290 billion United States Dollars.
- The documented drop in the country's economic reserves occurred over the official seven-day reporting cycle concluding on 12 June.

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41. Outward Remittances Under LRS Fall 7.85% in April 2026

Quick Recap: Outward remittances sent overseas by Indian residents under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme of the Reserve Bank of India dropped by 7.85 per cent month-on-month to 1.81 billion United States Dollars in April 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total outward remittances sent by Indian residents under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) dropped down to 1.81 billion United States Dollars in April 2026.
- The international travel segment overwhelmingly topped the outward remittance expenditure list by accounting for a total of 961.47 million United States Dollars.
- The central government reduced the applicable Tax Collected at Source (TCS) rate to a standardized 2 per cent for overseas tour packages, medical expenses, and foreign education remittances under the Union Budget 2026-27.

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42. PNB and Zaggle Launch Eco-Friendly Co-Branded Twin Credit Cards

Quick Recap: Punjab National Bank partnered with Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Limited to launch biodegradable co-branded twin credit cards operating on dual payment networks to tap into the credit needs of younger consumers.

Must-Know Facts:

- The eco-friendly twin credit cards introduced by the public sector lender are manufactured using eco-conscious biodegradable materials.
- The new co-branded credit card offering provides users simultaneous coverage across both the Visa and RuPay payment networks.
- The rewards package on the co-branded cards incorporates a specific 1.5 per cent discount on jewellery purchases alongside complimentary lounge access and subscription benefits.

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43. RBI Revises Kisan Credit Card Master Directions, Effective 1 January 2027

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India has issued a revised regulatory framework titled the Kisan Credit Card Scheme Directions, 2026, to standardise crop season timelines and clarify collateral requirements across the agricultural lending ecosystem.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly revised framework governing agricultural lending operations will formally take effect across the banking sector on 1 January 2027.
- The maximum limit up to which banks must mandatorily waive collateral and margin requirements for standard agricultural and allied loans stands at ₹2 lakh.
- The maximum composite validity period of the credit facility under the finalized regulatory directions is fixed for a tenure of 6 years.

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44. RBI Governor Urges Banks to Use DPI Stack for MSME Credit

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Sanjay Malhotra has called upon banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to utilize the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) stack to build an inclusive credit ecosystem for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

Must-Know Facts:

- The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector plays a key role in the economic framework, accounting for 31% of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and nearly 50% of the country's merchandise exports.
- The Account Aggregator (AA) framework demonstrated significant financial utility by facilitating formal credit delivery worth ₹3.5 trillion during the 2025-26 fiscal year.
- The total formal credit outstanding from scheduled commercial banks to the MSME sector stood at ₹36.79 trillion as on 31 December 2025.

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45. RBI Bulletin Flags Monsoon Risk to Growth and Inflation Outlook

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cautioned in its latest monthly bulletin that an adverse southwest monsoon could pose structural headwinds for the domestic growth and inflation outlook despite the strong macroeconomic fundamentals of the country.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the central bank revised the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for the 2026-27 fiscal year downward from 6.9% to 6.6%.
- The official consumer price inflation forecast for the 2026-27 fiscal year was hiked by the central bank from 4.6% to 5.1% due to monsoon risks.
- The Indian economy recorded a robust growth rate of 7.8% during the fourth quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal year, supported by private consumption.

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46. India's First Maritime NBFC, Sagarmala Finance Corporation, Inaugurated

Quick Recap: The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL), which marks the launch of the first Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) dedicated exclusively to the maritime sector in India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly established Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) secured its formal registration as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The primary developmental objectives and strategic expansions of the corporation are tightly aligned with the milestone parameters of the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.
- The administrative oversight of the corporation is jointly supported by the senior leadership of the ministry, including the Secretary, Shri T. K. Ramachandran who functions as the Chairman.

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47. SEBI Board Approves Key Regulatory Changes

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved significant regulatory amendments during its board meeting, including simplifying the transmission of securities, reintroducing open market buy-backs, and permitting intraday borrowing by mutual funds.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Quick Transmission Processing (QTP) mechanism covers small-value claims up to ₹10 thousand for physical holdings and up to ₹30 thousand for dematerialized holdings.
- The reintroduced open market buy-backs through stock exchanges must be completed within 66 working days from the official date of opening.
- Under the revised buy-back framework, companies are legally mandated to deploy at least 40% of their earmarked buy-back funds during the first half of the transaction period.

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48. RBI Allows Banks to Lend Against FCNR Deposits Under New Swap Window

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India clarified that domestic banks and their overseas branches can extend loans or issue guarantees to non-residents against deposits raised under the new concessional foreign currency swap window to support the rupee and attract dollar inflows.

Must-Know Facts:

- The central bank has set the final operational deadline of 30 September 2026 for banks to mobilize fresh and renewed deposits under the concessional hedging scheme.
- The concessional foreign currency swap facility is specifically applicable to long-term foreign currency deposits carrying a structured tenure of three to five years.
- The historical FCNR deposit mobilization drive implemented by the central bank during the 2013 economic crisis attracted an aggregate of 34 billion dollars from overseas investors.

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49. RBI June 2026 Bulletin Flags Uneven Monetary Transmission

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India reported in its June 2026 bulletin that the transmission of the fifty basis points repo rate cut implemented between March and April 2026 remained highly uneven across banking sectors, while the structural credit-to-deposit growth gap continued to widen.

Must-Know Facts:

- The central bank officially lowered its economic growth forecast to 6.6 per cent while upwardly revising the projected inflation rate by fifty basis points to 5.1 per cent for the financial year 2026-27.
- The benchmark policy repo rate was formally held at 5.25 per cent by the monetary policy panel during its structural rate-setting deliberations.
- The structural credit-deposit growth wedge, which reached 17.7 per cent for credit versus 12.2 per cent for deposits in May 2026, has been widening continuously since August 2025.

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50. RBI Issues Revised Customer Protection Directions for Digital Transactions

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued revised amendment directions under the digital customer liability framework to introduce a compensation mechanism for small-value fraud victims and widen the scope of electronic transaction protections.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly announced regulatory framework for fraudulent electronic transactions will officially come into effect from January 1, 2027.
- The maximum compensation amount available to an individual victim under the small-value electronic fraud mechanism is capped at 25,000 Indian Rupees (INR).
- Banks are legally required to initiate instant automated alerts for all digital banking transactions that exceed the value of 500 Indian Rupees (INR).
- The maximum timeline permitted for banking institutions to resolve domestic digital fraud complaints is strictly limited to 45 calendar days.

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51. RBI Holds Repo at 5.25%, Announces Capital Inflow Measures

Quick Recap: The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has unanimously decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent while introducing a comprehensive suite of liberalized norms to boost foreign capital inflows.

Must-Know Facts:

- The benchmark policy repo rate was maintained at 5.25 per cent, while the accompanying Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate sits at 5.00 per cent and the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate is fixed at 5.50 per cent.
- The adjusted real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for India for the Financial Year 2026-27 (FY27) stands at 6.6 per cent.
- The dedicated operational windows for the concessional foreign exchange swap facility and the full hedging support for banks to mobilize fresh deposits will remain active until 30 September 2026.

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52. RBI Revises MSME Onboarding Process on TReDS Platforms

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued updated directions amending the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) framework to simplify onboarding for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and strengthen financial eligibility criteria.

Must-Know Facts:

- The minimum net worth criterion established by the regulatory authority for entities operating the electronic invoicing platform is fixed at 25 crore Indian Rupees (INR).
- The final compliance deadline designated for existing operational platforms to meet the updated net worth requirements is 31 March 2028.
- The final regulatory framework governing the automated discounting infrastructure was officially promulgated by the central bank on 23 June 2026.

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27–29 JUNE 2026

53. SEBI Relaxes Certification Norms for Investment Advisers' Sales Staff

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued a circular relaxing the qualification norms for employees performing non-core functions at investment advisory firms by introducing a simplified certification examination.

Must-Know Facts:

- The simplified regulatory pathway created for relationship managers and non-core sales staff introduces the specialized NISM Series XXV-B certification examination.
- The comprehensive dual-level qualifications that remain completely mandatory for core advisory professionals are the NISM Series X-A and Series X-B examinations.
- The official ease-of-doing-business circular formalizing the relaxed qualification framework was issued by the capital markets regulator on 24 June 2026 and came into force with immediate effect.

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54. Bank Credit Growth Steady at 17.7%; Deposit Growth Eases to 12%

Quick Recap: According to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), scheduled commercial banks' credit growth remained steady at 17.7 per cent for the fortnight ending 15 June, while deposit growth slowed down to 12 per cent.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official year-on-year (Y-o-Y) credit growth rate maintained by domestic commercial banks for the fortnight ending 15 June stood at exactly 17.7 per cent.
- The total quantum of interest rate hikes executed by domestic banks on specialized foreign currency term deposits reached up to 450 basis points.
- The specific date on which the central banking regulator officially implemented the concessional swap facility to stimulate foreign currency inflows was 5 June.

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55. RBI Retains ₹1 Lakh Crore Threshold for NBFC Upper Layer

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has finalized its revised scale-based regulation framework, retaining the 1 lakh crore rupee asset-size threshold as the primary criterion for classifying Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) into the Upper Layer (NBFC-UL).

Must-Know Facts:

- The revised scale-based regulatory framework governing the asset thresholds of large financial entities officially came into force on 24 June 2026.
- The minimum standalone asset size required for a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) to be eligible for classification into the high-oversight Upper Layer stands at exactly ₹1 lakh crore.
- The statutory large exposure limit for infrastructure finance companies operating within the Upper Layer was officially raised to 45 per cent of their Tier 1 capital base.

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56. RBI Releases India's External Debt Statement for End-March 2026

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released data showing that India's external debt stood at 762.8 billion United States Dollars (USD) at the end of March 2026, marking an increase of 26.3 billion United States Dollars (USD) over the previous year.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact valuation placed on India's total outstanding external debt at the end of March 2026 by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is 762.8 billion United States Dollars (USD).
- The exact percentage share held by United States Dollar (USD) denominated debt, which remains the single largest component of India's total external debt, is 55.5 per cent.
- The national debt service ratio, representing principal repayments and interest payments as a percentage of current receipts, declined to 5.8 per cent at the end of March 2026.

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57. IIFCL Plans $1 Billion Overseas Loan and $400 Million ADB Funding

Quick Recap: The state-owned India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) is planning to borrow 1 billion United States Dollars (USD) from international investors and is in advanced discussions to secure a separate 400 million United States Dollar (USD) loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact financial amount that the India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) plans to borrow from overseas investors as its largest-ever foreign-currency loan is 1 billion United States Dollars (USD).
- The designated interest rate threshold established for the planned fifteen-year commercial syndicated loan facility is strictly under 7 per cent.
- The total funding amount currently being negotiated by the state-run corporation for a separate twenty-year loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is 400 million United States Dollars (USD).

01 JULY 2026

58. RBI Issues Final Master Directions to Expand Credit Derivatives Market

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the final framework to expand the credit derivatives market by permitting resident non-retail users to deploy credit default swaps and total return swaps without any restrictions on purpose.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact date on which the final Master Directions governing the credit derivatives market officially came into force across India is 25 June 2026.
- The specific financial instrument added alongside Credit Default Swaps (CDS) to help resident non-retail users manage total economic performance transfers of assets is the Total Return Swap (TRS).
- The distinct segment of retail participants that is explicitly prohibited from entering into any credit derivative transactions under the newly released framework is individuals.

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59. RBI Defers Capital Market Exposure Directions by Three Months to 1 July

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the effective date of the Amendment Directions on Capital Market Exposures (CME) by three months to 1 July 2026 following representations from banks, capital market intermediaries, and various industry associations regarding operational and interpretational clarifications.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officially deferred the implementation date of the final Amendment Directions on Capital Market Exposures (CME) to the specific date of 1 July 2026.
- The banking regulator has set a maximum credit limit of ₹1 crore per individual at the banking system level for loans extended against eligible financial securities.
- The maximum financing amount that a bank can extend to a single individual for subscribing to initial public offerings (IPOs), further public offerings (FPOs), or employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) is fixed at ₹25 lakh.
- The updated guidelines require banks to secure 100% collateral comprising strictly of cash or cash equivalents when extending finance to capital market intermediaries (CMIs) for proprietary trading.

02 JULY 2026

60. RBI FSR: Gross NPAs May Rise to 1.9% by FY28

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India has stated in its Financial Stability Report that the gross bad loans of Indian banks may inch up to 1.9 per cent by March 2028 from 1.8 per cent in March 2026, though the financial system remains highly resilient.

Must-Know Facts:

- The baseline projection for the gross non-performing asset (GNPA) ratio of Indian banks by March 2028 is 1.9 per cent, compared to 1.8 per cent recorded in March 2026.
- The macro stress tests conducted by the central bank indicate that under severe adverse scenarios, the gross bad loans of commercial banks could spike to a range of 3.8 per cent to 4.1 per cent.
- The total number of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) subjected to the system-level stress tests by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for this assessment period is 174.
- The central bank survey revealed that 81 per cent of the participating financial institutions spent less than 5 per cent of their revenue on information technology during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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61. Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda and Indian Bank Pay ₹7,023 Crore Dividend

Quick Recap: Public sector lenders Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, and Indian Bank have collectively paid a dividend of ₹7,023 crore to the central government for the financial year 2025-2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise cumulative financial dividend paid by Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, and Indian Bank to the central government for the financial year 2025-2026 is ₹7,023 crore.
- The highest single dividend payout among the three participating state-run lenders was contributed by Bank of Baroda (BoB) with a total check value of ₹2,811 crore.
- Canara Bank officially approved and declared an equity share dividend of ₹4.20 per share for its investors, reflecting 210 per cent of the initial face value of ₹2 per share.
- The official financial check delivered by the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Bank to the national exchequer stood at exactly ₹1,815.05 crore.

03 JULY 2026

62. UPI Services Launched in Greece

Quick Recap: The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, witnessed the live launch of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services in Greece during an official delegation visit to Athens on 30 June 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The commercial partnership enabling the launch of digital payments was signed between Eurobank and National Payments Corporation of India International Payments Limited (NIPL).
- The commercial roundtables organized at the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) focused on exactly three major economic sectors to identify business synergies.
- The official launch of the digital payment infrastructure and the associated business bilateral summit took place in the capital city of Athens on 30 June 2026.

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63. PFC and REC Boards Approve Merger Scheme

Quick Recap: The Board of Directors of Power Finance Corporation Limited and REC Limited formally approved a comprehensive corporate Scheme of Merger to integrate both state-run financial entities on 30 June 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The corporate consolidation of the two power sector lenders will create a massive unified financing entity with a combined loan book exceeding 11 lakh crore Indian Rupees (INR).
- The finalized Share Exchange Ratio will grant exactly 88 equity shares of the parent company for every 100 equity shares surrendered by the investors of the transitioning firm.
- The independent fairness opinions on the joint assets valuation were formally submitted by SBI Capital Markets Limited for the acquiring institution and Nuvama Wealth Management Limited for the merging enterprise.

03 JULY 2026

64. RBI Releases Financial Stability Report, June 2026

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India released the June 2026 edition of the Financial Stability Report, which presents a collective assessment showing that the Indian financial system remains resilient despite elevated global financial stability risks.

Must-Know Facts:

- The financial stability assessment report was officially authorized and released to the public under the signature of Chief General Manager (CGM) Brij Raj.
- The publication was formally recorded and distributed to the public under the official central press release reference identifier 2026-2027/572.
- The definitive macro stress tests confirmed that the aggregate capital ratios of the commercial banks will remain comfortably above the mandatory regulatory thresholds under all adverse scenarios.

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65. RBI Constitutes Expert Working Group on Debenture Trusteeship Framework

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India constituted an Expert Working Group under the chairmanship of Ananta Barua to comprehensively review and modernize the regulatory framework governing Debenture Trusteeship activities on 30 June 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The expert panel was formally established and its regulatory agenda made public in the city of Mumbai on 30 June 2026.
- The total number of high-level expert members appointed to serve on this regulatory review working group is exactly 12.
- The final deadline specified by the market regulator for the public submission of structural feedback and simplification proposals is 15 July 2026.

03 JULY 2026

66. Kotak Mahindra Bank to Acquire Deutsche Bank's Indian Retail and Wealth Business

Quick Recap: Kotak Mahindra Bank signed a definitive agreement to acquire Germany-based Deutsche Bank’s retail banking, affluent private banking, and wealth management businesses in India via a slump sale for an undisclosed cash consideration.

Must-Know Facts:

- The underlying assets changing hands in the consolidation encompass ₹29,000 crore in loans, ₹16,000 crore in deposits, and ₹10,500 crore in assets under management (AUM).
- The integration timeline targets complete regulatory and customer migration onboarding by September 2027.
- The acquisition will add roughly 1.5 lakh high-value consumers and 1,000 banking professionals to Kotak Mahindra Bank's domestic operations.

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06 JULY 2026

67. Ravi Shankar Appointed Executive Director of RBI

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Shri Ravi Shankar as its new Executive Director (ED) with effect from July 1, 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Shri Ravi Shankar was officially appointed to the post of Executive Director (ED) of the central bank with effect from July 1, 2026.
- The newly appointed Executive Director has accumulated a professional experience of over three decades working in various departments within the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The designated professional certification held by the new appointee from the banking industry body is Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (CAIIB).
- The official communication of this central banking appointment was formally released under the Press Release reference number 2026-2027/586.

06 JULY 2026

68. Centre Notifies EPF Scheme 2026, Replacing the 1952 Scheme

Quick Recap: The Central Government has officially notified the new Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, 2026, to replace the long-standing Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, 1952, and clarify that the mandatory monthly employee contribution is capped at ₹1,800.

Must-Know Facts:

- The implementation of the new legislative retirement framework officially came into effect across the nation on 29 June 2026.
- The exact statutory wage ceiling linked to the mandatory deduction under the new regulations is ₹15,000 per month.
- The maximum mandatory employee contribution towards the national fund is capped exactly at ₹1,800 per month.
- The newly revised regulatory framework directly alters the contribution rules and digital processing for nearly 8 crore active subscribers.

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69. RBI Opposes Legalisation of Virtual Digital Assets Before Parliamentary Panel

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India informed the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance that virtual digital assets, including cryptocurrencies, pose a severe threat to emerging economies and must remain prohibited.

Must-Know Facts:

- The designated leader who serves as the head of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance that conducted the review on digital tokens is Bhartruhari Mahtab.
- The specific total user base recorded for the official Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) digital rupee pilot initiative stands at approximately 10 million users.
- The precise proportion of the national population represented by the active user base of the sovereign digital rupee is estimated at 0.42 per cent.
- The average volume of daily financial transactions processed by the dominant Unified Payments Interface (UPI) network exceeds 300 million transactions.

07 JULY 2026

70. SEBI Revises Norms on Unpaid Client Securities Held by Stockbrokers

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India modified its regulatory framework on how stockbrokers handle unpaid client securities by mandating direct demat account transfers followed by an automated pledge mechanism.

Must-Know Facts:

- The acronym used for the specialized, separate broker account created to hold automated pledges on unpaid client assets is CUSPA.
- The strict maximum timeline mandated for an investor to successfully clear their outstanding payment obligations for securities is five trading days.
- The exact timeline at which depositories will automatically release an uninvoked or unreleased pledge to make assets free balance is the end of the sixth trading day.
- The unique identifier that brokers must utilize to execute the open market liquidation of a defaulting investor's securities is the Unique Client Code (UCC).

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08 JULY 2026

71. Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool Set Up to Cover West Asia War Risks

Quick Recap: The General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) has established the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMIP) in collaboration with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to provide reliable hull and cargo war risk coverage amidst the ongoing West Asia geopolitical crisis.

Must-Know Facts:

- The General Insurance Corporation of India officially launched the specialized Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMIP) to provide domestic war risk coverage on the specific date of 6 July 2026.
- The primary commercial objective of the newly formulated maritime pool is to insulate the domestic shipping industry from the severe financial disruptions caused by the West Asia conflict.
- The institutional structure of the pool enables Indian cargo exporters and ship operators to secure vital hull and transit insurance entirely independent of volatile foreign insurance markets.

09 JULY 2026

72. SEBI Notifies Rules to Reintroduce Open Market Share Buybacks

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has notified a new regulatory framework to reintroduce open market share buybacks through stock exchanges with effect from 1 August 2026, while capping the transaction execution window at 66 working days.

Must-Know Facts:

- The maximum statutory execution duration allowed for a listed company to complete its stock exchange-based buyback offer under the new guidelines is 66 working days.
- The strict legal ceiling established for open market buybacks through stock exchanges is less than 15 per cent of the company's paid-up capital and free reserves.
- The official enforcement date on which the newly notified Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) buyback rules will formally take effect is 1 August 2026.

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10 JULY 2026

73. ECLGS 5.0 Crosses 4 Lakh Guarantees Worth Over ₹1.55 Lakh Crore

Quick Recap: The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 has demonstrated immense credit deployment by issuing 4,11,497 guarantees worth ₹1,55,229 crore to safeguard small businesses facing economic challenges.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 (ECLGS) was officially approved by the Union Cabinet on 05 May 2026.
- The aggregate financial value of the credit guarantees successfully issued under the updated version has reached exactly ₹1,55,229 crore.
- The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector cornered a dominant share of the program by securing 98 per cent of the total number of guarantees.
- The structured outreach program finalized Phase 1 of its regional operations across exactly nine distinct geographical locations.

10 JULY 2026

74. Additional NPS Investment Choices Extended to Central Autonomous Bodies' Employees

Quick Recap: The Government of India has extended the Aggressive Life Cycle Fund and the Balanced Life Cycle Fund options under the National Pension System to employees working in Central Autonomous Bodies to provide them with greater financial flexibility.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly introduced Balanced Life Cycle Fund (BLC) sets a strict statutory limit on active equity exposure at a maximum of 50 per cent.
- The systematic age-linked reduction of equity exposure within the Balanced Life Cycle Fund (BLC) paradigm is initiated exactly at the age of 45 years.
- The official Department of Expenditure memorandum extending the new pension investment choices was formally executed on 01 July 2026.

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10 JULY 2026

75. EPFO to Credit 8.25% Interest for FY 2025-26

Quick Recap: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation will complete the credit of 8.25 per cent interest for the financial year 2025-2026 into nearly 34 crore member accounts by 15 July 2026 using its new centralized technology platform.

Must-Know Facts:

- The statutory interest rate finalized for credit into the subscriber accounts for the financial year 2025-2026 is strictly fixed at 8.25 per cent.
- The total financial quantum allocated for direct disbursement into the beneficiary provident fund accounts amounts to more than ₹1.44 lakh crore.
- The designated administrative deadline to finish the comprehensive credit process for nearly 34 crore accounts is 15 July 2026.

11–13 JULY 2026

76. GIFT IFSC Units Exempted from Licence for Chartering Foreign Vessels

Quick Recap: The Central Government has officially exempted business units operating within the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City International Financial Services Centre from obtaining a mandatory Directorate General of Maritime Administration license to lease foreign vessels.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific central piece of legislation invoked by the executive authority to grant the regulatory shipping exemption is the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.
- The specific legal clause utilized by the Central Government to officially enforce the maritime licensing exemption is Section 37 of the shipping law.
- The primary regulatory body whose mandatory leasing permission has been completely bypassed for the special economic zone entities is the Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA).

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11–13 JULY 2026

77. RBI Launches Three Household Surveys for Monetary Policy Inputs

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India has officially launched three crucial household surveys, including the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households, to obtain vital empirical feedback for its upcoming monetary policy decisions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of major Indian cities selected for the parallel execution of the Urban Consumer Confidence Survey and the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households is exactly nineteen.
- The total number of States and Union Territories comprehensively covered under the rural and semi-urban household mapping of the Rural Consumer Confidence Survey is 31.
- The Monetary Policy Committee is officially scheduled to convene its next high-profile interest rate review meeting from 3 August 2026 to 5 August 2026.

15 JULY 2026

78. FM Reviews Foreign Currency Deposit Mobilisation; Banks Told to Expand NRI Outreach

Quick Recap: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired a high-level review meeting with the heads of public sector banks (PSBs) and financial institutions, urging them to introduce innovative deposit schemes and intensify global outreach to sustain foreign currency inflows.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact deadline set by the Reserve Bank of India up to which the interest rate ceilings on fresh FCNR(B) deposits stand suspended is 30 September 2026.
- The target dollar amount typically raised every year by central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) via external commercial borrowings to finance their industrial projects is 10 to 12 billion dollars.
- The expiration date fixed by the central bank for public sector enterprises and financial institutions to utilize the concessional forex swap facility for fresh eligible ECBs and OFCBs is 31 December 2026.

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15 JULY 2026

79. RBI Absorbs Over ₹1 Lakh Crore Surplus Liquidity

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) absorbed an overall net liquidity surplus of ₹1.10 lakh crore from the banking system on 9 July 2026, indicating highly comfortable cash cushions with commercial lenders.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final net liquidity surplus successfully absorbed by the central bank from the national banking network on 9 July 2026 was ₹1.10 lakh crore.
- The exact benchmark interest rate at which the Reserve Bank of India parked institutional funds through the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) was 5.00 per cent.
- The cumulative transaction volume recorded across the entire overnight money market segment during the day's robust trading sessions was ₹6.91 lakh crore.

15 JULY 2026

80. SEBI Allows Mutual Funds to Use Intraday Borrowing Framework

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has expanded the operational framework for mutual funds, allowing asset management companies (AMCs) to use intraday borrowing facilities starting 1 September 2026 to manage temporary liquidity mismatches caused by market settlement timings.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact calendar date on which SEBI's new multi-purpose mutual fund intraday borrowing operational framework will become legally active is 1 September 2026.
- The corporate entity that is legally mandated by the regulator to bear 100 per cent of the interest costs and financial risks associated with intraday credit lines is the Asset Management Company (AMC).
- The standard maximum statutory limit up to which a mutual fund scheme can borrow assets overnight to handle emergency redemption pressures is 20 per cent of its Net Asset Value (NAV).

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15 JULY 2026

81. EPFO Launches One-Time Six-Month Amnesty Scheme for Exempted PF Trusts

Quick Recap: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has launched a comprehensive, six-month "Amnesty Scheme, 2026" allowing establishments operating private, recognized Provident Fund (PF) trusts to regularise their legal status retrospectively without facing penalties or litigation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official calendar date on which the EPFO's one-time Amnesty Scheme, 2026, was initially notified and made legally active is 29 June 2026.
- The exact operational duration during which the application window will remain actively open for employers to regularise their private PF trusts is six months.
- The designated national corporate email address established by the retirement fund body to accept official expressions of interest from participating firms is rc.exemption@epfindia.gov.in.

16 JULY 2026

82. FM Nirmala Sitharaman Meets Bank Executives on Foreign Currency Swap Initiatives

Quick Recap: Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman interacted with top bank executives in New Delhi to review the progress of foreign currency swap schemes aimed at boosting foreign capital inflows.

Must-Know Facts:

- The FCNR(B) deposit swap scheme remains operational and eligible for fresh deposits until the specific deadline of 30 September 2026.
- The eligibility period for utilising the concessional swap facility for ECBs and OFCBs extends until the deadline of 31 December 2026.
- The special swap facility schemes were originally announced by the RBI Governor during the Monetary Policy Statement on 5 June 2026.
- The review interaction led by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman was held in New Delhi on the specific date of 13 July 2026.

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17 JULY 2026

83. RBI Approves Rajiv Kumar as Part-Time Chairman of HDFC Bank

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of former Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar as the Part-time Chairman of HDFC Bank for a three year tenure.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific corporate designation approved by the central bank for Rajiv Kumar at HDFC Bank is Part-time Chairman.
- The absolute duration or tenure structured for the chairmanship appointment of Rajiv Kumar is a period of three years.
- The distinct position occupied by Rajiv Kumar within the Election Commission of India prior to this banking role was the twenty-fifth Chief Election Commissioner.

18–20 JULY 2026

84. RBI Issues Draft Guidance on Data Governance

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released a comprehensive draft framework titled 'Guidance on Regulatory Expectations for Data Governance' to significantly upgrade data risk management, data quality, and institutional accountability across all Regulated Entities (REs).

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific administrative deadline issued by the central bank for the formal submission of public comments and stakeholder feedback on the draft guidance is August 17, 2026.
- The central bank requires the Data Governance Framework (DGF) to be customized based on the Proportionality Principle, meaning it must match the specific size, complexity, and technology infrastructure of the respective financial institution.
- Regulated entities are under a strict statutory obligation to review their established Data Governance Framework at least once every year (annually) or more frequently if operational or technology infrastructure changes dictate.
- The official administrative circular and press communication was formally released under the authority of Shri Brij Raj, the Chief General Manager of the Operational Risk Group within the Department of Regulation at the RBI Central Office in Mumbai.

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21 JULY 2026

85. RBI Issues Prudential Norms on Specified Non-Financial Assets Acquired by REs

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a master regulatory framework and final directives governing how lenders must acquire, value, manage, and timely dispose of immovable assets (SNFAs) seized from defaulting borrowers.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official statutory implementation date from which these amended SNFA prudential directives come into full force across India's financial sector is October 1, 2026.
- The absolute statutory ceiling or maximum time limit permitted for any regulated financial institution to hold an acquired SNFA on its books is seven years.
- The baseline deadline given to lenders to clean up or align their legacy outstanding SNFAs and reverse previously recognized unrealized income is September 30, 2027.
- To determine the benchmark distress sale value of an incoming SNFA, the financial institution is required to mandatorily deploy a minimum of two independent external valuers.

21 JULY 2026

86. RBI Compounds FEMA Violations by Apothecon Pharmaceuticals

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a compounding order against Apothecon Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, closing an active Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigation following a one-time penalty payment of ₹40,52,622.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total one-time settlement fee paid by Apothecon Pharmaceuticals to compound its FEMA breaches is ₹40,52,622.
- The administrative node required to issue a formal "No Objection Certificate" (NOC) before the RBI can finalize a compounding order on an active probe is the Enforcement Directorate (ED).
- The exact legal section of FEMA that empowers the central bank to settle eligible foreign exchange defaults is Section 15.

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21 JULY 2026

87. Standing Instructions for SWP/STP Extended to Demat Mutual Fund Units

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched a phased roll-out extending the facility of creating automated standing instructions for SWPs and STPs to mutual fund units held in demat accounts.

Must-Know Facts:

- The designated deadline by which Depositories must jointly publish a standard operational framework on their websites to run this mechanism is October 31, 2026.
- The structural cut-off date mandated by SEBI to achieve full platform readiness and go live with Phase I (Unit-based SWP/STP) is January 31, 2027.
- The final implementation deadline set for Depositories to successfully deploy Phase II (Amount-based SWP/STP) is April 30, 2027.
- The SEBI General Manager who officially approved and signed off on this infrastructure circular is Sanjay Singh Bhati.

21 JULY 2026

88. RBI Releases Financial Inclusion Index for March 2026

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India has announced that the composite Financial Inclusion Index rose to 70.0 for the fiscal year ending March 2026, driven by growth across all sub-indices and an uptick in usage.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific value achieved by the composite Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) for the year ending March 2026 is 70.0.
- The precise value recorded by the Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) in the previous fiscal year ending March 2025 was 67.0.
- The exact month and year in which the Reserve Bank of India originally published the first edition of the Financial Inclusion Index was August 2021.

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22 JULY 2026

89. EPFO Launches 'VISHWAS 2026' One-Time Dispute Resolution Scheme

Quick Recap: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has launched "VISHWAS, 2026", a six-month digital initiative to resolve long-pending employer disputes regarding damages and penalties under Section 14B.

Must-Know Facts:

- Name of Dispute Resolution Scheme: "VISHWAS, 2026"
- Operational Duration: 6 months from 29 June 2026.
- Cut-off Date for Reduced Rates: Defaults prior to 14 June 2024.
- Reduced Concessional Penalty Rates: 0.25% (≤2 months), 0.50% (2–4 months), and 1.00% (>4 months)

22 JULY 2026

90. Centre Revisits NaBFID-IIFCL Merger Plan

Quick Recap: The Government of India is revisiting a proposal to merge India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) into the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) to eliminate operational overlap and scale up development finance.

Must-Know Facts:

- The two institutions involved in the government's proposed infrastructure finance merger are NaBFID and IIFCL.
- NaBFID operates as a specialized Development Financial Institution (DFI) established by an Act of Parliament in 2021.

23 JULY 2026

91. UPI Onboards Nearly 55.49 Crore Users as of June 2026

Quick Recap: Unified Payments Interface (UPI) user onboarding reached 55.49 crore by June 2026, driving total transaction value to ₹314 lakh crore in FY 2025–26.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total UPI users onboarded by June 2026: 55.49 Crore.
- Total UPI transaction value recorded in FY 2025–26: ₹314 lakh crore.
- Security guidelines issued by NPCI to bolster resilient payment systems: Comprehensive UPI Information Security Framework (CUISF) 2025.

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23 JULY 2026

92. Government and RBI Strengthen Fintech Regulation and Consumer Protection

Quick Recap: Government and RBI deployed multi-layered frameworks including the DPDP Act, SRO recognition, and AI-based cyber fraud detection to safeguard India's fintech ecosystem.

Must-Know Facts:

- Public-facing portal for citizens to report illegal deposit/collection entities: SACHET.
- Regulatory framework established by RBI for fintech self-governance: SRO-FT (Self-Regulatory Organization in FinTech).
- National helpline number designated for reporting cybercrime incidents: 1930.

23 JULY 2026

93. Over $20 Billion Mobilised Through RBI's Special Swap Facility

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) special foreign currency swap facility attracted $20.72 billion in foreign exchange inflows by July 17, 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total forex mobilized under the swap facility by July 17, 2026: $20.72 billion.
- Largest contributor route: FCNR(B) deposits ($17.41 billion).
- Facility deadline for FCNR(B) deposits: September 30, 2026.

23 JULY 2026

94. EPFO 3.0 Reforms Propose Flexible Universal Pension Scheme

Quick Recap: Under the proposed EPFO 3.0 framework, the Union Government plans to launch a flexible, defined-contribution Universal Pension Scheme covering formal, informal, and gig workers.

Must-Know Facts:

- Target retirement corpus metric under the new model: Target Retirement Sum (TRS).
- Flexible retirement payout mechanisms: Annuity or Systematic Withdrawal Plan (SWP).
- Technical mechanism for multi-employer/gig worker account linking: One-to-many UAN mapping.

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23 JULY 2026

95. RBI Releases Draft FEM (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2026

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the draft Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2026 to simplify and modernize the existing NDI Rules, 2019.

Must-Know Facts:

- Proposed draft framework replacing NDI Rules 2019: Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2026.
- Deadline for submitting stakeholder comments and feedback: August 31, 2026.
- Section on the RBI website dedicated to receiving public inputs: 'Connect 2 Regulate'.

24 JULY 2026

96. RBI July Bulletin: Industry and Services Drive Economic Momentum

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India reported that healthy domestic demand and resilient industrial and services sectors sustained Indian economic growth momentum despite global geopolitical pressures.

Must-Know Facts:

- Headline Consumer Price Index inflation rose to an eighteen-month high of 4.4 per cent in June.
- Foreign Portfolio Investors invested 3.1 billion United States dollars into domestic capital markets during July up to the twentieth day.
- Operationalisation of the India-United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement was cited by the Reserve Bank of India as a key driver for future trade prospects.

24 JULY 2026

97. PFRDA Makes Pension Funds Accountable for Third-Party Lapses

Quick Recap: The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority notified amended regulations holding pension funds strictly liable for any lapses committed by third-party entities engaged for specific purpose schemes.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority inserted Regulation 4A into the Exits and Withdrawals Regulations, 2015.
- Amended exit and withdrawal rules came into force on July 13.
- The regulator introduced the Regulatory Sandbox Regulations, 2026, to allow controlled testing of technological innovations in the pension sector.
- For visual context on recent pension sector updates and investor impact, see NPS Exit and.

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24 JULY 2026

98. NABARD Survey: Rural Income Growth Slows to Two-Year Low

Quick Recap: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development recorded rural income gains falling to a two year low of 27.7 per cent as informal credit reliance reached record highs.

Must-Know Facts:

- Rural households reporting higher financial savings fell to 17.8 per cent in the July 2026 survey round.
- The proportion of rural families with increased consumption expenditure dropped to 74.1 per cent.
- Retail inflation in rural India stood at 5 per cent in June 2026 compared to 4 per cent in urban areas.

25–27 JULY 2026

99. PM Jan Dhan Yojana Reaches 58.63 Crore Accounts, Deposits Above ₹3 Lakh Crore

Quick Recap: Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana reached 58.63 crore accounts accumulating over ₹3 lakh crore in total deposits as of July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total deposit balance in Jan Dhan accounts stood at ₹3,08,333 crore.
- Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana provided financial assistance up to ₹20 lakh for income generating activities.
- Stand Up India Scheme sanctioned cumulative loans amounting to ₹62,790 crore.

25–27 JULY 2026

100. Rupee Value is Market-Determined, No Target Band: Finance Minister

Quick Recap: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman clarified in Parliament that the Indian Rupee's exchange rate is strictly market-determined, with no specific target level or exchange rate band set by the RBI.

Must-Know Facts:

- Exchange rate determination in India: Market-determined (no fixed band or target level).
- Primary objective of RBI forex intervention: Mitigating excess market volatility.

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28 JULY 2026

101. SEBI Eases Securities Transmission Rules, Adds Fast-Track for Low-Value Claims

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India simplified security transmission rules by introducing a fast-track route for low-value claims and standardizing documentation requirements.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Quick Transmission Processing (QTP) route covers claims up to ₹10,000 for physical securities and ₹30,000 for demat holdings.
- The simplified documentation threshold stands at ₹10 lakh for physical shares and ₹30 lakh for demat holdings.
- Market entities must process complete security transmission claims within 21 calendar days of document receipt.

28 JULY 2026

102. Forex Reserves Rise $1.08 Billion to $676.237 Billion

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India released data showing India foreign exchange reserves rose by 1.08 billion dollars to reach 676.237 billion dollars during the week ended July 17 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total foreign exchange reserves reached 676.237 billion dollars for the week ended July 17 2026.
- Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) rose by 4.549 billion dollars to total 551.057 billion dollars.
- Gold reserves dropped by 3.48 billion dollars to stand at 101.749 billion dollars.

29 JULY 2026

103. Foreign Currency Inflows Reach $32 Billion; RBI Sees Rupee as Undervalued

Quick Recap: Banks in India mobilized nearly 32 billion US dollars through special capital attraction measures according to the Reserve Bank of India.

Must-Know Facts:

- Banks mobilized nearly 32 billion US dollars largely through FCNR(B) deposits.
- Government securities received over 7 billion US dollars in foreign inflows following the June policy measures.
- Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra identified inflation control as the foremost priority.

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30 JULY 2026

104. Government Approves Field Trials of ₹10 and ₹20 Polymer Banknotes

Quick Recap: The Central Government approved the Reserve Bank of India's proposal to introduce 1 billion pieces each of ₹10 and ₹20 polymer banknotes for field trials.

Must-Know Facts:

- Government approved trials for 1 billion pieces each of ₹10 and ₹20 polymer notes.
- Section 25 of the RBI Act, 1934 governs banknote design and material approval.
- Polymer notes will co-exist alongside conventional paper substrate banknotes.

30 JULY 2026

105. US Keeps India Off Currency Monitoring List

Quick Recap: The US Treasury broadened its foreign exchange assessment methodology but kept India off its Currency Monitoring List as India met only one of three statutory criteria.

Must-Know Facts:

- India remains off the US Treasury Currency Monitoring List.
- RBI was estimated as a net seller of ~$43 billion in foreign exchange during the evaluation window.
- India met only 1 out of the 3 statutory scrutiny parameters.

30 JULY 2026

106. Cooperation Ministry Urges RBI to Reopen Urban Cooperative Bank Licensing

Quick Recap: Ministry of Cooperation Secretary Ashish Kumar Bhutani urged the Reserve Bank of India to issue new licences for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) across the country.

Must-Know Facts:

- RBI stopped issuing new UCB licences in 2004.
- Nearly 1,100 out of 1,450 UCBs are concentrated in Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Karnataka.
- Ashish Kumar Bhutani serves as Secretary in the Union Ministry of Cooperation.

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31 JULY 2026

107. RRBs Post Record Net Profit of ₹10,177 Crore in FY26

Quick Recap: Regional Rural Banks posted a record highest net profit of ₹10,177 crore during financial year 2025 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- ₹10,177 crore represents the record net profit recorded by Regional Rural Banks in the financial year 2025 2026.
- Pankaj Chaudhary holds office as the Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance.
- August 4 2023 marks the date when the Union Finance Minister chaired a key Regional Rural Banks review meeting in Chennai.

31 JULY 2026

108. PSBs Record Historic Low Gross NPA of 1.9% and Record Profit in FY26

Quick Recap: Public Sector Banks achieved a historic low gross non performing asset ratio of 1.9 per cent and a record net profit in the financial year 2025 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- ₹1.98 lakh crore marks the record net profit recorded by Public Sector Banks in the financial year 2025 2026.
- ₹2.55 lakh crore represents the total credit guarantee limit approved under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0.
- 1.9 per cent stands as the historic low Gross Non-Performing Asset ratio reported by public lenders for financial year 2025 2026.

31 JULY 2026

109. ADB Approves $1 Billion Loan for India's Urban Transformation

Quick Recap: Asian Development Bank approved a 1 billion dollar loan to support the urban reform agenda and sustainable city growth in India.

Must-Know Facts:

- 1 billion US dollars represents the loan amount committed by the Asian Development Bank for urban transformation reforms in India.
- 850 million US dollars stands as the loan amount approved by the Asian Development Bank to expand rooftop solar installations.
- Manila in the Philippines functions as the headquarters of the Asian Development Bank.

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31 JULY 2026

110. Banks Collect Over ₹7,000 Crore in Minimum Balance Penalties in FY26

Quick Recap: Indian commercial banks collected ₹7,086 crore as penalties for failing to maintain minimum average balances during the financial year 2025 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- ₹7,086.63 crore represents the total minimum average balance penalty collected by commercial banks in the financial year 2025 2026.
- ₹4,948.71 crore stands as the total penalty collection recorded by private sector banks in the financial year 2025 2026.
- March 2020 marks the month when State Bank of India completely waived minimum balance penal charges on savings accounts.

31 JULY 2026

111. RBI Governor Affirms Rupee is Undervalued

Quick Recap: Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that the Indian rupee remains undervalued relative to foreign currencies despite global market volatility.

Must-Know Facts:

- 32 billion US dollars represents the forex capital mobilized largely via Foreign Currency Non-Resident deposit measures.
- 7 billion US dollars marks the foreign capital inflow attracted to Indian government securities following recent capital measures.
- Sanjay Malhotra serves as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

31 JULY 2026

112. RBI Initiates Winding-Up of Paytm Payments Bank

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India announced the winding up of Paytm Payments Bank Limited and appointed an official liquidator.

Must-Know Facts:

- Girikumar Nair serves as the appointed Official Liquidator for the winding up process of Paytm Payments Bank Limited.
- March 2022 marks the period when the Reserve Bank of India first restricted Paytm Payments Bank from onboarding new customers.
- ₹2 lakh stands as the maximum demand deposit limit permitted per individual customer in a Payments Bank.

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01–03 AUGUST 2026

113. PM Vidyalaxmi: Collateral-Free Education Loans Highlighted

Quick Recap: The PIB backgrounder highlighted key provisions of the PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme providing collateral-free and guarantor-free education loans for higher education.

Must-Know Facts:

- 3% represents the interest subvention rate provided for eligible students with an annual family income up to ₹8 lakh.
- 15 years is the maximum repayment period allowed under the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme (excluding moratorium).
- Collateral-free and guarantor-free loans constitute the central structural benefit provided to students under the initiative.

04 AUGUST 2026

114. IRDAI Tightens Intermediary Rules, Eases Insurer Investment Norms

Quick Recap: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India revised intermediary operational guidelines while expanding investment allowances for insurance companies across infrastructure and private equity assets.

Must-Know Facts:

- Combined investment limits in private companies, alternative investment funds (AIFs), and venture capital funds (VCFs) are capped at 3 per cent for life insurers and 5 per cent for general insurers.
- Principal officer contact details must be recorded for policy sales executed directly through digital platforms without salesperson involvement.
- Intermediary tagging of sales personnel and branch contact details becomes compulsory on January 1, 2027.
- Insurers must submit a mandatory annual Financial Condition Report (FCR) covering solvency, reserve adequacy, liquidity, stress testing, and asset-liability management resilience.

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04 AUGUST 2026

115. Forex Reserves Rise to $682.35 Billion

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India reported that foreign exchange reserves rose by 6.12 billion dollars to reach 682.35 billion dollars.

Must-Know Facts:

- India's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund registered at $4.75 billion after an $11 million decline.
- Foreign currency assets constitute the largest individual segment within total foreign exchange reserves.
- The weekly reserve data published by the central bank reflects figures for the week ended July 24.

04 AUGUST 2026

116. Bank Credit Growth to Industry Triples to 19.2% in June

Quick Recap: Reserve Bank of India data revealed that annual bank credit growth to industry trebled to 19.2 per cent during June.

Must-Know Facts:

- Loans against gold jewellery recorded the highest growth within personal loans, surging by 93.8 per cent to ₹5.36 trillion.
- Commercial real estate credit grew 22.1 per cent year-on-year to reach ₹6.67 trillion.
- Credit card outstanding growth slowed significantly to 1.9 per cent year-on-year, down from 7.2 per cent in the previous year.

05 AUGUST 2026

117. 99.92% of Inhabited Villages Now Have a Banking Outlet Within 5 km

Quick Recap: Government announced in Lok Sabha that India achieved near-universal banking coverage, with 99.92% of inhabited villages now served by a banking outlet within a 5-km radius.

Must-Know Facts:

- Inhabited village banking coverage in India stands at 99.92% within a 5-kilometer radius.
- PMJDY account balance crossed ₹3,12,414 crore across 58.77 crore accounts.
- RBI mandates banks to locate at least 25% of new banking outlets in unbanked rural areas.

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118. UPI Hits Record 23.66 Billion Transactions Worth ₹29.88 Lakh Crore in July 2026

Quick Recap: National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) reported that Unified Payments Interface (UPI) achieved a new monthly record of 23.66 billion transaction volume worth ₹29.88 lakh crore in July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Monthly UPI transaction volume in July 2026 hit a record 23.66 billion transactions.
- Total UPI transaction value for July 2026 reached ₹29.88 lakh crore.
- Average daily transaction volume stood at 763 million.

05 AUGUST 2026

119. SEBI Restrains Zee Entertainment and Promoters Over Unauthorised Pledge

Quick Recap: Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) barred Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL) and its key promoters over an undisclosed, unauthorized pledge of company land in Hyderabad, triggering a 12% fall in the company's share price.

Must-Know Facts:

- SEBI barred Zee Entertainment from the securities market for 2 months and its promoters for 12 months.
- The case involved an undisclosed pledge of company-owned land in Hyderabad.
- Zee Entertainment was attempting a fundraise of ₹3,143.5 crore via convertible warrants.

06 AUGUST 2026

120. Study Shows High Returns from KCC Modified Interest Subvention Scheme

Quick Recap: A third party assessment by the Institute for Social and Economic Change revealed that every one rupee invested under the Kisan Credit Card Modified Interest Subvention Scheme yields ₹2.30 in net agricultural value.

Must-Know Facts:

- Every ₹1 invested in KCC-MISS generates ₹2.30 in net agricultural value addition.
- Total subsidy expenditure under MISS reached ₹1.87 lakh crore from inception up to 2024–25.
- The revised collateral-free loan limit under Kisan Credit Card stands at ₹2 lakh, effective January 1, 2025.

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06 AUGUST 2026

121. Supreme Court Mandates SOPs to Curb Digital Arrest Frauds

Quick Recap: The Supreme Court of India directed central and state authorities to establish standard operating procedures for curbing digital arrest scams and facilitating time bound refunds.

Must-Know Facts:

- Suggested monetary threshold for Central Bureau of Investigation probe intervention in cyber fraud is below ₹10 crore.
- The bank branch network covered under the cyber grievance portal totals 1,23,590 branches across 69 banking institutions.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs issued guidelines for the cyber reporting framework on January 2, 2026.

06 AUGUST 2026

122. Proposal to Raise EPF Wage Ceiling to ₹25,000 Approved by Department of Expenditure

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Finance's Department of Expenditure approved raising the monthly wage ceiling for Employees' Provident Fund coverage from 15,000 to ₹25,000.

Must-Know Facts:

- The previous statutory EPF wage ceiling was fixed at ₹15,000 per month in September 2014.
- Proportion of employer contribution directed toward the Employees' Pension Scheme is 8.33 per cent of eligible basic pay.
- Average salary window used for calculating pensionable salary under EPS formula is the last 60 months of service prior to exit.

07 AUGUST 2026

123. RBI MPC Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged at 5.25% in August 2026

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India’s Monetary Policy Committee unanimously decided to maintain the repo rate at 5.25% and keep its stance "neutral" while projecting FY27 real GDP growth at 6.7% and CPI inflation at 5.0%.

Must-Know Facts:

- Current Governor of RBI: Shri Sanjay Malhotra (Chairperson of the MPC).
- Policy Rate Corridor: Repo Rate (5.25%), SDF Rate (5.00%), MSF Rate / Bank Rate (5.50%).
- Next MPC Meeting Schedule: October 5 to 7, 2026 (Minutes of August meeting to be published on August 19, 2026).

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124. RBI Issues Draft Norms for 'On Tap' Licensing of Urban Co-operative Banks

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India has issued draft guidelines to reopen 'on tap' banking licenses for Urban Co-operative Banks after a 22-year pause, inviting public comments until September 05, 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Historical Context: Fresh licensing for UCBs was paused by the RBI in June 2004; this framework resumes licensing after 22 years.
- Key Financial Criteria (Phase 1): Minimum 10 years existence, ₹10,000 crore deposits, ₹300 crore net worth, CRAR ≥ 12%, Net NPA ≤ 3%.
- Feedback Deadline: September 05, 2026 (Press Release No. 2026-2027/816).

07 AUGUST 2026

125. Forex Reserves Reach Near Three-Month High of $692.9 Billion

Quick Recap: Indias foreign exchange reserves rose by 6.12 billion dollars to reach 692.9 billion dollars driven by increases in foreign currency assets and gold reserves.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total foreign exchange reserves reached 692.9 billion dollars after a weekly increase of 6.12 billion dollars.
- Foreign Currency Assets constitute the largest single component of India's foreign exchange reserves at 555.93 billion dollars.
- Gold holdings managed by the central bank surged past the 103 billion dollar milestone.

07 AUGUST 2026

126. RBI Targets Early FY28 Launch of ₹10 and ₹20 Polymer Notes

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India plans to introduce ten rupee and twenty rupee polymer currency notes on a pilot basis by early financial year 28.

Must-Know Facts:

- Target implementation timeline for the polymer banknote rollout is early financial year 28.
- Ten rupee and twenty rupee denominations were chosen for the initial 2 billion piece pilot trial.
- Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced the official project timeline.

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08–10 AUGUST 2026

127. RBI Places 17 Entities Including Tata Sons in NBFC Upper Layer for 2026-27

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India designated 17 entities, including Tata Sons Private Limited, as Upper Layer NBFCs (NBFC-UL) for FY 2026–27, subjecting them to strict bank-like regulatory oversight and mandatory public listing within three years.

Must-Know Facts:

- RBI identified 17 large NBFCs under the Upper Layer (NBFC-UL) category for FY 2026–27.
- Tata Sons was retained on the list pending the outcome of its CIC de-registration petition.
- NBFC-UL designation requires mandatory stock market listing within three years and regulatory adherence for five years.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

128. Lok Sabha Passes Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill Enabling MDR on UPI

Quick Recap: Lok Sabha passed the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, empowering the government to allow banks and payment service providers to levy Merchant Discount Rate charges on UPI and electronic payments.

Must-Know Facts:

- Amendments to Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act remove the zero-MDR rule on UPI transactions.
- Income tax exemptions for foreign electronics contract manufacturing partnerships were extended to FY 2040–41.
- The Bill simplifies lease operations for foreign cloud providers operating out of domestic data centers.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

129. SEBI Unveils FY27 Regulatory Roadmap Including SLB Revamp

Quick Recap: SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey unveiled the regulatory roadmap for FY 2026–27, prioritizing a revamp of the Securities Lending and Borrowing framework, a single-window clearance system for MII intermediaries, and the SEBI Setu portal.

Must-Know Facts:

- SEBI will revamp the Securities Lending and Borrowing (SLB) mechanism during FY 2026–27.
- A single-window clearance system will streamline registrations across Market Infrastructure Institutions.
- The regulator plans to test corporate bond tokenization using Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT).

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08–10 AUGUST 2026

130. RBI Draft Proposes Barring NBFCs from Revolving Credit Lines

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India issued draft norms restricting non-banking financial companies to granting term loans while prohibiting revolving credit facilities, except for NBFCs authorized to issue credit cards.

Must-Know Facts:

- RBI draft norms restrict NBFCs to offering term loans with fixed repayment terms.
- Revolving credit products are barred for NBFCs, except for those licensed to issue credit cards.
- The policy aims to eliminate asset-liability mismatches and curb short-term credit rollover risks.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

131. RBI Defers Revised Recovery Agent Guidelines to January 2027

Quick Recap: The RBI extended the implementation date for its revised loan recovery and agent engagement guidelines to January 1, 2027, and modified rules governing tech-based restrictions on financed mobile devices.

Must-Know Facts:

- The revised RBI recovery agent directions will now take effect on January 1, 2027.
- REs have a 1-year timeline to ensure existing recovery agents attain IIBF certification.
- Financed mobile device remote locking cannot start before 30 days past due, with full restrictions permitted only after 60 days past due.

11 AUGUST 2026

132. SBI Q1 FY27 Net Profit Rises 13.73% to ₹24,113 Crore

Quick Recap: State Bank of India reported a 13.73 per cent increase in June quarter consolidated net profit to ₹24,113 crore supported by strong core interest income and lower loan-loss provisions.

Must-Know Facts:

- SBI's Q1 consolidated net profit rose 13.73 per cent to ₹24,113 crore.
- Standalone net profit stood at ₹21,121.22 crore, while Net Interest Income (NII) rose to ₹46,992 crore.
- Provisions for non-performing assets fell to ₹3,359 crore from ₹4,934 crore in the year-ago period.

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11 AUGUST 2026

133. RBI Excludes Loans Backed by Fresh FCNR(B)/NRE Deposits from ANBC for PSL

Quick Recap: Reserve Bank of India allowed commercial banks to exclude advances backed by fresh FCNR(B) and NRE deposits from Adjusted Net Bank Credit calculations for Priority Sector Lending targets.

Must-Know Facts:

- Advances against fresh FCNR(B) deposits (3-5 years tenure) mobilised from June 8 to September 30, 2026, are excluded from ANBC.
- Advances against fresh NRE term deposits (3+ years tenure) mobilised from June 19 to September 30, 2026, are excluded from ANBC.
- ANBC exclusions are capped at the deposit limits exempt from CRR and SLR maintenance.

12 AUGUST 2026

134. Amit Shah Inaugurates NUCFDC Office in Mumbai

Quick Recap: Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the new office premises of the National Urban Co-operative Finance and Development Corporation in Mumbai during the Sahkar Nav-Kranti programme.

Must-Know Facts:

- The new headquarters of the umbrella organisation for UCBs was established in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Former RBI DGM G.P. Mistry authored the practical guide on operational risk management released at the event.
- Six Urban Cooperative Banks were recognized for completing onboarding onto the unified Sahkar CBS platform.

12 AUGUST 2026

135. Finance Ministry: UPI to Remain Free for Users and Merchants

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Finance clarified that Unified Payments Interface transactions will remain completely free for citizens following enabling amendments to the Payment and Settlement Systems Act.

Must-Know Facts:

- UPI transactions and P2P transfers remain entirely free for citizens and retail end-users.
- Amendments were introduced to the Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act to safeguard long-term system sustainability.
- Any future MDR framework will apply only to a limited set of merchant transactions above a designated threshold.

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13 AUGUST 2026

136. Parliament Passes the Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026

Quick Recap: Parliament passed The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill 2026 in the Rajya Sabha to replace a British era law and permit digital banking records as legal evidence.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Lok Sabha passed The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill 2026 on August 5 2026.
- The Rajya Sabha passed the Bankers' Books Evidence Bill 2026 on August 10 2026.
- Clause 4 allows the Central Government to extend the law to Non Banking Financial Companies and payment aggregators.

13 AUGUST 2026

137. Fitch Affirms India's Rating at BBB- with Stable Outlook

Quick Recap: Fitch Ratings affirmed the sovereign credit rating of India at BBB- with a stable outlook for the twentieth consecutive year while forecasting GDP growth at 6.4 per cent.

Must-Know Facts:

- Fitch Ratings affirmed the sovereign rating of India at BBB- for the twentieth consecutive year.
- The forecasted Gross Domestic Product growth rate for India in FY27 is 6.4 per cent.
- The projected foreign exchange reserve target of India by the end of FY27 is 733 billion dollars.
- The target set by the government for its debt to Gross Domestic Product ratio by March 2031 is 50 per cent.

13 AUGUST 2026

138. Wilful Defaulters Owe ₹2,85,015 Crore to Public Sector Banks

Quick Recap: Public sector banks reported outstanding loans of ₹2,85,015 crore owed by 15,930 wilful defaulters holding defaults of ₹25 lakh and above as on June 30 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total amount owed by wilful defaulters to public sector banks as on June 30 2026 is ₹2,85,015 crore.
- The total number of wilful defaulters registered with public sector banks as on June 30 2026 is 15,930.
- The number of wilful default cases referred for criminal action is 7,190, involving an amount of ₹1,92,187 crore.

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14 AUGUST 2026

139. RBI: BRICS Discussing Linking of CBDCs and Fast Payment Systems

Quick Recap: Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that BRICS nations are discussing linking their Central Bank Digital Currencies and fast payment systems like Unified Payments Interface to enable cheaper and faster cross-border transactions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The financial event where the announcement occurred was the FIBAC conference.
- The flagship Indian fast payment system proposed for international linkage is the Unified Payments Interface.
- The host nation for the 2026 BRICS Summit is India.

14 AUGUST 2026

140. Unclaimed Deposits in RBI's DEA Fund Rise to ₹86,917 Crore

Quick Recap: Unclaimed bank deposits transferred to the Reserve Bank of India Depositor Education and Awareness Fund reached ₹86,917 crore as of 30 June 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total amount in the RBI DEA Fund stood at ₹86,917 crore as of 30 June 2026.
- The qualifying period of account inactivity before funds transfer to the DEA Fund is ten years.
- The designated centralized search portal for unclaimed deposits is the UDGAM portal.

14 AUGUST 2026

141. Parliament Passes NCDC (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Quick Recap: Parliament passed the National Co-operative Development Corporation Amendment Bill 2026 on 12 August to enable direct funding and expand activities into industrial goods.

Must-Know Facts:

- The year of the principal act being amended by Parliament is 1962.
- The total number of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies undergoing computerisation is 80,000.
- The number of youth targeted for training by Tribhuvan Sahkari University over five years is 17 lakh.

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15–17 AUGUST 2026

142. CBDC-Based DBT Under PMGKAY to Launch in Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Quick Recap: The Government of India will launch Central Bank Digital Currency based Direct Benefit Transfer under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana in Chandigarh and Dadra and Nagar Haveli on 14 August 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official launch date for the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) based Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) pilot is 14 August 2026.
- The initiative applies specifically to the two Union Territories of Chandigarh and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.
- The welfare program selected for this central bank digital currency integration is the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

19 AUGUST 2026

143. PSB Confluence 2026 Held by Department of Financial Services

Quick Recap: The Department of Financial Services convened PSB Confluence 2026 to strategize Public Sector Banks' focus on deposit growth, youth banking, investment support, and Global Capability Centres.

Must-Know Facts:

- Organizer: Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance.
- Four Core Pillars: Deposit Mobilisation, Banking for Youth, Supporting the Investment Cycle, Global Capability Centres (GCCs)

19 AUGUST 2026

144. Qatar-India Postal Remittance Service Powered by UPI Launched

Quick Recap: The Department of Posts, Qatar Post, Universal Postal Union Interconnection Platform, and NPCI International Payments Limited introduced the Unified Payments Interface powered cross-border remittance service through Qatar Post outlets on 15 August 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Transactions allow transfers ranging from QAR 10 to QAR 4,000, capped at a maximum of ₹1,00,000 per transaction.
- His Excellency Sandeep Kumar visited the launch engagement at LuLu Mall in Doha on 15 August 2026.
- A flat service charge of QAR 15 applies to every remittance transaction.
- The platform integrates the Universal Postal Union Interconnection Platform with India's UPI ecosystem to credit recipient accounts instantly.

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19 AUGUST 2026

145. CBDT Notifies Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers Disclosure Scheme

Quick Recap: The Central Board of Direct Taxes notified the Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers Disclosure Scheme rules allowing eligible taxpayers to voluntarily declare specified foreign assets and income between 16 August and 31 December 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The FAST-DS voluntary disclosure window remains operational from 16 August 2026 to 31 December 2026.
- The statutory valuation date for assessing asset worth under the scheme is 31 March 2026.
- Undisclosed foreign income up to ₹1 crore attracts a effective tax rate of 60 per cent.
- Previously taxed omitted assets up to ₹5 crore require payment of a flat 1 lakh rupee fee.

19 AUGUST 2026

146. FM Announces High-Powered Committee on Banking Reforms for Viksit Bharat

Quick Recap: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in New Delhi that the government will constitute a high-powered committee on banking reforms to support economic development towards Viksit Bharat.

Must-Know Facts:

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the setup of the high-powered committee on banking reforms.
- The initiative aims to align public sector banking capabilities with the economic goals of Viksit Bharat.
- The announcement took place during a two-day conclave attended by Public Sector Banks and Public Financial Institutions.

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20 AUGUST 2026

147. RBI Closes Special FCNR(B) Swap Window Early as Inflows Reach $52 Billion

Quick Recap: Reserve Bank of India brought forward the deadline for its special foreign exchange swap facility for Foreign Currency Non-Resident Bank deposits to August 31 after recording strong foreign inflows.

Must-Know Facts:

- Reserve Bank of India advanced the Foreign Currency Non-Resident Bank swap window closure date to August 31, 2026.
- Total Foreign Currency Non-Resident Bank deposit inflows under the special swap scheme reached 52.3 billion US dollars by August 13, 2026.
- Cumulative foreign capital inflows incorporating External Commercial Borrowings and Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings totaled 56.846 billion US dollars.

20 AUGUST 2026

148. FPI Ownership in NSE-Listed Companies Falls to 17-Year Low of 15.8%

Quick Recap: Foreign Portfolio Investor ownership in listed companies on the National Stock Exchange of India dropped to a seventeen-year low of 15.8 per cent following record capital outflows.

Must-Know Facts:

- Foreign Portfolio Investor holding in National Stock Exchange listed firms dropped to 15.8 per cent.
- Total foreign net outflows reached 19.6 billion United States Dollars.
- Domestic Institutional Investors recorded net inflows totaling ₹8.5 lakh crore.

21 AUGUST 2026

149. RBI MPC Minutes Signal End of Rate-Cut Cycle

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee minutes revealed growing concerns over persistent 5.9% inflation, signaling that the interest rate reduction cycle may have concluded.

Must-Know Facts:

- Key interest rate status: Repo rate kept unchanged at 5.25 per cent.
- Consumer Price Inflation level cited in minutes: 5.9 per cent.
- Statutory Inflation Target: 4 per cent with a tolerance band of +/- 2 per cent (2% to 6%).

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22–24 AUGUST 2026

150. SEBI to Overhaul SME Listing Framework and Enforce AI Accountability Rules

Quick Recap: SEBI Chairperson Tuhin Kanta Pandey announced upcoming overhauls to the SME listing framework alongside mandatory AI accountability guidelines including human-in-the-loop safeguards.

Must-Know Facts:

- Full liability assigned to regulated financial entities for third-party and internal AI tools.
- Kill switches and human-in-the-loop mechanisms mandated as safety controls under the new framework.
- Project Sudarsan and R(AI)DAR highlighted as active regulatory AI tools for market surveillance.

22–24 AUGUST 2026

151. SEBI to Pilot Corporate Bond Tokenisation

Quick Recap: The Securities and Exchange Board of India announced plans to launch a pilot for corporate bond tokenisation using Distributed Ledger Technology while streamlining Foreign Portfolio Investor onboarding by allowing digitally signed Power of Attorney documents.

Must-Know Facts:

- 6 to 9 months anticipated rollout window for the corporate bond tokenisation pilot project.
- 20 August 2026 effective date for FPI onboarding ease via digitally signed Power of Attorney.
- 3 redundant documentation steps removed for FPI execution (notarisation, apostillisation, and consularisation).

26 AUGUST 2026

152. UPI Completes 10 Years

Quick Recap: The Unified Payments Interface launched by the National Payments Corporation of India under the Reserve Bank of India completed ten years of operations on August 25 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Annual transaction volume reached 24,162 crore transactions in FY 2025-26.
- Total transaction value expanded to ₹314 lakh crore in FY 2025-26.
- The platform is currently operational across 11 international countries for cross-border usage.

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26 AUGUST 2026

153. RBI Proposes One-Time Approval for Institutional Investors Buying Bank Stakes

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India proposed a streamlined process allowing regulated institutional investors like mutual funds and insurers to receive a single one-time approval to hold up to 10% in commercial banks.

Must-Know Facts:

- One-time RBI approval permits eligible institutional investors to hold up to 10% voting rights/shares in a commercial bank.
- Re-approval is eliminated for stake fluctuations around the 5% threshold for qualified entities.
- Post-transaction disclosures must be reported to the RBI and target bank within 1 working day.

26 AUGUST 2026

154. RBI Special Swap Scheme Draws $72.85 Billion

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported that its special United States Dollar and Indian Rupee foreign exchange swap facility attracted aggregate inflows of 72.85 billion dollars through 21 August.

Must-Know Facts:

- The special foreign exchange swap facility of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) attracted 72.85 billion dollars in total foreign currency inflows.
- Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) or FCNR(B) deposits accounted for 65.397 billion dollars of the total funds raised.
- The deadline for the FCNR(B) deposit facility is set for 31 August, while the ECB and OFCB windows remain open through 31 December.

29–31 AUGUST 2026

155. PM Jan Dhan Yojana Completes 12 Years with 59.09 Crore Accounts

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Finance celebrated 12 years of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), recording over 59.09 crore total accounts with aggregate deposits reaching ₹3.17 lakh crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- PMJDY completed 12 years of operation, accumulating 59.09 crore bank accounts.
- Total deposit balances in PMJDY accounts reached ₹3.17 lakh crore.
- Women constitute 56% of total account holders, and 78% of accounts belong to rural/semi-urban areas.

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Economy & Industry

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

1. IEA: India's Energy Investment to Reach Record $170 Billion in 2026

Quick Recap: According to the International Energy Agency's (IEA) World Energy Investment 2026 report, India's energy sector investment is set to hit a historic high of $170 billion in 2026, driven by an annual growth rate of 11 per cent over the past five years led by solar energy, grid modernization, and oil refining.

Must-Know Facts:

- The overall projected financial investment into India's energy sector for the year 2026 is expected to touch a historic high of $170 billion.
- Solar PV investment grew at an average annual pace of 25 per cent over the last five years, while oil refining investment climbed by 23 per cent annually.
- Transmission and distribution (T&D) grid network infrastructure spending alone is projected to reach $26 billion in 2026.
- To meet rising baseline industrial power requirements, India's investment in coal supply is set to touch $13 billion in 2026 to scale domestic coal mining to 1.5 billion tonnes by 2030.

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

2. India and Russia Deepen Cooperation on Rare Earths

Quick Recap: India and Russia have expanded bilateral cooperation via joint research pacts for the deep processing of rare earths and the production of permanent magnets, balancing its multi-aligned diplomacy alongside the Quad's new $20 billion critical minerals framework.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific Russian institution that partnered with Indian entities for deep processing technologies of rare earth elements is JSC Giredmet (part of Rosatom).
- The specialized components targeted for joint metallurgical development and pilot validation by Giredmet and IIT-ISM's TEXMiN are Neodymium-Iron-Boron ($NdFeB$) rare earth permanent magnets.
- The newly launched Quad Critical Minerals Framework, finalized during the foreign ministers' meeting in New Delhi, has committed an aggregate capital pooling target of up to $20 billion.

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02 JUNE 2026

3. NHAI Identifies 17 Highway Assets to Raise up to ₹35,000 Crore

Quick Recap: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has shortlisted seventeen national highway projects spanning nine states with a cumulative length of 1,692.5 kilometres for asset monetisation during the financial year 2026 to 2027.

Must-Know Facts:

- The target monetisation receipts established by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) for the current financial year range between 30,000 and ₹35,000 crore.
- The aggregate length of the seventeen national highway projects officially shortlisted by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) stands at exactly 1,692.5 kilometres.
- The geographical distribution of the identified national highway assets encompasses a total of nine states across India.

02 JUNE 2026

4. India Becomes World's Largest Rice Producer, Surpassing China

Quick Recap: The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, announced that India has become the world's largest rice producer after surpassing China, with national production reaching a record estimate of 154.02 million tonnes.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total estimated record volume of rice production achieved by India during the 2025 to 2026 crop year stands at exactly 154.02 million tonnes.
- The previous national rice output recorded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in the preceding crop year was fixed at 150.18 million tonnes.
- The central government officially introduced a nationwide agricultural contingency plan specifically intended to counter climate risks and the potential emergence of the El Nino phenomenon.

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03 JUNE 2026

5. MoSPI Revises IIP Base Year to 2022-23

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has revised the base year of the All India Index of Industrial Production (IIP) from 2011–12 to 2022–23 to make the index more representative of the current economic structure.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly implemented base year for the tracking of the All India Index of Industrial Production (IIP) was changed to 2022–23.
- The official report of the Technical Advisory Committee for Base Year Revision of the All India Index of Industrial Production (TAC-IIP) was formally released on 25 May 2026.
- The overall growth rate registered by the All India Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the month of April 2026 was 4.9 per cent.
- The Capital Goods sector registered the highest growth rate among the Use-Based Classification categories with a substantial increase of 16.0 per cent.

03 JUNE 2026

6. Record Seafood Exports of ₹73,890 Crore in FY 2025-26

Quick Recap: The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has announced that India achieved an all-time high in seafood exports during Financial Year 2025–26, reaching a total value of ₹73,890.46 crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total volume of seafood exported by India reached an unprecedented milestone of 19,72,018 metric tonnes (MT) during Financial Year (FY) 2025–26.
- Frozen shrimp constituted the absolute largest share of the marine export earnings by contributing ₹49,037.93 crore to the total revenue.
- The dried seafood product segment registered a remarkable year-on-year growth rate of 78.05 per cent in rupee value terms during the tracked fiscal period.
- China emerged as the single largest destination for Indian seafood exports strictly in terms of total volume by importing 4,90,369 metric tonnes (MT).

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03 JUNE 2026

7. India-Oman CEPA Enters into Force

Quick Recap: The India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) officially entered into force on 1 June 2026 to establish a strategic trade corridor and offer zero-duty access for 99.38 per cent of India's exports to Oman by value.

Must-Know Facts:

- The India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) formally entered into force across both partner nations on 1 June 2026.
- Bilateral trade volume achieved between India and Oman reached a valuation of 11.18 billion United States (US) dollars during Financial Year (FY) 2025–26.
- The Intra-Corporate Transferee (ICT) employment ceiling for Indian professionals operating in Oman was successfully raised from 20 per cent to 50 per cent under the mobility rules.
- The fast-track regulatory clearance mechanism mandates that globally approved Indian pharmaceutical products must receive marketing authorization in Oman within 90 days.

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8. Monthly Accounts of Government of India for April 2026

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Finance has consolidated and published the monthly account of the Government of India for April 2026, recording total receipts of ₹2,12,679 crore and a total expenditure of ₹5,74,892 crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total fiscal receipts registered by the Government of India during the month of April 2026 stood at ₹2,12,679 crore.
- The central government transferred a total sum of ₹87,779 crore to the state administrations under the tax devolution mechanism during the tracked period.
- The total public expenditure executed by the central exchequer during the first month of the financial year reached ₹5,74,892 crore.
- The financial allocation designated for sovereign interest payments constituted the highest individual component within the revenue expenditure by consuming ₹1,09,562 crore.

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9. Centre Targets Nearly 300 GW Power Generation Capacity by Next Year

Quick Recap: Union Minister for Power, Housing, and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar announced that the Central Government plans to scale up India's overall power generation capacity from the current 283 Gigawatts (GW) to nearly 300 GW by next year to meet accelerating energy consumption.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Central Government has set a near-term objective to elevate India's total national power generation capacity to approximately 300 Gigawatts (GW) by next year.
- India reached an unprecedented all-time peak power grid demand of 270.8 GW on May 21, 2026.
- The long-term strategic vision formulated by the Power Ministry seeks to secure 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by 2047.
- The administrative review allocated a regional target for the state of Tripura to install 2 lakh rooftop solar configurations by March 2027 under the PMSGMBY.

04 JUNE 2026

10. WPI Base Year Revised to 2022-23; New Producer Price Indices Introduced

Quick Recap: The competent authority approved the revision of the base year of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) from 2011–12 to 2022–23 alongside the compilation of new Producer Price Indices (PPIs), which are scheduled for official release on 15 June 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of commodity items included in the newly revised Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series has been expanded from 697 to 957 items.
- The official launch of the revised series by the Office of Economic Adviser is scheduled to take place precisely on 15 June 2026.
- The back-series data compiled on a monthly basis for the revised Wholesale Price Index (WPI) spans a precise historical duration of 37 months.

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11. Oman Overtakes Qatar as India's Top LNG Supplier

Quick Recap: Driven by regional military conflict and shipping bottlenecks in the Strait of Hormuz, Oman surpassed Qatar in March 2026 to become India's primary supplier of liquefied natural gas (LNG), capturing nearly 30 per cent of the monthly import market share.

Must-Know Facts:

- Prior to the conflict outbreak, India imported a total of 25.98 million tonnes (MT) of LNG between April 2025 and February 2026, with Qatar firmly leading the market by supplying 10.74 MT.
- Under normal market conditions, approximately three specialized LNG transport tankers pass through the Strait of Hormuz daily to serve international energy markets.
- Oman's absolute share of India's total monthly LNG imports reached an unprecedented peak of nearly 30 per cent during the March 2026 assessment period.

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12. Manufacturing PMI Hits Three-Month High of 55.0 in May 2026

Quick Recap: The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) accelerated to a three-month high of 55.0 in May 2026, supported by robust domestic demand and infrastructure projects despite persistent cost pressures from the Middle East conflict.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final manufacturing PMI print of 55.0 for May 2026 marks the 55th consecutive month that India's industrial sector has remained inside the expansionary zone (above the 50-point threshold).
- The intermediate and capital goods segments registered the strongest growth performance during the month, whereas expansion among consumer goods manufacturers showed comparative moderation.
- Driven by greater operational production requirements, employment inside the domestic manufacturing sector expanded for the second consecutive month, though the rate of job creation slowed slightly from April.

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13. FY26 Fiscal Deficit at 4.4% of GDP, Meeting Revised Estimate

Quick Recap: Official data from the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) confirms that India's fiscal deficit for the Financial Year 2025–26 (FY26) stood exactly at 4.4 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), meeting the government's fiscal consolidation timeline.

Must-Know Facts:

- The absolute fiscal deficit of ₹15.19 lakh crore for FY26 constitutes 97.5 per cent of the Union government's Revised Estimate.
- Gross tax collections for the fiscal year showed steady growth, supported by robust corporate tax filings and healthy Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections throughout the four quarters.
- This fiscal performance marks a significant step toward the government's long-term goal of lowering the national fiscal deficit below 4.5 per cent of GDP, demonstrating a major improvement from the 4.8 per cent deficit recorded in FY25.

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14. GST Collections Rise 3.2% to ₹1.94 Lakh Crore in May 2026

Quick Recap: India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections grew 3.2 per cent year-on-year to reach ₹1,94,184 crore in May 2026, driven primarily by a massive 19.1 per cent surge in import-related tax revenues.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific component breakdown for May 2026 consists of ₹37,397 crore under Central GST (CGST), ₹45,143 crore under State GST (SGST), and a domestic IGST pool of ₹51,990 crore.
- At the state-level layer, performance remained highly mixed; Uttar Pradesh registered a powerful 13 per cent year-on-year growth, while major industrial hubs like Tamil Nadu, Delhi, and West Bengal observed revenue moderation.
- The positive cumulative performance comes despite the implementation of targeted tax rate rationalizations introduced late in September 2025, proving the steady expansion of the national tax base.

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15. India-Oman CEPA Boosts Textile and Apparel Exports

Quick Recap: The India–Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) came into effect on 1 June 2026, granting immediate duty-free market access to Indian textile, apparel, and handicraft products to significantly boost exports and MSME growth.

Must-Know Facts:

- The India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) official implementation date is 1 June 2026.
- The total annual import value of textiles and apparel by Oman stands at approximately 598 million US dollars.
- The previous Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff rate eliminated by Oman under the CEPA framework was 5 per cent.
- The major Omani maritime hub highlighted as a strategic alternative to bypass the Strait of Hormuz chokepoint is the Port of Sohar.

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16. India Became World's Second-Largest Solar Market in 2025

Quick Recap: India has overtaken the United States in annual solar capacity additions for 2025 to become the world’s second-largest solar growth market, backed by massive policy support and clean energy infrastructure expansion.

Must-Know Facts:

- The annual solar capacity additions clocked by India in 2025 to secure the second spot globally is over 37 GW (surpassing the US's 34 GW).
- The total cumulative solar capacity milestone crossed by India as announced by the union environment minister is over 155 GW.
- The exponential percentage increase registered by India's solar power capacity from 2.8 GW in 2014 to its current footprint is 5,370 per cent.
- The total number of residential households currently powered by solar energy under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana is more than 40 lakh.
- India’s total non-fossil capacity addition achieved during the Financial Year 2025–26 stands at 55.3 GW.

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17. OECD Raises India's FY27 Growth Forecast

Quick Recap: The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has upwardly revised India's FY27 real GDP growth projection by 20 basis points to 6.3%, while flashing caution over inflation and energy supply disruptions rooted in the West Asia crisis.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly upgraded real GDP growth rate projected by the OECD for India in FY2026–27 is 6.3%.
- The projected rate of consumer price inflation (CPI) expected to hit the Indian economy over the same fiscal period is 4.8%.
- The magnitude of the temporary monetary policy rate hike anticipated by the OECD before the end of Q1 FY27 is 25 basis points.
- The estimated percentage of India’s natural gas imports currently originating from West Asia stands at roughly 57% (and 46% for crude oil).
- The projected level of India’s public debt relative to GDP by the end of FY2027–28 is 54.7%.

06–08 JUNE 2026

18. Ministry of Mines to Launch ₹3,000 Crore Scheme for Lithium and Nickel Processing

Quick Recap: The federal Ministry of Mines is preparing to unveil a targeted incentive framework with a total financial outlay of around ₹3,000 crore to scale up domestic processing of lithium and nickel for electric vehicle batteries.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total estimated monetary budget allocated under the upcoming processing incentive policy for critical minerals stands at ₹3,000 crore.
- Minimum industrial output capacity requirements are fixed at 30,000 metric tons for lithium refineries and 50,000 metric tons for nickel processing setups.
- The processing push directly supports the central policy roadmap of achieving 30 per cent market penetration for electric cars and 80 per cent for electric two-wheelers across India by 2030.

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06–08 JUNE 2026

19. US Becomes India's Largest LPG Supplier; Russia Remains Top Crude Supplier

Quick Recap: Amid severe trade disruptions in the West Asia region due to the US-Israel conflict with Iran, the United States has risen to become India's largest supplier of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), while Russia remains the primary exporter of crude oil to the country.

Must-Know Facts:

- The United States provided 666,000 tonnes of LPG to India in May 2026, single-handedly meeting over 55% of the country's total cooking gas import requirements.
- Iran registered a significant comeback in the domestic energy matrix, standing as India’s second-largest source of LPG for the month with a supply volume of 145,000 tonnes.
- Russia successfully held its spot as India's leading provider of crude oil, helping lift total national oil imports back toward 4.9 million barrels per day as logistics partially normalized.

06–08 JUNE 2026

20. Wheat Procurement Rises 17% to Over 35 Million Tonnes in RMS 2026-27

Quick Recap: Government wheat procurement for the 2026–27 rabi marketing season has surged 17 per cent to exceed 35 million tonnes, successfully outperforming both the revised seasonal target and the previous year's buffer stock accumulation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total volume of wheat acquired by the government for the 2026–27 rabi marketing season has successfully crossed the benchmark of 35 million tonnes.
- India's total estimated domestic wheat production for the underlying crop cycle reached a robust high of 120.65 million tonnes.
- Punjab and Madhya Pradesh emerged as the top two regional contributors to the central grain pool, delivering 12.1 million tonnes and 10.4 million tonnes respectively.

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09 JUNE 2026

21. GDP Provisional Estimates for 2025-26 and Q4 Estimates Released

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released the provisional estimates showing a real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annual growth rate of 7.7% for the financial year 2025-26 and a 7.8% growth rate for the fourth quarter.

Must-Know Facts:

- The annual growth rate of Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant prices for the financial year 2025-26 is provisionally estimated at 7.7% compared to a 7.1% growth rate in the financial year 2024-25.
- The total absolute value achieved by India's Real Gross Value Added (GVA) at constant prices during the financial year 2025-26 is provisionally established at ₹294.91 lakh crore.
- The year-on-year growth rate recorded by Nominal Gross Value Added (GVA) during the fourth quarter of the financial year 2025-26 is established at the single highest quarterly value of 9.9%.
- The next updated national accounts estimates incorporating revised indices will be published alongside the first quarter gross domestic product press release scheduled for 31 August 2026.

09 JUNE 2026

22. High-Ethanol E85 Fuel Launched in New Delhi

Quick Recap: The Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas launched the high-ethanol blended E85 fuel at an Indian Oil Corporation Limited retail outlet in New Delhi on World Environment Day to scale up flex-fuel mobility across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The retail price of the newly launched E85 fuel has been positioned by the government at nearly ₹20 per litre lower than conventional petrol.
- The domestic ethanol blending level in petrol across India has increased significantly from 1.53 per cent in 2014 to 20 per cent currently.
- The infrastructure targets set for the nationwide expansion of E85 fuel involve establishing 500 outlets by December 2026 and expanding to about 5,000 outlets by December 2027.
- The implementation of the national ethanol blending programme has successfully generated over ₹1.84 lakh crore in foreign exchange savings and reduced crude oil imports by nearly 302 lakh metric tonnes.

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23. Air India and Riyadh Air Sign MoU for Codeshare Partnership

Quick Recap: Air India and Saudi Arabia's newly launched national carrier, Riyadh Air, have signed an initial agreement to establish a codeshare partnership and interline arrangement aimed at offering air travellers seamless network connectivity between India, Saudi Arabia, and beyond.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) who officially represents the corporate leadership of Air India is Campbell Wilson.
- The specific global aviation executive who serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the newly established Saudi national carrier, Riyadh Air, is Tony Douglas.
- The total number of active international codeshare partnerships maintained by Air India globally since expanding its network post-privatization is 25.

10 JUNE 2026

24. India's Balance of Payments: Q4 of 2025-26

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the preliminary data for India's balance of payments (BoP) during the fourth quarter of 2025-26, highlighting a current account surplus of US$ 7.1 billion.

Must-Know Facts:

- The current account surplus recorded by India during the fourth quarter of 2025-26 stood at US$ 7.1 billion, representing 0.7 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- The total foreign portfolio investment (FPI) net outflow from India over the complete financial year of 2025-26 reached US$ 16.4 billion.
- The personal transfer receipts representing foreign remittances by Indians employed overseas rose to US$ 43.5 billion during the fourth quarter of 2025-26.
- The preliminary report on the balance of payments (BoP) developments was officially issued under the authority of Brij Raj, the Chief General Manager of the central bank.

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25. Engineering Exports Rise to $122 Billion in FY26

Quick Recap: A senior government official confirmed that India's engineering exports hit a historic high of US$ 122.43 billion in the financial year ending March 31, 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- India's engineering exports set a new record by reaching US$ 122.43 billion in FY 2025-26, making up nearly 28 per cent of total merchandise exports.
- The western region of India remained a fundamental pillar of this export category, accounting for roughly 39 per cent of the total share with goods valued at US$ 47.5 billion.
- The data and long-term roadmap were formally presented by Vimal Anand, Joint Secretary of the Department of Commerce, who noted the sector is actively progressing toward a medium-term export target of US$ 250 billion by 2030.

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26. India Emerges as Global Clean Industrial Hub with $433 Billion Pipeline

Quick Recap: India's low-carbon industrial project pipeline has expanded by 30 per cent over the past six months to an estimated US$ 433 billion, making it the world's third-largest clean industry market by project count.

Must-Know Facts:

- India’s low-carbon industrial project pipeline expanded by 30 per cent over a six-month period to reach US$ 433.07 billion, securing the third position globally.
- Prominent localized developments featured in the tracker include AM Green’s Kakinada facilities, ACME’s green ammonia project in Odisha, NTPC’s Pudimadaka proposals, and Vedanta’s low-carbon aluminium plants.
- Yash Kashyap, the India Lead at the Industrial Transition Accelerator (ITA), emphasized that India's absolute near-term priority must shift from project announcements to execution by strengthening domestic offtake markets and clearing financing barriers.

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27. FY27 GDP Growth Seen Moderating to 6.5% on Crude and Monsoon Risks

Quick Recap: Research reports from prominent brokerage firms project India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to slow down to around 6.5 per cent in fiscal year 2026-27 (FY27) due to rising input costs, geopolitical friction, and weather headwinds.

Must-Know Facts:

- India's GDP growth forecast for FY27 is projected to moderate to 6.5 per cent, moving down from the robust 7.7 per cent benchmark established at the close of FY26.
- In the final quarter of FY26, the services sector led economic activity, highlighted by the trade, transport, hotels, and communication segment which surged by 11 per cent year-on-year.
- Agriculture GVA could plummet to 1.2 per cent if seasonal monsoon precipitation registers at 90 per cent of the LPA.
- Institutional research notes underscore that while a strong fiscal cushion protects downside risks, regional monetary policy will remain highly vigilant as corporate profit margins grapple with intensifying input cost inflation.

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28. Piyush Goyal Launches BHAVYA Portal for ₹33,660 Crore Industrial Parks Scheme

Quick Recap: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal has launched the digital portal for the ₹33,660 crore Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA) scheme to develop 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay earmarked by the Central Government to fund the 100 industrial parks under the BHAVYA scheme stands at ₹33,660 crore.
- The primary implementation timeline designated for the execution of this comprehensive national industrial framework spans six years, running from the financial year 2026–27 to 2031–32.
- The foundational phase of the scheme, launching within the upcoming months, targets the immediate selection and deployment of 20 industrial parks.

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29. Fitch Cuts India's FY27 Growth Forecast to 6.4%

Quick Recap: Global rating agency Fitch Ratings has revised India's GDP growth projection for FY27 downward to 6.4% from 6.7%, citing high oil prices and squeezed household incomes stemming from the ongoing US-Iran conflict.

Must-Know Facts:

- Fitch Ratings' revised, official gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India for the full financial year 2026–27 has been established at 6.4%.
- Due to geopolitical turbulence in the Middle East, Fitch has adjusted its baseline global Brent crude oil price expectation to average $87 per barrel in 2026.
- Reflecting global currency pressures and imported inflation, the agency projects the Indian Rupee (INR) to trade at an average exchange rate of 97.50 against the US Dollar (USD) over the current fiscal.

12 JUNE 2026

30. India Has Coal Reserves Sufficient for 80 Days of Power Generation

Quick Recap: Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy stated that India has successfully maintained adequate coal reserves to sustain the country’s power generation requirements for 80 days.

Must-Know Facts:

- The designated number of operational days that India’s current accumulated national coal reserves can independently sustain for power generation is 80 days.
- The historic volume of peak annual coal production achieved by the country as highlighted by the Union Minister is 1,040 million tonnes.
- The South American country where India has officially initiated field exploration operations within its newly secured critical mineral blocks is Argentina.
- The exact calendar date on which Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy delivered this comprehensive policy update to media personnel is 8 June 2026.

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31. Government Extends ₹1.23 Lakh Crore Support to Oil Marketing Companies

Quick Recap: Amidst rising global energy and commodity prices triggered by the West Asia conflict, the central government has provided ₹1.23 lakh crore in fiscal cushion to Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) while the Fertiliser Ministry has requested a 100 per cent hike in its subsidy allocation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact quantum of direct fiscal support extended by the central government to domestic OMCs to freeze retail fuel prices is ₹1.23 lakh crore.
- The specified consecutive number of days for which OMCs successfully held domestic petrol and diesel prices stable post-crisis is 78 days.
- The estimated daily under-recovery or loss still being incurred by OMCs due to selling fuel below international crude-linked costs is around ₹650 crore per day.
- The baseline budgetary allocation originally designated for the fertilizer subsidy in the FY27 Union Budget before the proposed amendment is ₹1.77 lakh crore.
- The target percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) that the central government continues to maintain for its national fiscal deficit is 4.3 per cent.
- The exact calendar date on which these comprehensive financial and subsidy assessments were officially reported by media networks is 9 June 2026.

13–15 JUNE 2026

32. ISM Semiconductor Firms to Invest Over ₹31,000 Crore by FY27

Quick Recap: According to estimates by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), semiconductor companies eligible for incentives under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) are projected to collectively invest ₹31,299 crore by Financial Year 2027.

Must-Know Facts:

- The cumulative investment targeted for deployment by eligible semiconductor companies under the mission by Financial Year 2027 is exactly ₹31,299 crore.
- The overall total capital investment officially committed by corporate entities under the comprehensive semiconductor incentive scheme stands at approximately ₹1.65 trillion.
- The total number of semiconductor manufacturing companies that successfully registered and deployed an investment of ₹15,799 crore up to Financial Year 2026 is exactly five.
- The official reporting and analytical forecast detailing the year-on-year financial milestones of the semiconductor firms was published on 11 June 2026.

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13–15 JUNE 2026

33. Food Subsidy Bill Projected at ₹2.5 Trillion in FY27

Quick Recap: A senior government official indicated that India's food subsidy bill for 2026-27 is likely to rise to ₹2.5 trillion from its initial budget estimate due to a higher minimum support price for crops and robust procurement.

Must-Know Facts:

- The revised food subsidy bill for India during the Financial Year 2026-27 is officially estimated to touch an amount of ₹2.5 trillion.
- The original allocation earmarked under the initial Union Budget estimate for the national food subsidy was set at exactly ₹2.28 trillion.
- The senior government official formally announced these new budgetary projections and tighter fiscal measures during a public address on 10 June 2026.

13–15 JUNE 2026

34. World Bank: India to Remain Fastest-Growing Economy at 6.6% in FY27

Quick Recap: According to the latest Global Economic Prospects report by the World Bank, India is expected to remain the world's fastest-growing major economy in the financial year 2026-27 with a projected growth rate of 6.6 per cent.

Must-Know Facts:

- The gross domestic product growth rate projected for India by the World Bank for the financial year 2026-27 stands at exactly 6.6 per cent.
- The revised estimate for global economic growth announced by the World Bank was lowered to 2.5 per cent due to the impact of the West Asia crisis.
- The growth rate of the Indian economy is expected to rebound to exactly 7.2 per cent during the financial year 2027-28.

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35. India Attracted $843 Billion FDI Between FY15 and FY26

Quick Recap: A senior commerce and industry ministry official announced that India attracted a cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of 843 billion United States Dollars between 2014-15 and 2025-26, registering a 169 per cent increase over the preceding 12-year period.

Must-Know Facts:

- The historic single-year Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow attracted by India during the 2025-26 financial year reached an all-time high of exactly 94.53 billion United States Dollars.
- The cumulative investments attracted by the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes across 14 strategic sectors stood at ₹2.40 lakh crore, generating a total production value of ₹22.66 lakh crore.
- The total number of direct jobs generated across India by the 2.35 lakh startups recognized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) reached approximately 24 lakh jobs.
- The Joint Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Shri Sumeet Jarangal, confirmed that India now manufactures 99.2 per cent of its domestic mobile phones and produces 191 bulk drugs locally.

16 JUNE 2026

36. MoSPI Releases May 2026 CPI Data on New Base Year

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released the provisional All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for May 2026 based on the new base year of 2024, revealing a combined retail inflation rate of 3.93 per cent.

Must-Know Facts:

- The new base year used by the government for compiling the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) data series is 2024.
- The provisional All India combined retail inflation rate recorded for the month of May 2026 stands at 3.93 per cent.
- The field operations division collected price data from a targeted network comprising 1,407 urban markets and 1,465 villages across all states and union territories.
- The official Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for the upcoming month of June 2026 is scheduled to be released nationally on 13 July 2026.

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37. Horticulture Production Projected at 3,778 Lakh Tonnes in 2025-26

Quick Recap: According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, India's total horticulture production is expected to reach approximately 3,778 lakh tonnes in the 2025–26 fiscal year, recording an expansion of 70.39 lakh tonnes over the previous year.

Must-Know Facts:

- The comprehensive national horticulture production target forecast for India in the 2025–26 fiscal timeframe stands at an estimated 3,778 lakh tonnes.
- The total physical land area expected to be brought under active horticulture farming during 2025–26 is 301.51 lakh hectares.
- The individual total volume output anticipated exclusively for the fruit production segment during this estimated agricultural cycle is over 1,214 lakh tonnes.
- As per the latest advance crop estimates released by the central ministry, national onion production is anticipated to cross the 307 lakh tonnes mark.

16 JUNE 2026

38. Retail Inflation Rises to 3.93% in May 2026

Quick Recap: India's retail inflation accelerated to 3.93 per cent in May 2026 from 3.48 per cent in April, driven by escalating costs of food items and multiple upward revisions in transport fuel prices.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official retail inflation rate recorded for India in May 2026 stood at 3.93 per cent, representing a baseline jump from 3.48 per cent in April.
- The localized pace of inflation within the national food basket accelerated to 4.78 per cent during the same monthly operational cycle.
- Rural consumers faced a sharper cost-of-living impact than urban areas, with rural inflation figures clocking in at 4.25 per cent.
- Among specific food items monitored at the retail counter, tomato prices experienced a sharp year-on-year surge of 48.43 per cent.

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39. PLFS Monthly Bulletin for May 2026 Released

Quick Recap: The National Sample Survey Office released the Periodic Labour Force Survey monthly bulletin for May 2026, which revealed a moderation in the overall Labour Force Participation Rate and Worker Population Ratio alongside a decline in the urban Unemployment Rate to a one-year low.

Must-Know Facts:

- The urban unemployment rate for individuals aged 15 years and above dropped to a distinct one-year low of 6.4% in May 2026.
- The total number of individuals surveyed across rural and urban sectors to formulate the all-India monthly labor estimates stood at 3,73,887 persons.
- The national Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for individuals aged 15 years and above moderated to 54.4% in May 2026 from 55.0% recorded in the preceding month.

17 JUNE 2026

40. Quick Estimates of India's Foreign Trade for May 2026

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has reported that India's cumulative exports during the April-May 2026-27 period grew by 14.66 per cent to reach 162.69 billion US dollars, driven by strong growth in petroleum products, engineering goods, and services trade.

Must-Know Facts:

- The cumulative valuation of India's total exports, encompassing both merchandise and services, during the April-May 2026-27 period reached 162.69 billion US dollars.
- The overall services trade surplus achieved by India during the cumulative period of April-May 2026-27 reached 36.31 billion US dollars, up from 31.69 billion US dollars in April-May 2025-26.
- The value of petroleum products exported from India experienced an expansion of 54.89 per cent, rising to 8.42 billion US dollars in May 2026 from 5.44 billion US dollars in May 2025.
- The net merchandise trade deficit calculated for the cumulative April-May 2026-27 period stood at 56.44 billion US dollars compared to 49.65 billion US dollars in April-May 2025-26.

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17 JUNE 2026

41. WPI Inflation Surges to 9.68% in May on Energy and Food Prices

Quick Recap: India's wholesale inflation accelerated sharply to 9.68 per cent in May from 8.26 per cent in April, driven primarily by soaring fuel and power costs.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific annual percentage rate to which India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation accelerated during the review month was 9.68 per cent.
- The expanded total number of commodity items contained within the modernized government tracking framework is 957 items.
- The updated baseline financial year officially adopted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for the revised macroeconomic index series is 2022-23.
- The exact annual inflation rate recorded by the newly introduced Output Producer Price Index (PPI) during its initial publication month was 9.4 per cent.

18 JUNE 2026

42. Ericsson: India's 5G Subscriptions to Reach 1.1 Billion by 2031

Quick Recap: A report by Ericsson has projected that mobile subscriptions for fifth-generation connectivity in India will reach 1.1 billion by the end of 2031.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of fifth-generation mobile subscriptions in India is projected to reach exactly 1.1 billion by the conclusion of 2031.
- The average monthly mobile data consumption per smartphone in India is forecast to grow to 70 gigabytes by the year 2031.
- The global volume of fifth-generation network subscriptions successfully surpassed the milestone of 3 billion during the first quarter of 2026.

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43. India Adds 4.6 GWh Battery Storage Capacity in Q1 2026

Quick Recap: A report by Mercom India Research has revealed that India added 4.6 gigawatt-hours of battery energy storage capacity during the first quarter of 2026, marking a massive 941 per cent sequential increase.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total volume of battery energy storage capacity added by India during the first quarter of 2026 reached exactly 4.6 gigawatt-hours.
- The cumulative installed battery energy storage capacity of the nation stood at exactly 5.9 gigawatt-hours as of March 2026.
- The northern state of Rajasthan secured the highest rank in the country by commanding a 42 per cent share of the cumulative installed energy storage capacity.

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44. CAG: Over Half of States Breached Fiscal Deficit Limits in FY 2024-25

Quick Recap: A report on state finances released by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has revealed that fifteen out of 28 states breached the indicative fiscal deficit limit of 3 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product during the 2024-25 financial year.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of Indian states that recorded a fiscal deficit higher than the recommended 3 per cent of their Gross State Domestic Product during 2024-25 is exactly fifteen.
- The cumulative financial liabilities compiled across all 28 provincial governments reached an aggregate of exactly ₹90.51 lakh crore at the close of March 2025.
- The combined total revenue receipts mobilized collectively by the 28 states during the 2024-25 financial year stood at exactly ₹40.52 lakh crore.

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45. India's Total Exports Hit All-Time High of $863 Billion in FY26

Quick Recap: Despite global trade disruptions stemming from the West Asia conflict and United States tariffs, India's total exports scaled to a historic record of 863 billion dollars in the financial year 2025-26.

Must-Know Facts:

- The historic all-time high value achieved by India's total goods and services exports during the financial year 2025-26 is 863 billion dollars.
- The baseline export figure from a decade ago from which India's total outbound shipments have nearly doubled is approximately 441 billion dollars.
- The total financial volume contributed specifically by the state of Gujarat to the overall national export basket stands at nearly 110 billion dollars.

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46. India's Remittance Inflows Hit Record High Despite West Asia Conflict

Quick Recap: Official data highlights that inward remittances to India have showcased remarkable structural resilience, scaling to a historic record of 110.47 billion dollars in the financial year 2025-26 despite ongoing geopolitical vulnerabilities in West Asia.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final cumulative record value achieved by India's total inward workers' remittances during the financial year 2025-26 is 110.47 billion dollars.
- The exact year-on-year percentage growth rate logged by private remittance inflows specifically during the final January-March quarter of the fiscal year is 34 per cent.
- The current estimated percentage share contributed by the Gulf countries/West Asia region to the total annual remittance basket of India is 40 per cent.

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47. India Finalising ₹12,000 Crore Package to Localise Battery Components

Quick Recap: The Government of India is preparing to introduce a major ₹12,000 crore financial incentive framework specifically targeting the domestic manufacturing of upstream battery materials like cathodes, anodes, and copper foils to build supply chain self-reliance.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total state budget being reserved under the upcoming standalone manufacturing policy to accelerate battery component creation is ₹12,000 crore.
- The primary production capacity target outlined under the main, aligned Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) PLI strategy is 50 GWh.
- The estimated national annual requirements for Cathode Active Materials (CAM) and Anode Active Materials (AAM) to fulfill manufacturing goals by 2030 are greater than 400,000 tonnes and greater than 200,000 tonnes respectively.
- Market research suggests that raw material producers such as Hindalco, HEG, and Graphite India are positioned to emerge as primary corporate beneficiaries as local processing scales up.

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48. India Taps World Bank and ADB for $2.5 Billion Infrastructure Loans

Quick Recap: India is in talks with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to secure $2.5 billion from existing credit lines to boost urban infrastructure and job creation amid widening fiscal strain caused by global energy subsidies.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total targeted loan volume currently being negotiated by India between the World Bank and the ADB combined stands at $2.5 billion.
- The discrete chunk of funding expected to be released exclusively by the World Bank to support structural reforms amounts to $1.5 billion.
- The primary domestic development priorities for which these incoming emergency credit line funds are explicitly earmarked are urban infrastructure and job creation.
- The overarching reason New Delhi is seeking fresh capital channels is to offset the rising internal expenditure spent on cushion fuel and fertilizer subsidies.

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49. Government Accelerates Non-Tax Revenue via Disinvestment and Asset Monetisation

Quick Recap: The Government of India has significantly accelerated its non-tax revenue mobilization drive for the financial year 2026–27 by securing nearly 25% of its combined annual target through front-loaded disinvestment and public asset monetization within the first two-and-a-half months.

Must-Know Facts:

- The combined financial target set by the central government for both minority stake disinvestments and public asset monetization capital receipts for the financial year 2026–27 (FY27) is ₹80,000 crore.
- The specific financial volume successfully generated through minority stake sales across various state-run Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) up to the 15 June 2026 deadline stands at ₹13,389 crore.
- The macro monetization target established across all participating union ministries and state infrastructure entities for the entire financial year 2026–27 (FY27) is ₹3.26 lakh crore.
- The sector leading the broader institutional infrastructure asset monetization program with a targeted annual yield of ₹68,770 crore is the highways, multi-modal logistic parks, and ropeways segment.

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50. Coal Gasification Projects Worth Over ₹65,000 Crore Under Execution

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Coal announced that coal gasification projects worth more than ₹65,000 crore are currently under execution in India to convert coal into chemicals, fuels, and industrial feedstock.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial value of the coal gasification projects currently under execution across India exceeds ₹65,000 crore.
- The Ministry of Coal has set a definitive long-term target to successfully gasify 100 million tonnes of domestic coal by the year 2030.
- The financial scheme is expected to attract total industrial investments of approximately ₹2.5 trillion to ₹3 trillion across 25 separate projects.
- The initial incentive scheme approved by the Union Cabinet in January 2024 holds a total financial allocation of ₹8,500 crore.

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51. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Upgraded to Navratna Status

Quick Recap: The Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Finance has officially upgraded Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited to a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise, making it the twenty-eighth such entity in India.

Must-Know Facts:

- Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) has officially been designated as the twenty-eighth Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) in India.
- The board of directors of a Navratna-certified public enterprise is legally empowered to sanction a maximum capital investment of ₹1,000 crore for a single project without requiring administrative approval from the government.
- The annual corporate turnover generated by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited during the financial year 2025-26 stood at ₹59,400 crore.
- The aggregate installed refining capacity currently maintained by the energy corporation stands at 10.5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA).

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52. Net Direct Tax Collections Grow 14.64% to ₹5.21 Trillion in FY27 So Far

Quick Recap: The net direct tax collections of India grew by 14.64 per cent year-on-year to reach ₹5.21 trillion between 1 April and 17 June 2026 for the Financial Year 2026–27 (FY27).

Must-Know Facts:

- The net direct tax collections reached a total of ₹5.21 trillion between 1 April and 17 June 2026, marking a year-on-year growth rate of 14.64 per cent.
- The gross direct tax collections climbed to ₹6.10 trillion, representing an increase of 12.46 per cent over the previous fiscal period.
- The total advance tax collections for the first quarter grew by 15.30 per cent to touch ₹1.78 trillion.
- The Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collections surged by nearly 45 per cent to settle at ₹18,856 crore following rate revisions on derivatives.

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53. Index of Eight Core Industries for May 2026

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released data showing the combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) registered a provisional year-on-year growth of 0.5% in May 2026, driven by output increases in the steel, cement, and electricity sectors.

Must-Know Facts:

- The provisional year-on-year growth rate recorded by the combined Index of Eight Core Industries for May 2026 is exactly 0.5%.
- The cumulative provisional growth rate mapped for the core industries during the initial April-May 2026-27 period stands at 1.1%.
- Cement production recorded an annual growth of 8.4% in May 2026, while the peak sector growth during the month was registered by Electricity at 8.7%.
- The combined weight of the eight core industries within the overall Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is officially designated as 40.27%.

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54. India Records Record Rooftop Solar Additions in Q1 2026

Quick Recap: India installed a record-breaking 2.7 gigawatts of rooftop solar capacity in the first quarter of 2026, driven primarily by a massive surge in residential adoptions under central policy support.

Must-Know Facts:

- India added a historic high of 2.7 gigawatts of rooftop solar capacity during the single quarter ending in March 2026.
- The total cumulative rooftop solar capacity across the nation reached a landmark milestone of 23.5 gigawatts at the conclusion of the first quarter of 2026.
- The residential housing segment single-handedly dominated the newly deployed capacity by capturing a massive share of nearly 82 per cent of the market installations.
- The state of Maharashtra ranked first in terms of fresh quarterly capacity additions by accounting for over 17 per cent of the installations recorded between January and March 2026.

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55. World Bank Approves $1.5 Billion Loan for India's Structural Reforms

Quick Recap: The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved a 1.5 billion dollar loan for India under a specialized operation to support structural reforms aimed at accelerating economic growth and boosting private sector job creation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total development assistance loan approved by the global financial institution to drive Indian private sector employment stands at 1.5 billion United States Dollars.
- The developmental policy package is projected to create sustainable employment opportunities for 11 million young individuals entering the workforce over the next 20 years.
- The multi-year financial framework is precisely mapped to span the duration of the official World Bank Group partnership strategy for India from Financial Year 2026 to Financial Year 2031.

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56. India-EU FTA to be Signed by December

Quick Recap: The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal announced that India and the 27-nation European Union will sign their Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by December 2026, with implementation expected during February-March 2027.

Must-Know Facts:

- The long-awaited Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the 27-nation European Union (EU) is targeted to be signed by December 2026.
- Under the proposed trade agreement, a substantial 93% of Indian exports will enjoy duty-free access to the European market.
- The combined share of India and the European Union (EU) accounts for exactly one-third, or about $11 trillion, of global international trade.

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57. Piyush Goyal and USTR Jamieson Greer Begin Trade Agreement Talks in New Delhi

Quick Recap: The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal and the United States Trade Representative (USTR), Jamieson Greer have commenced high-level negotiations in New Delhi to finalise the first phase of the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA).

Must-Know Facts:

- The high-level trade negotiations between Minister Piyush Goyal and USTR Jamieson Greer are bound by a critical tariff expiration deadline of 24 July 2026.
- India has proposed a substantial commercial commitment to purchase up to $500 billion in United States energy, aviation, and technology products over a five-year timeline.
- During the 2025-26 fiscal year, India maintained a significant bilateral trade surplus of $34.4 billion with the United States.

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58. Core Sector Growth Slows to 0.5% in May 2026

Quick Recap: Growth in India's eight core industrial sectors decelerated sharply to 0.5 per cent in May 2026 as five out of the eight infrastructure segments suffered production contractions, according to official data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Must-Know Facts:

- The expansion rate of India's eight core industrial sectors dropped to a near-historic low of 0.5 per cent in May 2026.
- The refinery products sector experienced an institutional contraction of 8.7 per cent, marking its lowest output level in three and a half years.
- The coal industry suffered a significant production drop by contracting 9.3 per cent, which represents its worst output performance in ten months.
- The electricity generation segment emerged as a top-performing infrastructure area by accelerating its growth rate to 8.7 per cent in May 2026.

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59. Private Sector Output Moderates in June 2026 as PMIs Soften

Quick Recap: India's private sector economy lost momentum in June 2026 as the HSBC Flash India Composite Purchasing Managers' Index fell to 57.4 from 59.3 in May, signaling a slower expansion across manufacturing and services due to weaker demand conditions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The composite private sector index for India moderated to a three-month low of 57.4 during the specific month of June 2026.
- The manufacturing export order expansion recorded by goods producers reached its lowest and weakest pace since March 2023.
- The corporate buying activity of goods producers grew at its lowest rate in two and a half years, leading to a decline in finished product inventories.
- The overall growth rate of international sales across the combined private sector slowed down to a 21-month low.

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60. Centre Raises SASCI Allocation to ₹2 Lakh Crore

Quick Recap: The Central Government of India has increased the budgetary allocation under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) to 2 lakh crore Indian Rupees (INR) for the Financial Year 2026-27 while introducing two fresh land and agricultural reform conditions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total budgetary allocation sanctioned under the sovereign long-term interest-free loan scheme for the Financial Year 2026-27 (FY27) is fixed at 2 lakh crore Indian Rupees (INR).
- The specific portion of the state-level capital expenditure funding that is tied directly to the execution of designated regulatory reforms is capped at 70,000 crore Indian Rupees (INR).
- The total number of individual agriculturalists who have officially registered under the unified digital AgriStack infrastructure has crossed the landmark threshold of 7 crore farmers.

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61. Cabinet Approves ₹37,500 Crore Scheme for Coal and Lignite Gasification

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet has approved a new financial incentive scheme worth ₹37,500 crore to promote surface coal and lignite gasification projects, aiming to clean-gasify 75 million tonnes of domestic fuel and attract up to ₹3 lakh crore in total investments.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial capital officially budgeted by the central government for the rollout of this newly enhanced surface coal and lignite gasification scheme stands at ₹37,500 crore.
- The statutory percentage cap fixed by the Ministry of Coal for direct financial incentives extended toward the procurement cost of core plant and machinery measures up to 20 per cent.
- The absolute maximum limit for fiscal incentives that can be formally claimed by any single corporate entity group across all of its combined gasification projects under the scheme is capped at ₹12,000 crore.

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62. Goldman Sachs Raises India's FY27 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.5%

Quick Recap: Goldman Sachs has upwardly revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for the Financial Year 2026-27 (FY27) by 40 basis points to 6.5 per cent, attributing the improvement to a decline in global crude oil prices following a peace deal between the United States (US) and Iran.

Must-Know Facts:

- The updated sovereign economic expansion target set by Goldman Sachs for India during the Financial Year 2026-27 (FY27) stands at exactly 6.5 per cent.
- The projected target for headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation in India for the Financial Year 2026-27 (FY27) has been lowered by the global brokerage firm to 4.9 per cent.
- The newly revised macroeconomic forecast projects that India will secure a Balance of Payments (BoP) surplus equivalent to 0.7 per cent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for Calendar Year 2026 (CY26).

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63. Centre to Borrow ₹3.36 Trillion via Treasury Bills in Q2 FY27

Quick Recap: The Government of India plans to raise ₹3.36 trillion through the issuance of short-term Treasury Bills (T-bills) during the second quarter of the Financial Year 2026-27 (Q2FY27) to meet its short-term funding requirements.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total gross capital intended to be raised by the central government via short-term Treasury Bills (T-bills) in the second quarter of the Financial Year 2026-27 stands at exactly ₹3.36 trillion.
- The specific financial quantum targeted for mobilization through the shortest sovereign debt instrument, known as the 91-day Treasury Bill (T-bill), is fixed at ₹1.26 trillion.
- The targeted market borrowing operations detailed under this specific short-term public debt calendar are scheduled for execution during the second quarter of the Financial Year 2026-27 (Q2FY27).

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64. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Granted Navratna Status

Quick Recap: The Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Finance has officially granted the coveted Navratna status to the Kolkata-based defence public sector undertaking Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific date on which the Department of Public Enterprises officially granted the elevated Navratna status to the defence public sector undertaking was 19 June 2026.
- The absolute maximum limit for a single project investment that the board of directors of the company can now authorize independently under its new autonomous powers stands at ₹1,000 crore.
- The total financial revenue from operations officially reported by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) for the 2025-26 financial year reached an all-time high of ₹7,002 crore.
- The total number of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) in India that have successfully achieved the elite Navratna classification reached exactly 29 following the inclusion of this shipyard.

01 JULY 2026

65. IIP Grows 5.1% in May 2026; MoSPI Shifts to Output PPI Deflator

Quick Recap: India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) registered a solid 5.1% year-on-year growth in May 2026, alongside a historic methodological shift by MoSPI to use the Output Producer Price Index (Output PPI) instead of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) as the primary deflator for value-based items.

Must-Know Facts:

- The overall year-on-year growth rate recorded by India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the month of May 2026 is 5.1%.
- The total number of item groups in the IIP basket that are compiled via value-based production data (now utilizing the granular Output PPI deflator) is 234 item groups (accounting for 36.02% of the total weight).
- The specific industrial sector that registered the maximum individual growth rate of 9.9% in May 2026 is the Electricity & Gas Supply sector.

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66. ₹5,000 Crore Scheme Planned for Green Technology in Steel Sector

Quick Recap: The Government of India is planning to launch a 5,000 crore rupee scheme titled the National Strategy for Sustainable Secondary Steel within the next three months to accelerate the adoption of clean technologies in the domestic steel industry.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay planned by the government for the upcoming clean technology steel sector scheme is ₹5,000 crore.
- The exact name of the sustainable manufacturing initiative scheduled to be launched in the next three months is the National Strategy for Sustainable Secondary Steel (NSSSS).
- The current emission intensity of the domestic steel industry in India stands at exactly 2.55 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO_2) per tonne of crude steel.

01 JULY 2026

67. ADB Approves $42.2 Million Loan for Bamboo Industry in Northeast

Quick Recap: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a 42.2 million United States Dollar (USD) financing facility to modernize the bamboo value chain, boost rural livelihoods, and establish women-led enterprises across six northeastern states of India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact total value of the small expenditure financing loan approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is 42.2 million United States Dollars (USD).
- The total number of northeastern Indian states covered under this green livelihood initiative is exactly six (Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura).
- The exact percentage of the world's forest-based bamboo resources held by India, despite its domestic market remaining historically dependent on imports, is 39 per cent.

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02 JULY 2026

68. Monthly Accounts of Government of India up to May 2026

Quick Recap: The Government of India has consolidated and published its monthly accounts up to May 2026, recording total receipts of ₹7,18,669 crore and a total expenditure of ₹8,81,023 crore for the financial year 2026-27.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total receipts received by the Government of India up to May 2026 stood at ₹7,18,669 crore, representing 19.7% of the total Budget Estimates (BE) 2026-27.
- The total expenditure incurred by the central government during the specified period reached ₹8,81,023 crore, which marks 16.5% of the corresponding Budget Estimates (BE) 2026-27.
- The total amount transferred by the Government of India to the State Governments as Devolution of Share of Taxes up to May 2026 was ₹1,75,557 crore.
- The central government spent a specific amount of ₹1,81,461 crore on Interest Payments and ₹75,542 crore on Major Subsidies out of its total revenue expenditure.

02 JULY 2026

69. GST Completes Nine Years

Quick Recap: The Goods and Services Tax (GST) celebrated its nine years of implementation on 1 July 2026, marking a historic milestone in India's indirect tax reform journey by transitioning to a simplified, destination-based consumption tax system.

Must-Know Facts:

- The landmark Goods and Services Tax (GST) was officially launched across the country on the specific historic date of 1 July 2017.
- The total number of registered tax providers under the unified national indirect tax architecture grew to an exact figure of 1.65 crore taxpayers as of May 2026.
- The specialized quarterly return filing and monthly payment (QRMP) scheme extends compliance facilitation to small taxpayers who possess a maximum annual turnover of up to ₹5 crore.
- The statutory tax regime combined and eliminated a total of 17 distinct taxes and 13 independent cesses to set up the contemporary unified national indirect tax system.

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02 JULY 2026

70. Fiscal Deficit for April-May at 9.6% of Full-Year Target

Quick Recap: The central government's fiscal deficit for the first two months of the financial year 2026-2027 stood at ₹1.62 lakh crore, reaching 9.6 per cent of the full-year budget estimate.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total fiscal deficit recorded by India during the initial April to May period of the financial year 2026-2027 is ₹1.62 lakh crore, touching 9.6 per cent of the full-year budget target.
- The annual fiscal deficit target fixed by the central government for the financial year 2026-2027 is 4.3 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which corresponds to ₹16.96 lakh crore.
- The absolute amount utilized by the government for capital expenditure on building physical infrastructure during the first two months of the financial year is ₹2.51 lakh crore.
- The total budgetary expenditure assigned by the Union Government for the entire financial year 2026-2027 is pegged at ₹53.47 lakh crore, out of which ₹8.81 lakh crore was spent by May.

02 JULY 2026

71. EFC Approves ₹1.25 Trillion Outlay for India Semiconductor Mission 2.0

Quick Recap: The Expenditure Finance Committee of the Union Finance Ministry has approved a financial outlay of ₹1.25 lakh crore for the second phase of the India Semiconductor Mission to strengthen domestic chip manufacturing and design capabilities.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) for the rollout of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0 is ₹1.25 lakh crore.
- The fiscal incentive limit offered under the newly structured India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0 covers up to 50 per cent of the costs for setting up silicon fabs, testing units, and design systems.
- The total number of major industrial projects approved by the government during the first phase of the semiconductor mission stood at 10 across six states, representing cumulative investments of roughly ₹1.60 lakh crore as of 31 December 2025.

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03 JULY 2026

72. Windfall Tax Cut on Diesel and ATF Exports; Petrol Export Duty Raised

Quick Recap: The Central Government of India has reduced the windfall tax on the export of diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel while raising the export duty on petrol with effect from 1 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly revised export duty on diesel has been established at exactly ₹8.5 per litre following the latest government notification.
- The specific date from which the newly modified windfall tax rates and export duty structures become legally effective is 1 July 2026.
- The two newly added island nations that have been granted complete exemptions from the domestic export fuel levies are Mauritius and the Maldives.
- The updated export duty on petrol has been increased to exactly ₹4 per litre in order to safeguard local fuel availability.

03 JULY 2026

73. Government Proposes Reforms to Modernise the SEZ Regime

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has formulated a comprehensive blueprint to modernise the Special Economic Zones regulatory framework in order to spur global investments and optimize land utilization.

Must-Know Facts:

- The primary operational objective of the newly proposed regulatory framework is the optimization of underutilized land parcels and the integration of domestic manufacturing operations with global export markets.
- The apex administrative body responsible for designing, structuring, and executing the upcoming nationwide structural reforms is the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI).
- The landmark policy modification introduces a unified single-window clearance mechanism to replace legacy multi-layered approval processes for infrastructure developers.

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06 JULY 2026

74. MECON Limited Granted Miniratna Category-I Status

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Steel has officially approved the grant of Miniratna Category-I status to MECON Limited to provide enhanced financial and operational autonomy to its board.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total positive net worth achieved by MECON Limited as on 31 March 2026 was Rs. 535.42 crore.
- The highest Profit Before Tax (PBT) recorded by the enterprise during its last three fiscal years was Rs. 104.53 crore in Financial Year (FY) 2025-26.
- The official administrative approval and announcement regarding the status upgrade was published on 01 July 2026.
- The engineering firm was elevated to the status of a Miniratna Category-I corporate entity.

06 JULY 2026

75. Manufacturing PMI Eases to 54.2 in June 2026

Quick Recap: The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) compiled by S&P Global declined from 55.0 in May to 54.2 in June 2026, marking its second-lowest expansion level in four years.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) recorded for June 2026 was exactly 54.2.
- The international demand growth for Indian manufactured goods recorded in June moderated to its weakest expansion pace in 39 months.
- The capital goods sector was identified by the macroeconomic survey as the primary structural driver behind the manufacturing growth slowdown.
- The overall business optimism and confidence among Indian manufacturers dropped sharply to hit a five-month low during the survey month.

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07 JULY 2026

76. HSBC Services PMI Slows to 17-Month Low in June

Quick Recap: The HSBC India Services Purchasing Managers Index declined to 57.4 in June from 59.8 in May, indicating the weakest rate of services sector expansion in 17 months as domestic demand softened.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact reading recorded for the HSBC India Services Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) during the month of June stands at 57.4.
- The continuous sequence of growth for total new business orders in the service economy has extended over a period of nearly three years.
- The time horizon over which the growth rate of new business intakes slowed down to its weakest pace represents more than two-and-a-half years.
- The overall level of positive output sentiment for the next 12 months among private sector companies fell to a specific five-month low.

07 JULY 2026

77. ₹20,000 Crore EV Incentive Scheme Planned for Private Bus Operators

Quick Recap: The Central Government is developing a new de-risking incentive framework worth up to Rs. 20,000 crore to accelerate the adoption of electric buses among private transport operators across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay earmarked for the development of the new electric vehicle incentive framework for private operators stands at up to Rs. 20,000 crore.
- The exact share of the national bus fleet owned and operated by the private sector across India is estimated at nearly 87 per cent.
- The initial operational duration mapped out for the execution and disbursement of the private electric bus de-risking framework is five years.
- The targeted number of privately owned electric buses that the central government aims to systematically deploy on roads over the next decade is 50,000 buses.

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07 JULY 2026

78. Piyush Goyal Targets $1 Trillion in Total Exports for FY27

Quick Recap: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal announced a target of 1 trillion dollars in aggregate exports for the fiscal year 2026-27 following a strong 15 per cent growth in merchandise exports during the first quarter.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific target set by the central government for the total value of national exports during the fiscal year 2026-27 is 1 trillion dollars.
- The targeted financial contribution expected exclusively from merchandise exports to meet the annual trade goal stands at 530 billion dollars.
- The official date on which the newly finalized Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the United Kingdom will formally come into force is 15 July.
- The total number of trained young export facilitators that the central government will deploy across districts to assist small enterprises is 1,000 personnel.

08 JULY 2026

79. PM Inaugurates CG Semi OSAT Facility in Sanand

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the CG Semi Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility in Sanand, Gujarat, to advance domestic manufacturing and accelerate the technological ecosystem of the nation.

Must-Know Facts:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the newly established CG Semi Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility in Sanand, Gujarat.
- The high-tech facility has commenced commercial production with an initial annual output capacity of 20 crore units, while targeting a future milestone of 500 crore units annually.
- The developmental journey of the semiconductor project advanced rapidly from its foundation layout in 2024 to the formal launch of product testing phases by August 2025.

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08 JULY 2026

80. India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement Enters into Force

Quick Recap: The Bilateral Investment Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the State of Israel came into effect on 4 July 2026 to guarantee a secure investment climate.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between India and Israel formally came into effect across both sovereign jurisdictions on the specific date of 4 July 2026.
- The revised regulatory framework shortens the local remedies exhaustion period for international dispute resolution from the standard five years to exactly three years.
- The Government of the Republic of India received a total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of 371.35 million United States dollars from Israel between April 2000 and March 2026.
- Israel marks the first member nation of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development with which India has operationalised such an expanded investment treaty.

08 JULY 2026

81. Rules of Origin Notified Under India-UK Trade Agreement

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Finance has notified the customs rules for determining the origin of goods under the India United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, which will come into force on 15 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly notified rules of origin for checking bilateral trade compliance are legally scheduled to come into effect on the specific date of 15 July 2026.
- The landmark trade agreement guarantees comprehensive duty-free access for exactly 99 per cent of the total export products shipped from India to the United Kingdom.
- The two-way commercial trade volume between India and the United Kingdom expanded to a total value of 25.12 billion United States dollars (USD) during the 2025-26 fiscal year.
- The Government of the Republic of India successfully recorded a positive trade surplus of 1.76 billion United States dollars (USD) with the United Kingdom during the last fiscal cycle.

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14 JULY 2026

82. Quotas and Tariffs for Automobile Imports Under India-UK CETA Published

Quick Recap: The Government of India has released a detailed schedule of import quotas and concessional tariffs for petrol, diesel, and alternative fuel passenger vehicles imported from the United Kingdom under a bilateral trade agreement that comes into force on 15 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The India-United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will officially come into effect on 15 July 2026.
- The first-year import quota established for conventional petrol and diesel completely built units (CBUs) from the United Kingdom (U.K.) is fixed at 20,000 units.
- The minimum landed cost required for any electric, hybrid, or hydrogen-based passenger vehicle to qualify for import concessions under the trade pact is 40,000 pounds.

16 JULY 2026

83. India's Trade Performance in June 2026 and April-June FY27

Quick Recap: India's total cumulative exports during April to June 2026 to 2027 are estimated at US$ 232.73 Billion, representing an estimated growth of 11.37 per cent compared to the same period in the previous year.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total estimated value of India's combined merchandise and services exports for the cumulative period of April to June 2026 to 2027 is US$ 232.73 Billion.
- The merchandise trade deficit recorded for the cumulative period of April to June 2026 to 2027 stands at US$ 86.86 Billion.
- The service trade surplus for the first quarter of the fiscal year spanning April to June 2026 to 2027 is estimated at US$ 49.43 Billion.
- The trade data was officially released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) on the specific date of 13 July 2026.

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16 JULY 2026

84. MoSPI Releases CPI Figures for June 2026

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released the provisional Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures for June 2026, revealing a combined year-on-year inflation rate of 4.38 per cent.

Must-Know Facts:

- The provisional All India combined inflation rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for June 2026 is 4.38 per cent.
- The All India combined Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) inflation rate for the month of June 2026 stands at 5.32 per cent.
- The upcoming Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for the month of July 2026 is scheduled to be released on 12 August 2026.

16 JULY 2026

85. India-UK FTA to Boost Duty-Free Steel Exports to About $1 Billion

Quick Recap: The Commerce Secretary of India, Rajesh Agrawal, announced that the country's annual steel exports to the United Kingdom are expected to reach around 1 billion dollars in the financial year 2026–27 due to favourable quota terms secured under the new bilateral trade pact.

Must-Know Facts:

- The steel exports from India to the United Kingdom (UK) are projected to reach the financial landmark of 1 billion dollars in the financial year 2026–27.
- The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the United Kingdom (UK) officially comes into effect on the specific date of 15 July 2026.
- The specific financial value of the steel quota secured by India under the trade agreement is approximately 350 million dollars.
- The Double Contribution Convention (DCC) under the bilateral trade pact has been extended to a maximum timeline of five years for temporary workers.

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16 JULY 2026

86. Net Direct Tax Revenue Rises 16.4% to ₹6.51 Trillion

Quick Recap: The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) released provisional data showing that the net direct tax collections of the central government increased by 16.4 per cent year-on-year to ₹6.51 trillion as on 13 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific growth rate recorded by the net direct tax collections of the central government as on 13 July 2026 was 16.4 per cent.
- The total financial amount budgeted by the central government for direct tax collections in the financial year 2026–27 is ₹26.97 trillion.
- The Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collections registered a growth rate of 47.85 per cent to reach a total of ₹26,429 crore.

17 JULY 2026

87. WPI Provisional Estimates for June 2026

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has released the provisional estimates of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for June 2026, which recorded a year-on-year inflation rate of 9.87 per cent compared to 9.68 per cent in May 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The provisional year-on-year Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rate recorded for the month of June 2026 is exactly 9.87 per cent.
- The total statistical weight assigned to the WPI Food Index within the overall wholesale inflation basket is 24.99 per cent.
- The weighted response rate utilized for compiling the provisional estimates for the month of June 2026 stands at 82.6 per cent.

17 JULY 2026

88. Cabinet Approves National Investment Policy for Urea 2026

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the National Investment Policy for Urea 2026 to add 10 million tonnes of domestic production capacity.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total fresh target capacity intended to be added under the National Investment Policy for Urea 2026 is 10 million tonnes.
- The exact minimum baseline floor limit set for the viable Return on Equity (RoE) band under the new policy is 12 per cent.
- The projected financial savings calculated for each individual manufacturing plant established under the revised framework is over ₹250 crore.

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18–20 JULY 2026

89. India-UK CETA and Social Security Agreement Enter into Force

Quick Recap: The India-United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Agreement on Social Security have formally entered into force to provide zero-duty market access for nearly 99 per cent of Indian exports.

Must-Know Facts:

- The agreement provides zero-duty market access for approximately 99 per cent of tariff lines concerning Indian exports to the United Kingdom (UK).
- The total financial value of export consignments flagged off on the first day of the trade regime exceeded 140 million United States Dollars (USD).
- The Agreement on Social Security provides an exemption from dual social security contributions for a maximum timeframe of five years.
- The operational launch date of the preferential tariff and social security regime between the two nations was 15 July 2026.

18–20 JULY 2026

90. PLFS Monthly Bulletin for June 2026 Released

Quick Recap: The National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation has released the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Monthly Bulletin for June 2026, highlighting stability in the overall employment indicators.

Must-Know Facts:

- The overall Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) recorded for persons aged 15 years and above in June 2026 was 54.4 per cent.
- The national Unemployment Rate (UR) calculated for the month of June 2026 stood at 5.5 per cent.
- The rural female Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) climbed to 36.6 per cent in June 2026, gaining 1.4 percentage points over June 2025.
- The overall national Worker Population Ratio (WPR) held stable month-on-month at 51.4 per cent.

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18–20 JULY 2026

91. Centre Revises Special Additional Excise Duty on Fuel Exports

Quick Recap: The Central Government has revised the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on fuel exports, sharply increasing the levies on high-speed diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) while reducing the duty on petrol exports to safeguard the domestic energy market amid the West Asia crisis.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Special Additional Excise Duty on the export of petroleum products was originally introduced on March 27, 2026, as a defensive economic measure against supply disruptions triggered by the West Asia crisis.
- Export duties on petrol specifically were introduced a bit later in the cycle, coming into effect on May 16, 2026.
- The legislative notifications enforcing these specific rate shifts are Notification No. 38/2026-Central Excise (governing diesel and petrol changes) and Notification No. 39/2026-Central Excise (governing aviation turbine fuel changes).
- For additional context on how these frequent policy adjustments impact the broader petroleum sector and fuel costs, you can watch this News9 summary on fuel export duty revisions.

22 JULY 2026

92. Final Tender Floated Under Battery PLI Scheme with Revised Guidelines

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Heavy Industries has launched a ten Gigawatt-hour tender under the Production-Linked Incentive scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells, lowering bidding thresholds while reducing per-unit subsidies.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay approved for the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells (ACC) is ₹18,100 crore.
- The revised minimum and maximum bid capacities set under the new battery Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) tender are one Gigawatt-hour (GWh) and four Gigawatt-hours (GWh) respectively.
- The per-unit subsidy rate for battery cell manufacturing under the revised Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) guidelines was reduced to ₹1,500 per Kilowatt-hour (kWh).

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23 JULY 2026

93. DPIIT Releases New Index of Core Industries Series with Base Year 2022-23

Quick Recap: The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) released the first press release of the revised Index of Core Industries (ICI) series, updated to base year 2022–23.

Must-Know Facts:

- The revised base year for the Index of Core Industries (ICI) is 2022–23, replacing the 2011–12 series.
- The total number of core industries in the revised series has increased to nine.
- The year-on-year growth rate recorded by the Index of Core Industries for June 2026 was 5.0 per cent.

23 JULY 2026

94. PLI Schemes Attract Over ₹2.40 Lakh Crore Investment and 14.15 Lakh Jobs

Quick Recap: India's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes across 14 sectors drove ₹2.40 lakh crore in actual investments and generated 14.15 lakh jobs by March 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total actual investments mobilized under PLI schemes by March 2026: Over ₹2.40 lakh crore.
- Total employment created (direct + indirect): 14.15 lakh jobs.
- Sector attracting the highest actual investment: High-efficiency Solar PV Modules (₹64,873 crore).

24 JULY 2026

95. ONGC Plans India's First Strategic Natural Gas Reserve

Quick Recap: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited proposed building India's first strategic natural gas reserve using depleted gas wells in western India to enhance national energy security.

Must-Know Facts:

- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited proposed building India's first strategic natural gas reserve using depleted gas wells in western India.
- India imports approximately 55 per cent of its total natural gas requirements, amounting to an annual import bill of 15 billion dollars.
- The Government of India aims to increase the share of natural gas in the national energy basket from 7 per cent to 15 per cent by 2030.

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24 JULY 2026

96. Net FDI Turns Negative in May as Outflows Exceed Inflows

Quick Recap: Net foreign direct investment turned negative in May with outward capital movements exceeding incoming financial flows by 74 million dollars.

Must-Know Facts:

- Net foreign direct investment recorded a negative outflow of 74 million dollars in May.
- Gross foreign direct investment inflows reached approximately 6 billion 100 million dollars during the month.
- Outward investments by domestic entities directed capital toward the United States, the Cayman Islands, and the Netherlands.

25–27 JULY 2026

97. 8th Pay Commission Deliberations Focus on Fitment Factor

Quick Recap: Consultations under the 8th Pay Commission have gathered pace, with employee associations advocating a higher fitment factor while fiscal sustainability remains a key determining variable.

Must-Know Facts:

- Chairperson: Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai.
- Key Metric: Fitment factor multiplier determines new basic pay scales.

28 JULY 2026

98. CCEA Approves Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana – Rasayan for Chemical Parks

Quick Recap: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved ₹3,030 crore for the Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan scheme to build three dedicated chemical parks.

Must-Know Facts:

- Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan uses the official abbreviated scheme title BHAVYA Rasayan.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw delivered the official government briefing in New Delhi.
- The infrastructure plan targets the establishment of exactly three chemical parks nationwide.

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28 JULY 2026

99. FDI Norms Relaxed for Inventory-Based E-Commerce Exports

Quick Recap: The Government relaxed foreign direct investment norms to allow electronic commerce platforms to hold product inventory exclusively for export of Indian goods.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly approved regulatory relaxation applies exclusively to domestically produced or manufactured goods meant for foreign export.
- Net foreign direct investment recorded a net outflow of 74 million dollars during May 2026.
- Existing restrictions prohibiting inventory-based models continue to govern foreign direct investment in domestic retail trade.

31 JULY 2026

100. IIP Grows 7.3% in June 2026 on Manufacturing Expansion

Quick Recap: Index of Industrial Production in India grew by 7.3 per cent in June 2026 supported by robust growth in manufacturing and electricity sectors.

Must-Know Facts:

- 7.3 per cent represents the overall year on year growth recorded by the Index of Industrial Production in June 2026.
- 7.8 per cent marks the specific growth rate registered by the manufacturing sector in June 2026.
- 10.6 per cent denotes the growth achieved by the electricity and gas supply sector in June 2026.

31 JULY 2026

101. Merchandise Exports Grow 15% in the Current Financial Year

Quick Recap: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal announced a 15 per cent growth in India merchandise exports during the current financial year.

Must-Know Facts:

- 15 per cent represents the growth rate recorded in merchandise exports during the current financial year.
- 170 billion US dollars stands as the projected value of goods exports for the April to July period of financial year 2026 2027.
- The first quarter of 2027 marks the expected implementation timeline for the trade deal with the European Union.

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31 JULY 2026

102. Gross FDI Reaches Record $94.84 Billion in FY26

Quick Recap: Gross foreign direct investment in India reached a record 94.84 billion US dollars in the financial year 2025 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- 94.84 billion US dollars stands as the record gross FDI inflow achieved in the financial year 2025 2026.
- 6.95 billion US dollars represents the net FDI value recorded in the financial year 2025 2026.
- 2022 marks the notification year of the liberalized Overseas Direct Investment regulations framed by the Central Government.

01–03 AUGUST 2026

103. India's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone to Come Up in Gwalior

Quick Recap: DoT signed an MoU with the Madhya Pradesh Government to set up India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) at Gwalior.

Must-Know Facts:

- Gwalior is the location chosen for establishing India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ).
- Phase-I represents the initial development phase formalised under the Centre-State MoU.
- Madhya Pradesh is the first state government partnering with DoT for a dedicated telecom manufacturing zone.

01–03 AUGUST 2026

104. MoSPI Releases Second Trial Index of Services Production

Quick Recap: MoSPI published the second trial Index of Services Production (ISP) for May 2026, with eight of nineteen formal service sub-sectors registering double-digit expansion.

Must-Know Facts:

- 2024–25 serves as the base year for the trial Index of Services Production (ISP).
- 27.4% growth in Accommodation & Food Services marked the highest sub-sectoral expansion in May 2026.
- 16 out of 19 formal service sub-sectors achieved positive growth in the May 2026 evaluation.

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04 AUGUST 2026

105. Cabinet Approves ₹84,084 Crore 'Samudra Manthan' Offshore Exploration Scheme

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet approved the central sector scheme "Samudra Manthan" with an outlay of ₹84,084 crore to accelerate deepwater offshore oil and gas exploration and build shared marine production infrastructure up to FY 2030-31.

Must-Know Facts:

- ₹84,084 crore: Total outlay approved for the Samudra Manthan scheme up to FY 2030-31.
- 600 MMTOE: Targeted minimum addition to India's national hydrocarbon reserve base.
- ₹650 crore/well: Maximum financial support provided for deepwater and ultra-deepwater exploratory drilling.

04 AUGUST 2026

106. Cabinet Approves ₹5,070 Crore PM Surya Sarovar Yojana for 5 GW Floating Solar

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet cleared the ₹5,070 crore Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY) to deploy 5,000 MW of floating solar capacity paired with at least 10,000 MWh of energy storage systems across India's reservoirs.

Must-Know Facts:

- ₹5,070 crore: Total financial outlay for the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana.
- 5,000 MW / 10,000 MWh: Floating solar capacity target and mandatory minimum energy storage capacity.
- ₹1 crore per MW: Central Financial Assistance provided to developers post-commissioning.

04 AUGUST 2026

107. Cabinet Approves Revised Captive Waterfront Policy for Major Ports

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet approved a revised captive waterfront awarding policy for Major Ports to provide operational certainty for Port-Dependent Industries (PDIs) and enable direct waterfront access for government entities on a nomination basis.

Must-Know Facts:

- 30 years: Maximum period for extending concession agreements of existing PDIs without fresh tenders.
- 70%: Minimum percentage of total cargo volume required for an industry to qualify as a Port-Dependent Industry (PDI).
- Nomination Basis: Access route allowed for government entities to acquire captive port berths at floor prices.

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04 AUGUST 2026

108. Q1 FY27 Fiscal Deficit at 18.2% of Full-Year Target

Quick Recap: Data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) revealed that India's fiscal deficit for Q1 FY27 stood at ₹3.1 trillion, exhausting 18.2% of the full-year target despite elevated subsidy expenditure.

Must-Know Facts:

- 18.2%: Share of the full-year fiscal deficit target exhausted by the Centre in Q1 FY27 (₹3.1 trillion).
- ₹3.40 trillion: Capital expenditure executed during the April–June quarter (27.8% of annual target).
- 58%: Increase in fertilizer subsidy spending during Q1 driven by West Asia supply chain disruptions.

05 AUGUST 2026

109. Centre Releases ₹1,09,019 Crore Advance Tax Devolution to States

Quick Recap: The Union Government released an advance tax devolution installment of ₹1,09,019 crore to State Governments on August 1, 2026, to boost capital and developmental expenditure.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total advance tax devolution amount released on August 1, 2026, stands at ₹1,09,019 crore.
- Highest recipient state under the devolution installment is Uttar Pradesh with ₹19,208 crore.
- This release is over and above the regular tax devolution scheduled for August 10, 2026.

05 AUGUST 2026

110. Manufacturing PMI Slips to 53.5 in July 2026, Lowest Since August 2021

Quick Recap: The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) dropped to 53.5 in July 2026 from 54.2 in June, marking its lowest reading since August 2021 while remaining in expansion territory.

Must-Know Facts:

- HSBC India Manufacturing PMI registered at 53.5 for July 2026 (down from 54.2 in June 2026).
- The July 2026 PMI reading represents the lowest level for the manufacturing sector since August 2021.
- Post-production inventory accumulation hit its highest growth rate in over 11 years.

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05 AUGUST 2026

111. Gross GST Collection Rises 15.4% to ₹2,11,205 Crore in July 2026

Quick Recap: India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection reached ₹2,11,205 crore in July 2026, registering a 15.4% year-on-year growth driven by strong import revenues and resilient domestic consumption.

Must-Know Facts:

- Gross GST collection for July 2026: ₹2,11,205 crore (15.4% YoY growth).
- Net GST collection after refunds: ₹1,81,237 crore.
- Import GST collection surged by 28.8% to ₹66,511 crore.

06 AUGUST 2026

112. Government Announces Up to 6.5% LIC Stake Sale via OFS

Quick Recap: The Government of India announced an Offer for Sale to divest up to a 6.5 per cent stake in Life Insurance Corporation, aiming to raise approximately ₹31,000 crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The floor price set for the LIC Offer for Sale issue was ₹382 per share.
- Maximum equity stake percentage offered by the government in this tranche is 6.5 per cent.
- Total projected revenue addition to the national disinvestment kitty stands at ₹31,000 crore.

06 AUGUST 2026

113. Companies Invest ₹26,320 Crore Under Specialty Steel PLI Scheme

Quick Recap: Participating companies in the Production Linked Incentive scheme for specialty steel invested ₹26,320 crore as of June 30 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Incentive rates under the specialty steel scheme range between 4 per cent and 12 per cent depending on product grade.
- End-use sectors for manufactured specialty steel include defence, railways, aerospace, electrical equipment, and automobiles.
- The reporting cutoff date for the latest progress data in Parliament was June 30, 2026.

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06 AUGUST 2026

114. Indian Economy Projected to Reach $5 Trillion in FY29: IMF

Quick Recap: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed the Rajya Sabha that India's economy is projected to reach 5.1 trillion dollars by financial year 29 according to the International Monetary Fund.

Must-Know Facts:

- The projected economic valuation for India is 5.1 trillion dollars by financial year 2028–29 (FY29).
- The macroeconomic growth metrics were sourced directly from the April 2026 World Economic Outlook database.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented these statistical figures in the Rajya Sabha.

07 AUGUST 2026

115. Six Commercial Coal Blocks Auctioned

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Coal successfully auctioned six coal blocks under the 15th Round and 2nd Attempt of the 13th Round of commercial auctions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The six newly auctioned blocks possess a cumulative Peak Rated Capacity of 11.62 MTPA.
- Total geological reserves mapped across these six blocks stand at 1,503.93 million tonnes.
- Since 2020, commercial coal mining auctions have created an aggregate production capacity of 377.97 million tonnes per year.

07 AUGUST 2026

116. Eight Coal Gasification Projects to Draw ₹65,365 Crore Investment

Quick Recap: Minister of State for Coal and Mines Satish Chandra Dubey informed Parliament that eight coal gasification projects will draw ₹65,365 crore in investment to gasify 12 million tonnes of coal annually.

Must-Know Facts:

- The aggregate investment expected across all eight coal gasification projects totals ₹65,365 crore.
- The projects will collectively process around 12 million tonnes of coal annually to produce synthetic natural gas, ethanol, hydrogen, acetic acid, and direct reduced iron.
- The Central Government provides financial support via an approved ₹8,500 crore incentive scheme.

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08–10 AUGUST 2026

117. Inventory-Based Cross-Border E-Commerce Export Framework Operationalised

Quick Recap: Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry operationalised the inventory based cross border electronic commerce export framework under Foreign Trade Policy 2023 through registered Exporters on Record.

Must-Know Facts:

- Notification No. 27/2026-27 operationalises the inventory-based e-commerce export regulatory mechanism.
- Export inventory can only be procured against confirmed international orders with no speculative hoarding permitted.
- Registered Exporters-on-Record (EOR) handle regulatory compliance, packaging, logistics, and customs documentation for Indian sellers.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

118. SASCI Sanctions Reach ₹90,000 Crore in April-July

Quick Recap: Under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI), the Centre sanctioned ₹90,000 crore and disbursed ₹63,000 crore to states between April and July of FY 2026–27.

Must-Know Facts:

- SASCI has a total outlay of ₹2 lakh crore in 50-year interest-free capex loans for FY 2026–27.
- Sanctions reached ₹90,000 crore with ₹63,000 crore disbursed during April–July.
- Uttar Pradesh emerged as the leading recipient state under the scheme during this period.

11 AUGUST 2026

119. Indian Railways Repaid ₹1.93 Trillion Debt in Five Years

Quick Recap: Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw informed Parliament that Indian Railways repaid over ₹1.93 trillion in principal and interest debt over the past five financial years.

Must-Know Facts:

- Indian Railways repaid ₹1.93 trillion in principal and interest over five financial years.
- Interest payments accounted for approximately ₹93,000 crore since FY 2021-22, while principal repayments totalled around ₹1 trillion.
- The special pandemic loan taken from the Ministry of Finance amounted to ₹79,000 crore.

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11 AUGUST 2026

120. GeM Crosses ₹20 Trillion Cumulative GMV in First Decade

Quick Recap: Government e Marketplace crossed ₹20 trillion in cumulative procurement value with Micro and Small Enterprises fulfilling over 45.6 per cent of total orders.

Must-Know Facts:

- Cumulative procurement on GeM crossed ₹20 trillion across 37.8 million orders since inception.
- MSEs accounted for ₹9.07 trillion or 45.6 per cent of the total cumulative procurement value.
- Annual GMV surpassed ₹5 trillion in both FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26.

12 AUGUST 2026

121. India Crosses 300 GW Non-Fossil Fuel Power Capacity

Quick Recap: India achieved 300 gigawatts of installed non-fossil fuel electricity generation capacity, fulfilling over 60 per cent of its national target of 500 gigawatts by 2030.

Must-Know Facts:

- India's total non-fossil power generation capacity reached 300.50 gigawatts.
- Solar energy remains the largest clean energy component at 164.59 gigawatts.
- Enlisted capacity under the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) surpassed 200 gigawatts.

12 AUGUST 2026

122. Parliament Passes MSME Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Quick Recap: Parliament passed the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026, introducing strict regulatory mechanisms to accelerate payment settlement and simplify dispute resolution for small businesses.

Must-Know Facts:

- The MSME Amendment Bill mandates CPSE invoice settlement via the TReDS platform.
- Courts can enforce a minimum 50% payout of awarded amounts during long-pending legal challenges.
- Unpaid settlement awards can be recovered directly as arrears of land revenue.

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13 AUGUST 2026

123. PM E-DRIVE Electric Two-Wheeler Subsidy Extended to FY28

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Heavy Industries extended the electric two-wheeler subsidy under the PM E-DRIVE scheme until March 31, 2028 (FY28), increasing the category allocation to ₹2,767 crore and expanding target vehicle coverage to 45.79 lakh units.

Must-Know Facts:

- Revised scheme deadline: March 31, 2028 (FY28).
- Target e-2W coverage: 45,79,120 units.
- Allocated e-2W budget: ₹2,767 crore out of the total ₹11,900 crore PM E-DRIVE outlay.
- Subsidy cap: ₹2,500 per kWh, capped at a maximum of ₹5,000 per vehicle for models priced up to ₹1.5 lakh (ex-factory).

13 AUGUST 2026

124. PLFS: Quarterly Unemployment Rate at 5.4% in Q1 FY27

Quick Recap: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released Periodic Labour Force Survey data showing the quarterly unemployment rate standing at 5.4 per cent while youth unemployment rose to 15.9 per cent.

Must-Know Facts:

- The overall national unemployment rate for individuals aged 15 and above stood at 5.4 per cent.
- The youth unemployment rate for individuals aged 15 to 29 years reached 15.9 per cent.
- The overall Labour Force Participation Rate for the quarter stood at 54.6 per cent.
- Agriculture accounted for 38.7 per cent of the total working population across rural and urban India.

13 AUGUST 2026

125. Central Government Debt Reaches 58.2% of GDP in FY26

Quick Recap: Union Government central debt reached 58.2 per cent of Gross Domestic Product in financial year 26 missing the budgeted target by 210 basis points.

Must-Know Facts:

- The central debt-to-GDP ratio recorded for FY26 is 58.2 per cent against a target of 56.1 per cent.
- Provisional total debt of the Union Government as of March 31 2026 stands at ₹201.17 lakh crore.
- The official central government target aims for a debt-to-GDP ratio of 50 per cent by FY31.
- The debt service to revenue receipts ratio declined to 37.6 per cent in 2025-26.

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14 AUGUST 2026

126. Net Direct Tax Collections Rise 23% to Over ₹8.11 Trillion

Quick Recap: India's net direct tax collections rose by 23.09 per cent year on year to cross ₹8.11 trillion up to 10 August 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Net direct tax collection reached ₹8.11 lakh crore up to 10 August.
- The year on year growth rate for net direct taxes stood at 23.09 per cent.
- Tax refunds issued during the period totalled ₹1.44 lakh crore.

14 AUGUST 2026

127. Retail Inflation Rises to 4.45% in July 2026

Quick Recap: India's retail Consumer Price Index inflation rose to 4.45 per cent in July, staying above the Reserve Bank of India 4 per cent midpoint target for the second consecutive month.

Must-Know Facts:

- The headline retail CPI inflation rate recorded for July is 4.45 per cent.
- The food inflation rate recorded under the CPI basket for July is 5.5 per cent.
- The benchmark repo rate maintained by the Reserve Bank of India Monetary Policy Committee is 5.25 per cent.

15–17 AUGUST 2026

128. India's Total Exports Rise 13.31% to $80.14 Billion in July 2026

Quick Recap: India’s total cumulative exports of merchandise and services in July 2026 reached $80.14 billion, recording a robust 13.31% year-on-year growth driven by strong performances in petroleum products, electronic goods, and engineering items.

Must-Know Facts:

- India’s total goods and services exports in July 2026 reached $80.14 billion with a 13.31% year-on-year growth rate.
- Merchandise exports expanded by 19.6% to reach $44.24 billion in July 2026.
- Top driving sectors for export expansion included petroleum products, electronic goods, engineering goods, and organic chemicals.

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15–17 AUGUST 2026

129. NITI Aayog Identifies Four Sectors to Make India a Global Manufacturing Hub

Quick Recap: NITI Aayog published a comprehensive report selecting chemicals, textiles, telecom equipment, and solar PV manufacturing as four high-potential sectors to strengthen India's position in global manufacturing supply chains.

Must-Know Facts:

- The four sectors identified by NITI Aayog are Chemicals, Textiles, Telecom & Networking Equipment, and Solar PV Manufacturing.
- The current report covers four sectors and will be followed by assessments of eight additional manufacturing sectors.
- The report focuses on boosting domestic value addition, reducing import reliance, and positioning India in Global Value Chains (GVCs).

15–17 AUGUST 2026

130. 30 KTPA Green Hydrogen Capacity Awarded to Four Refineries

Quick Recap: The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy awarded 30 Kilo Tonnes Per Annum of green hydrogen production capacity to four public sector refineries under the SIGHT Mode-2B scheme of the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total green hydrogen capacity awarded to refineries under SIGHT Mode-2B is 30 KTPA.
- Allocations: IOCL Panipat (10 KTPA), NRL Numaligarh (10 KTPA), BPCL Bina (5 KTPA), and HPCL Vizag (5 KTPA).
- Projects will be executed via the Build-Own-Operate (BOO) model by private developers.

18 AUGUST 2026

131. 20 Bids Received Under Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnet Scheme

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Heavy Industries received twenty bids under the scheme to promote the manufacturing of sintered rare earth permanent magnets on 13 August 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries received 20 technical bids for the rare earth permanent magnet scheme.
- The national scheme targets establishing 6,000 metric tons per annum of integrated manufacturing capacity.
- Technical bids were opened on 13 August 2026 following the bid submission deadline on 12 August 2026.

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18 AUGUST 2026

132. WPI Inflation Eases to 9.78% in July 2026

Quick Recap: India's wholesale price inflation eased marginally to 9.78 per cent in July 2026 due to cooling food, fuel, and power prices.

Must-Know Facts:

- Wholesale Price Index inflation stood at 9.78 per cent in July 2026 compared to 9.87 per cent in June.
- Fuel and power inflation cooled to 20.05 per cent in July 2026.
- The Wholesale Price Index data operates under the 2022-23 base year.

19 AUGUST 2026

133. LFPR Rises to 55.4% in July 2026; Unemployment Falls to 5.1%

Quick Recap: The Periodic Labour Force Survey for July 2026 reported an increase in Labour Force Participation Rate to 55.4% and a drop in Unemployment Rate to 5.1%.

Must-Know Facts:

- Overall LFPR (July 2026): 55.4% (up from 54.4% in June)
- Female LFPR: 34.4%
- Overall Unemployment Rate (UR): Declined to 5.1%

20 AUGUST 2026

134. Unemployment Rate Falls to Four-Month Low of 5.1% in July

Quick Recap: National Statistics Office monthly bulletin revealed India unemployment rate dropped to a four-month low of 5.1 per cent in July as labor participation expanded.

Must-Know Facts:

- National unemployment rate fell to 5.1 per cent in July 2026.
- Labour Force Participation Rate increased to 55.4 per cent during the month.
- Rural unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 per cent under Current Weekly Status calculations.

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20 AUGUST 2026

135. Government Considers Raising CCEA FDI Approval Limit to ₹15,000 Crore

Quick Recap: Government considers raising Foreign Direct Investment approval limit for Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs to ₹15,000 crore to expedite foreign capital inflows.

Must-Know Facts:

- Proposed Foreign Direct Investment threshold limit for Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approval rises to ₹15,000 crore.
- Existing approval threshold requiring Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs clearance stands at ₹5,000 crore.
- Policy changes target faster processing of foreign proposals and easing downstream investment rules for foreign-owned entities.

20 AUGUST 2026

136. Current Account Deficit Widens to $3.1 Billion in Q1 FY27

Quick Recap: India's Current Account Deficit widened to 3.1 billion United States Dollars during the first quarter of the 2026-27 financial year due to higher merchandise import bills.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Current Account Deficit reached 3.1 billion United States Dollars in the first quarter of the 2026-27 financial year.
- The overall Balance of Payments recorded a deficit of 8.1 billion United States Dollars.
- Rising fuel import bills served as the primary cause behind the widening merchandise trade gap.

21 AUGUST 2026

137. MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2026 Brings Uniformity in Mineral Taxation

Quick Recap: The Government of India highlighted the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026 to establish a predictable fiscal structure by restricting State Governments from levying unauthorized local taxes on mineral rights.

Must-Know Facts:

- The MMDR Amendment Act, 2026 restricts State Governments from unilaterally levying fresh taxes on mineral rights.
- National Mineral Exploration Trust funds can now be deployed for overseas mineral exploration.
- KABIL secured exclusive lithium exploration rights in Argentina to support energy storage and EV production.

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21 AUGUST 2026

138. ₹1 Trillion RDI Fund to Select Next Set of Fund Managers

Quick Recap: India's Rs 1-trillion Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) Fund is preparing its final meeting to select its next cohort of second-level fund managers to deploy patient capital into deep-tech firms.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total corpus of the RDI Fund: Rs 1 trillion (Rs 1,000,000 crore).
- Initial fund managers operationalized: Technology Development Board (TDB) and BIRAC.
- Minimum entry threshold for tech ventures: Technology Readiness Level 4 (TRL-4).

22–24 AUGUST 2026

139. 31 Projects Worth ₹7,877 Crore Approved Under ECMS

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology approved 31 manufacturing proposals worth ₹7,877 crore under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme to boost domestic component production.

Must-Know Facts:

- ₹7,877 crore capital outlay approved across 31 newly cleared project applications.
- 106 total applications cleared to date under ECMS representing ₹69,548 crore in investment commitments.
- ₹22,919 crore initial budgetary outlay designated for the ECMS framework.

22–24 AUGUST 2026

140. Duty-Free Import of 1 Million Tonnes of Raw Sugar Allowed Till 31 October

Quick Recap: The Central Government allowed duty-free import of 1 million metric tonnes of raw sugar under a tariff rate quota until October 31 to stabilize record domestic prices ahead of the festival season.

Must-Know Facts:

- 1 million metric tonnes raw sugar allowed for duty-free import under the TRQ window.
- October 31, 2026 deadline set for completing authorized duty-free sugar imports.
- 15 days inventory limit imposed on bulk commercial sugar consumers holding over 10 metric tonnes per month.

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22–24 AUGUST 2026

141. Eight Core Industries Grow 5.4% in July 2026

Quick Recap: India's Index of Eight Core Industries recorded a year-on-year growth rate of 5.4 per cent in July 2026, moderating slightly from the 6.0 per cent expansion registered in June.

Must-Know Facts:

- 5.4 per cent growth rate recorded by the eight core industries in July 2026.
- 29.5 per cent growth registered by Iron Ore, making it the highest performing sector in July.
- 40.27 per cent combined weight of the eight core industries in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

25 AUGUST 2026

142. Rupee-Settled Export Receipts Get Full Foreign Trade Policy Benefits

Quick Recap: The Centre eased trade rules by placing export receipts settled in Indian Rupees on par with foreign-currency earnings to grant full Foreign Trade Policy benefits.

Must-Know Facts:

- Export receipts settled in INR are now officially treated at par with foreign currency realisations for FTP benefits.
- The amendment addresses regulatory uncertainties surrounding export obligation fulfillment under export promotion schemes.
- The DGFT notification accelerates the government's strategy toward the internationalization of the Indian Rupee.

26 AUGUST 2026

143. India Negotiating FTAs with Eight to Nine Trade Blocs

Quick Recap: Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced on August 24 2026 that India is negotiating Free Trade Agreements with eight to nine trade blocs to cover 75 per cent of global trade.

Must-Know Facts:

- India is negotiating Free Trade Agreements with eight to nine regional trade blocs and countries.
- The target objective is to cover 75 per cent of global trade under bilateral trade pacts.
- New ongoing trade negotiations represent 15 trillion USD in combined global Gross Domestic Product.

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26 AUGUST 2026

144. DGFT Lifts Export Restrictions on Wheat and Wheat Products

Quick Recap: The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) modified its export framework to permit the unrestricted overseas shipment of wheat, durum wheat, wheat flour, and associated processed products.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) updated the export classification of wheat and durum wheat from prohibited to free.
- Export restrictions were removed on processed wheat products, including atta, maida, and semolina.
- The policy changes took effect immediately upon the issuance of notifications by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

29–31 AUGUST 2026

145. Gross FDI Hits 15-Year High of $30.7 Billion in Q1 FY27

Quick Recap: Reserve Bank of India data shows gross Foreign Direct Investment into India reached a 15-year high of $30.7 billion during Q1 FY27, pushed by strong manufacturing and service sector investments.

Must-Know Facts:

- Gross FDI inflows touched a 15-year quarterly record of $30.7 billion in Q1 FY27.
- Singapore, Netherlands, US, and Canada collectively contributed ~74% of the inflows.
- Manufacturing emerged as the leading recipient sector of total foreign direct investments.

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Government Schemes & Policies (PIB)

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

1. IBC (Amendment) Act, 2026 Introduced to Transform Insolvency Framework

Quick Recap: The Government of India has enacted the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Act, 2026, to introduce comprehensive structural reforms aimed at reducing procedural delays, enhancing creditor oversight, and improving recovery outcomes across the insolvency and liquidation ecosystem.

Must-Know Facts:

- Creditors realized a cumulative financial recovery of approximately ₹4.32 lakh crore through approved resolution plans executed under the framework up to March 2026.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) accounted for 52.4% of the total recoveries made by Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), contributing ₹54,528 crore out of ₹1,04,099 crore as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) report released on 29 December 2025.
- The Adjudicating Authority is mandated by the 2026 amendment to decide upon the admission of insolvency applications within a fixed statutory timeline of 14 days.
- The total number of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Processes (CIRPs) admitted under the insolvency framework since its inception until March 2026 stands at 8,987 cases.

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

2. Over ₹10,000 Crore Released to 12 States Under PMAY-Gramin

Quick Recap: The Union Minister for Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, has released a Mother Sanction of ₹10,021.42 crore to 12 states under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) to accelerate the national objective of achieving 'Housing for All' by March 2029.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific amount released by the Union Minister for Rural Development under the recent Mother Sanction to the 12 states totals ₹10,021.42 crore.
- The established statutory timeline and deadline for the completion of the overarching 'Housing for All' vision under the current framework is March 2029.
- The state governments have been directed by the Ministry of Rural Development to complete all pending approvals for their 2024-25 and 2025-26 targets by the strict deadline of 30 June 2026.
- The total number of rural houses successfully completed under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) framework since its inception stands at more than 3.05 crore houses.

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30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

3. DARPG Launches National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2025 Portal

Quick Recap: The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) has launched the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) 2025 Portal to systematically measure and benchmark the accessibility, depth, and maturity of online service delivery platforms across states, union territories, and central ministries.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) 2025 Portal was formally launched during a coordination meeting executed on 25 May 2026.
- A specific total of 59 mandatory services will be evaluated for every state and union territory during the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) 2025 cycle.
- The total number of public services earmarked for digital auditing across the participating central ministries and departments stands at 43 services.

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

4. Amit Shah Launches ₹340 Crore Development Projects in Gandhinagar

Quick Recap: The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for development projects worth ₹340 crore in the Kalol and Gandhinagar (North) Assembly constituencies of Gujarat, while highlighting key national initiatives on border security and demographic change.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial valuation of the newly launched developmental and educational infrastructure projects initiated in the Gandhinagar district stands at ₹340 crore.
- The high-level committee on demographic change constituted by the Central Government is under a mandatory statutory timeline to submit its final report within a period of one year.
- The West Bengal Government transferred 600 hectares of land to the Border Security Force (BSF) and an additional 121 hectares of land inside the Chicken's Neck Corridor to the Central Government for border security infrastructure.

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30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

5. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Completes 10 Years

Quick Recap: The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) has completed a decade of its implementation, establishing an institutional mechanism that has facilitated the realization of over ₹4 lakh crore for creditors while significantly strengthening domestic credit discipline and corporate recovery outcomes.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial realization achieved for institutional creditors through approved resolution plans since the introduction of the framework up to March 2026 exceeds ₹4 lakh crore.
- More than 30,000 corporate cases involving an estimated aggregate amount of nearly ₹14 lakh crore were successfully settled and resolved at the pre-admission stage before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- The recovery rate achieved under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) framework rose to 36.6% in the 2024-25 financial cycle, up from 28.3% recorded in the previous year.
- The total number of insolvency cases formally admitted into the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) from the inception of the Code up to March 2026 stands at 8,987 cases.

02 JUNE 2026

6. NITI Aayog Releases Roadmap on Future of India's Semiconductor Industry

Quick Recap: National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub has released a comprehensive ten-year roadmap titled "Future of India's Semiconductor Industry" to build a USD 120–150 billion semiconductor value chain by 2035.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total projected financial value of the semiconductor ecosystem targeted by the new NITI Aayog roadmap by 2035 is USD 120–150 billion.
- The specific number of advanced semiconductor design intellectual properties (IPs) that the state roadmap aims to create is more than 100.
- The specific national initiative whose updated 2.0 iteration priorities are directly reinforced by this new ten-year semiconductor roadmap is the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).

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02 JUNE 2026

7. Odisha, Intel and 3DGS Sign MoU to Bring Substrate Manufacturing to India

Quick Recap: The Government of Odisha, Intel Corporation, and USA-based 3DGS Inc. have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish India's first advanced packaging glass core substrate manufacturing facility in Odisha.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific regional industrial zone in Odisha officially designated to host the upcoming advanced packaging substrate manufacturing facility is the Bhubaneswar–Khurda region.
- The projected operational layout and construction implementation timeline allocated for the multi-phase deployment of the high-tech facility is five to six years.
- The two global corporate entities that signed the landmark technology-transfer framework alongside the state Government of Odisha are Intel Corporation and 3DGS Inc. USA.

03 JUNE 2026

8. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Crosses 90 Crore ABHA Accounts

Quick Recap: The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), implemented by the National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has crossed the historic milestone of generating over 90 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs).

Must-Know Facts:

- The cumulative registration of Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs) successfully crossed the monumental milestone of 90 crore in May 2026.
- The unique digital health identity card generated under the national mission is configured as a distinct 14-digit identifier for each registered citizen.
- Uttar Pradesh emerged as the leading state in terms of absolute volume by contributing over 15.3 crore registered health accounts to the national pool.
- Female account holders demonstrated high representation in the digital public health framework by securing a 49.75 per cent share of the total registrations.

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04 JUNE 2026

9. Mission Senehjori Launched for Assam Muga Silk

Quick Recap: The Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, launched Mission Senehjori in convergence with the Government of Assam to transform the Muga silk sector into a globally competitive luxury textile ecosystem.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial investment projected for the implementation of Mission Senehjori ranges from ₹396 crore to ₹411 crore.
- The comprehensive development targets and outcomes outlined under the new silk mission are scheduled to be fully achieved by the year 2028.
- The target established for the annual expansion of Muga silk exports under the operational framework is set to exceed 2,000 kilograms.

04 JUNE 2026

10. Reform-Linked MoUs Signed with Four States and One UT Under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Jal Shakti overseen the signing of reform-linked Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0 with Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, and Puducherry to strengthen community-driven rural water governance.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official extension period for the implementation of the comprehensive rural drinking water project has been formally pushed until December 2028.
- The five distinct bilateral agreements were signed under the reformed framework of the national program known specifically as Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0.
- The overarching structural reforms implemented through the state partnerships are aligned with the long-term governance vision of Vikshit Bharat @2047.

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05 JUNE 2026

11. Jayant Chaudhary Launches 'Navachar Mantra' for Grassroots Innovators

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launched 'Navachar Mantra' on 3 June 2026, a national initiative delivered by NIESBUD and FITT, IIT Delhi, to identify, mentor, and scale early-stage innovations from Tier 2, Tier 3, and rural India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official launch date of the national grassroots entrepreneurship initiative ‘Navachar Mantra’ is 3 June 2026.
- The deadline for innovators and entrepreneurs to submit their applications through the dedicated digital portal is 5 July 2026.
- The duration of the customized mentorship and market-linkage engagement program for the final selected cohort is fixed at one year.
- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship who officially launched this program is Shri Jayant Chaudhary.

05 JUNE 2026

12. Cabinet Approves ₹10,000 Crore Aviation Fuel Price Stabilisation Support

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet has approved a one-time financial allocation of ₹10,000 crore to stabilize Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) pricing for Indian airlines amid extreme global volatility caused by the West Asia crisis.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total budgetary amount approved by the Union Cabinet for the ATF fuel price stabilization support mechanism is up to ₹10,000 crore.
- The total duration of time fixed for the operation of this emergency aviation fuel stabilization fund is 36 months.
- The specific maximum cap percentage enforced on domestic ATF base price increases despite higher international market spikes is 25 per cent.
- The specific tax rate percentage to which Delhi and Maharashtra reduced their localized VAT on aviation fuel is 7 per cent.

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05 JUNE 2026

13. CCEA Approves National Highway Projects Worth Over ₹24,000 Crore in Four States

Quick Recap: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved major national highway development projects worth approximately ₹24,249.6 crore spanning across Odisha, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, and Bihar.

Must-Know Facts:

- The combined total financial expenditure approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for the highway projects across the four states is ₹24,249.6 crore.
- The estimated individual project cost assigned for the construction of the 160.18-kilometer Rameshwar-Paradip section of the Odisha coastal highway is ₹8,300.79 crore.
- The cumulative capital funding officially sanctioned for the execution of the three road packages in Telangana under a four-lane configuration is ₹7,597.16 crore.
- The total financial package approved for the four-lane widening of the 143.5-kilometer Khagaria-Purnea section of National Highway-31 and National Highway-231 in Bihar is ₹3,936.05 crore.

06–08 JUNE 2026

14. ₹19,209 Crore Maritime Growth Agenda Outlined for West Bengal

Quick Recap: Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal met Chief Minister of West Bengal Suvendu Adhikari in Kolkata to review a proposed 19,209 crore rupee maritime investment roadmap aimed at transforming the state into a regional logistics hub.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay earmarked for the comprehensive maritime investment pipeline in West Bengal by the year 2031 stands at ₹19,209 crore.
- The central government aims to create exactly 62,500 job opportunities in the maritime and logistics sector of West Bengal through these development projects.
- The cargo handling volume handled by the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port experienced a substantial jump to reach 70.87 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) during the 2025–26 fiscal year.

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06–08 JUNE 2026

15. MNRE Targets 75 Lakh Household Rooftop Solar Installations by December 2026

Quick Recap: Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has announced that the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana aims to reach 75 lakh rooftop solar household installations by December 2026, supported by the newly introduced Utility-Linked Aggregation model.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay approved by the central government for the implementation of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana stands at ₹75,021 crore.
- A total subsidy amount exceeding ₹22,750 crore has been dispersed to beneficiaries since the inception of the national rooftop solar campaign.
- The country is utilizing these decentralized energy advancements to steadily progress toward its ultimate target of achieving 500 gigawatts of non-fossil fuel energy capacity by the year 2030.

06–08 JUNE 2026

16. APEDA: First Sea Shipment of Millet Functional Foods from Karnataka to New Zealand

Quick Recap: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority has facilitated the first-ever maritime shipment of botanical-infused ready-to-cook millet functional foods from Karnataka to New Zealand to diversify agricultural exports.

Must-Know Facts:

- The first-ever maritime export consignment of botanical-infused ready-to-cook millet functional foods from India to New Zealand comprised a total weight of one metric tonne.
- The official virtual flagging-off ceremony for this historic agricultural trade shipment to New Zealand took place on 3 June 2026.
- The primary objective behind exporting value-added millet products is to strengthen the comprehensive domestic agri-export ecosystem while extending enhanced market access to local farming communities.

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10 JUNE 2026

17. APEDA: First Export of Fresh Mangoes from Jharkhand to the UK

Quick Recap: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has successfully flagged off Jharkhand's first commercial consignment of 1.5 metric tonnes of fresh Amrapali mangoes, grown by an all-women Farmer Producer Company, to the United Kingdom.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total weight of the inaugural commercial mango consignment exported from Jharkhand to London, United Kingdom, is 1.5 metric tonnes.
- The specific all-women Farmer Producer Company that cultivated and supplied the export-quality Amrapali mangoes is the Beura Farmer Producer Company Ltd., located in the Simdega district of Jharkhand.
- The commercial enterprise responsible for managing the logistics and executing the final shipment of the mango consignment from Kolkata to the United Kingdom is M/s JGB Agrofresh Pvt. Ltd.

10 JUNE 2026

18. Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan Completes a Decade

Quick Recap: As the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyaan (PMSMA) completes 10 years of operations, it has provided free, comprehensive antenatal services to more than 7.50 crore pregnant women and contributed to a significant drop in India’s Maternal Mortality Ratio.

Must-Know Facts:

- The designated day of the month on which the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyaan (PMSMA) provides specialized, free antenatal checkups at public health facilities is the 9th of every month.
- The cumulative number of pregnant women who have successfully accessed specialized antenatal care services under the PMSMA platform over its 10 years of implementation is over 7.50 crore.
- India’s Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) successfully declined from 130 per lakh live births during the 2014–16 evaluation cycle down to 87 per lakh live births during the 2022–24 period.
- The maximum timeline allotted for a high-risk pregnancy to receive dedicated medical follow-ups and automated tracking under the Extended PMSMA strategy is up until a safe delivery is successfully accomplished.

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11 JUNE 2026

19. Centre Unveils New Rural Development Framework with Initial Funds

Quick Recap: The Central Government has announced a comprehensive financial initiative exceeding ₹1.25 lakh crore and a new framework titled Viksit Bharat GRAMG to accelerate rural employment and village development from 1 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The historic new rural development framework titled Viksit Bharat GRAMG is officially scheduled to come into effect across the nation from 1 July 2026.
- The exact total interim financial allocation released by the Union Ministry to the States, Union Territories, and central administration stands at ₹95,692.31 crore.
- The National Rural Development Conference is organized to take place at the PUSA Institute in New Delhi on the specific dates of 28 June and 29 June 2026.

11 JUNE 2026

20. Reform-Linked MoU Signed with Sikkim Under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0

Quick Recap: The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) has signed a reform-linked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Government of Sikkim to establish a community-driven, service-based rural water governance framework under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0.

Must-Know Facts:

- The collaborative reform-linked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for water governance was officially executed between the Central Government and the State of Sikkim on 9 June 2026.
- The state-level operation and maintenance (O&M) policy mandated for sustainable service delivery under the signed agreement must include exactly 19 essential planning points.
- The National Rural Water Framework under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 directs the active integration of local community management through Village Water & Sanitation Committees (VWSCs).

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11 JUNE 2026

21. First Large-Scale Solar Power Project on Defence Land Approved at Sitapur, UP

Quick Recap: Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has approved the establishment of a first-of-its-kind 250 Megawatt (MW) Solar Power Project with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on approximately 850 acres of vacant defence land at Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total power generation capacity of the newly approved solar-storage facility on defence land at Sitapur stands at 250 Megawatts (MW).
- The landmark renewable energy project will be spread across a specific land area of approximately 850 acres of vacant defence estate.
- The competitive bidding and execution process for the benchmark energy initiative has been formally assigned to NTPC Limited.

11 JUNE 2026

22. APEDA: First Export of GI-Tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam to Dubai

Quick Recap: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has successfully processed and facilitated the maiden export shipment of one metric tonne of GI-tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam to Dubai.

Must-Know Facts:

- The inaugural international export shipment of the GI-tagged Tezpur Litchi consignment from Assam to Dubai was officially flagged off on 7 June 2026.
- The absolute volume of the maiden premium fruit consignment prepared for the Dubai market weighed exactly one metric tonne.
- Despite competitive domestic consumer demand, local litchi farmers enrolled in the export supply chain secured premium profit margins worth 10 per cent above standard domestic market rates.

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11 JUNE 2026

23. ₹95,692 Crore Interim Package Rolled Out Under VB-G RAM G

Quick Recap: The Central Government has announced a massive interim financial package of ₹95,692.31 crore under its newly introduced rural employment initiative, ensuring a seamless, worker-centric transition from MGNREGA starting July 1, 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The absolute interim financial package allocated by the Centre to transition rural job networks into the VB-G RAM G framework stands at ₹95,692.31 crore.
- The historic new national rural job framework is statutory and legally bound to replace the old MGNREGA setup starting 1 July 2026.
- The interim funds will reach and empower nearly 2.80 lakh Gram Panchayats across India, providing direct fiscal capability to local bodies.

12 JUNE 2026

24. 96 Companies Approved Under Round Three of Textile PLI Scheme

Quick Recap: The Government of India has approved 96 companies under Round-3 of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles with a total committed investment of ₹12,822.67 crore to boost manufacturing and employment.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of companies selected under Round-3 of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles is 96.
- The total committed investment by the 96 selected companies under the third round of the scheme is ₹12,822.67 crore.
- The total turnover projected to be generated by all the 96 selected companies stands at ₹58,294.18 crore.
- The number of employment opportunities projected to be created specifically by the 22 newly added applicants is 36,217.

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12 JUNE 2026

25. Reform-Linked MoUs Signed with Manipur and Bihar Under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Jal Shakti has signed reform-linked Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the state governments of Manipur and Bihar under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0 to transition toward a community-driven and sustainable rural water governance model.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of participating states and union territories that have officially signed the reform-linked Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) under the scheme guidelines is 33.
- The specific calendar year in which the Government of Bihar originally initiated its independent 'Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal' rural water supply scheme is 2016.
- The specific level of rural tap water coverage that has already been successfully accomplished across Bihar through domestic and central infrastructure assistance is over 90 per cent.
- The formal execution and institutional exchange of the separate reform-linked water agreements with both state delegations took place on 10 June 2026.

13–15 JUNE 2026

26. Centre, Assam and Nagaland Sign Tripartite MoU on Oil Operations in Boundary Areas

Quick Recap: In the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, a historic tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of India, Assam, and Nagaland to facilitate mineral oil operations and exploration in the Assam–Nagaland boundary areas.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific growth target projected for the current oil extraction capacity under the newly signed tripartite boundary agreement is an increase of more than tenfold.
- The current baseline oil extraction volume recorded in the region prior to the implementation of the new exploration framework stands between 1,000 and 1,500 barrels per day.
- The total number of major peace agreements signed by the central government to ensure stability and reduce violence across the Northeast region since 2019 is exactly twelve.
- The explicit percentage threshold by which the application of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act has already been reduced across the Northeast region stands at more than 80 per cent.

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16 JUNE 2026

27. DPIIT and ONDC Launch DigiDukaan to Digitise B2B Procurement for 1.4 Crore Kirana Stores

Quick Recap: The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) organized the 'Bharat Commerce Chintan Shivir' roundtable to scale 'DigiDukaan', a digital initiative transforming B2B procurement for India's 1.4 crore kirana stores.

Must-Know Facts:

- The DigiDukaan pilot platform successfully connected over 10,000 retailers and 35+ brands during its initial operational phase in Hyderabad.
- The official next phase launch of the DigiDukaan procurement network is scheduled for June 19, 2026, in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- Traditional Kirana shops represent the dominant retail structure in India, managing an estimated 75% to 80% share of total FMCG market sales volumes.
- The nodal government official heading the consumer goods modernization conference was DPIIT Additional Secretary, Shri Ateesh Kumar Singh.

17 JUNE 2026

28. India-France Atal Tinkering Lab Bridge Established

Quick Recap: The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, and La Fondation Dassault Systèmes have established the India–France Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) Bridge to connect young innovators through school-level innovation labs.

Must-Know Facts:

- The milestone Letter of Intent (LoI) formalising the India–France ATL Bridge was officially exchanged between the two nations on 14 June 2026.
- The newly established India–France ATL Bridge marks a historic first by setting up the very first School Innovation Lab in France based on an Indian educational framework.
- The domestic Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) movement has successfully established more than 10,000 labs across India, directly empowering over 11 million school students since 2016.
- The initiative has been launched to strategically align with the institutional milestones of the ongoing India–France Year of Innovation 2026.

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19 JUNE 2026

29. Department of Pharmaceuticals Marks 12 Years of Growth in Affordable Healthcare

Quick Recap: The Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has driven a significant transformation over the last 12 years to expand affordable healthcare and strengthen domestic manufacturing across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial savings achieved by Indian citizens on their healthcare expenses through the Jan Aushadhi network amounts to more than ₹40,000 crore.
- The cumulative investment attracted by the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Pharmaceuticals stands at ₹42,694.89 crore.
- The financial outlay approved for the Biopharma SHAKTI (Strategy for Healthcare Advancement through Knowledge, Technology, and Innovation) scheme is ₹10,000 crore over a period of five years.

19 JUNE 2026

30. Green Hydrogen Certification Portal of India Launched

Quick Recap: The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has launched the Green Hydrogen Certification Portal of India (GHCI) during a national workshop organized to strengthen the implementation of the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay with which the Government of India initially launched the National Green Hydrogen Mission in the year 2023 is ₹19,744 crore.
- The ultimate production target set under the National Green Hydrogen Mission is to establish 5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of annual green hydrogen manufacturing capacity.
- The total financial quantum allocated by the Green Hydrogen Mission to support and fund upcoming startups developing clean energy technologies is ₹100 crore.

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20–22 JUNE 2026

31. Rural Roads Construction Target Set for FY 2026-27

Quick Recap: The Government of India has earmarked ₹18,907 crore for Financial Year 2026-27 to build 26,474 kilometres of rural roads across the country.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial quantum allocated by the Central Government for constructing rural roads during the Financial Year 2026-27 stands at ₹18,907 crore.
- The national physical asset target established for rural road network expansion under the reviewed connectivity schemes is 26,474 kilometres.
- The review meeting held on 18 June 2026 involved senior officials from 12 states, including Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, and Telangana.
- The official high-level review of rural road connectivity projects was chaired by Shri Rohit Kansal in his official capacity as the Secretary of the Department of Rural Development.

20–22 JUNE 2026

32. Smart Warehousing System Launched for Foodgrain Storage

Quick Recap: The Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Pralhad Joshi, launched a cutting-edge Smart Warehousing System featuring Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things technologies to modernise public sector foodgrain preservation and infrastructure.

Must-Know Facts:

- The physical network scope of the newly launched Smart Warehousing System encompasses 215 warehouses of the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and 150 facilities of the Food Corporation of India (FCI).
- The total number of fraudulent or invalid ration cards successfully identified and cancelled by the ministry to safeguard food security funds stands at over 2.43 crore.
- The specific structural evaluation framework used by the ministry to grade and honor the top 20 storage depots during the launch event is known as the Depot Darpan assessment framework.
- The technological intervention was accompanied by the release of several next-generation governance publications including a special report titled "Anna and Algorithms: Advancing to Next-Gen Governance in the PDS (2024–2026)."

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23 JUNE 2026

33. Twelve Years of Pension Reforms by the Government of India

Quick Recap: The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) has implemented various digital and grassroots initiatives over the past 12 years to improve the ease of living and digital empowerment of pensioners across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 4.0 was conducted by the government in November 2025.
- The total volume of digital certificates generated during the November 2025 campaign exceeded 1.91 crore units.
- The primary objective of the Bankers' Awareness Programmes (BAPs) is to familiarize bank field functionaries with evolving pension rules and procedures.

23 JUNE 2026

34. PM Disburses Incentives Under PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi disbursed incentives amounting to approximately ₹2,400 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) during a special event held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) originally came into effect across the nation on 1 August 2025.
- The total financial outlay officially sanctioned by the central government for the execution of the scheme stands at ₹99,446 crore.
- The total amount of financial incentives disbursed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the New Delhi event was approximately ₹2,400 crore.

23 JUNE 2026

35. Foundation Stone Laid for India's First Commercial Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project in Odisha

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of a ₹25,016 crore coal gasification project at Lakhanpur in Jharsuguda district, Odisha, to establish India's first commercial-scale coal-to-ammonium nitrate facility.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total capital investment sanctioned for the construction of the Lakhanpur coal gasification project stands at ₹25,016 crore.
- The specific target date scheduled for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lay the foundation stone of the project is 20 June 2026.
- The production capacity of the upcoming commercial-scale coal-to-ammonium nitrate plant is rated at 2,000 tonnes per day.

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24 JUNE 2026

36. APEDA: First Commercial Export of Dried Whole Egg Powder from Odisha to Austria

Quick Recap: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has successfully facilitated the first-ever commercial export shipment of 22.6 metric tonnes of dried whole egg powder from Balangir, Odisha, to Austria.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total volume of the inaugural dried whole egg powder export consignment flagged off from Odisha to Austria was 22.6 metric tonnes.
- The specialized manufacturing facility responsible for creating the export-compliant egg powder was established by OVO Farm Private Limited in the Balangir district in the year 2025.
- The commercial event was formally led by the Chairman of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Shri Abhishek Dev, an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer.
- The target destination for this landmark processed food shipment was Austria, marking a significant entry for regional Indian poultry products into the European market.

24 JUNE 2026

37. PM Releases 23rd Instalment of PM-KISAN to Over 9 Crore Farmers

Quick Recap: The Prime Minister has released more than ₹18,880 crore as the twenty-third instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme during a national event held in Hooghly, West Bengal.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific financial quantum disbursed by the central government for the twenty-third instalment of the agricultural income support scheme exceeded ₹18,880 crore.
- The cumulative financial expenditure recorded under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme since its operational launch in the year 2019 has surpassed ₹4.46 lakh crore.
- The Union Budget 2026–27 has officially allocated a fixed budgetary financial resource of ₹60,000 crore to sustain the welfare operations of the national farming support initiative.
- The formal administrative countdown and initialization for the twenty-third national distribution phase commenced with a hundred-day countdown event launched at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on 13 March 2026.

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24 JUNE 2026

38. India Becomes World's Leading Ship Recycling Nation in 2025

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) announced that India has secured the first rank globally in ship recycling for the year 2025 by achieving a 35.4 per cent market share as per the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Must-Know Facts:

- The global ship recycling market share of India witnessed an upward growth trajectory to reach 35.4 per cent in the year 2025 compared to 30.1 per cent recorded in the year 2024.
- The total volume of ship recycling activity executed within India increased by nearly 60 per cent to touch 2.99 million gross tons (GT) during the 2025 calendar year.
- The central government disbursed financial assistance worth ₹53.5 crore to assist 115 ship recycling facilities in upgrading their infrastructure to meet safety standards.
- The planned expansion under the master plan prepared by the Government of Gujarat aims to increase the industrial capacity of the Alang Ship Recycling Yard to 9 million light displacement tons (LDT).

26 JUNE 2026

39. Auctions Completed for 56 Critical Mineral Blocks and 11 Exploration Licence Blocks

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Mines has successfully auctioned 56 critical and strategic mineral blocks along with eleven exploration licence blocks to advance the National Critical Mineral Mission and reduce import dependence.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of critical and strategic mineral blocks successfully auctioned by the Central Government has officially reached 56.
- The competitive auctioning process under the Seventh Tranche was formally initiated through a Notice Inviting Tender issued on the specific date of March 23, 2026.
- The cumulative number of Exploration Licence blocks successfully auctioned by the Central Government since the introduction of the regime stands at eleven.

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30 JUNE 2026

40. Jan Vishwas Reforms Operationalised in Health Sector

Quick Recap: The Government of India has operationalised major regulatory reforms under the Jan Vishwas Act, 2026, to decriminalise minor and technical violations under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

Must-Know Facts:

- The milestone legislative changes across the food, drugs, and cosmetics sectors were officially operationalised under the core framework of the Jan Vishwas Act, 2026.
- The formal public notification and rollout of these regulatory rationalisation reforms by the central government took place on 26 June 2026.
- The statutory term of imprisonment for individuals convicted of interfering with seized items under the updated food safety laws was officially reduced from six months to three months.

01 JULY 2026

41. Digital India Programme Completes 11 Years

Quick Recap: On 1 July 2026, the landmark Digital India Programme officially completes 11 years, highlighting its monumental role in building India's globally leading Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and bridging the country's rural-urban digital divide.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official calendar date on which the Digital India Programme celebrates its 11th milestone anniversary is 1 July 2026.
- The approximate percentage share of global real-time digital payment transactions handled by India’s homegrown UPI network stands at nearly 49%.
- The name of the tribal woman from Maharashtra who entered the history books as India's first-ever Aadhaar card recipient is Smt. Ranjna Sonawane.

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01 JULY 2026

42. APEDA: First Export of GI-Tagged Rewa Sundarja Mangoes from MP to UAE

Quick Recap: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has successfully facilitated the maiden commercial export consignment of Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged Rewa Sundarja Mangoes from Madhya Pradesh to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific foreign country that served as the debut international destination for the inaugural commercial delivery of the Sundarja mango is the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The exact weight mass of the initial commercial export consignment flown out of Varanasi Airport was one metric tonne.
- The exact premium price per kilogram paid to local growers by the exporter—significantly exceeding local market rates—was ₹150 per kilogram.

01 JULY 2026

43. Cabinet Approves Additional ₹30,000 Crore for NIIF

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet has approved a fresh capital infusion of ₹30,000 crore into the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) to accelerate national infrastructure growth and attract institutional capital.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact financial amount approved by the Union Cabinet as an additional investment commitment into the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) is ₹30,000 crore.
- The cumulative total investment commitment of the Government of India (GoI) to the fund has officially increased to ₹60,000 crore following this cabinet approval.
- The target financial corpus designated for the upcoming successor vehicle named the NIIF Infrastructure Fund II stands close to ₹30,000 crore.

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01 JULY 2026

44. PIB Backgrounder on Kisan Sarathi Digital Agro-Advisory Platform

Quick Recap: The Press Information Bureau (PIB) issued a comprehensive backgrounder on the Kisan Sarathi platform, highlighting its operational architecture and its expansive network connecting Indian farmers directly with agricultural institutions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact date on which the Press Information Bureau (PIB) in Delhi published this specific backgrounder detailing the Kisan Sarathi platform is 29 June 2026.
- The total number of central government schemes made accessible to registered users on the portal as of 25 June 2026 is exactly 102 central government schemes.
- The total number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) integrated into the platform network to provide localized technological solutions to farmers exceeds 730.

02 JULY 2026

45. PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana Completes Over 10 Years

Quick Recap: The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has completed more than ten years of implementation, benefiting over 27 million farmers and creating or restoring irrigation potential across 24.61 million hectares with central assistance exceeding ₹64,407 crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Union Budget 2026–27 has allocated a specific financial amount of ₹6,587 crore to the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) to expand irrigation and enhance water-use efficiency.
- The Government of India approved the continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for the 2021–26 period with an overall financial outlay of ₹93,068.56 crore.
- The total central assistance provided under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has exceeded ₹64,407 crore, benefiting more than 27 million farmers since the financial year 2016-17.
- The Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) scheme has brought a total of 110.92 lakh hectares of land under micro-irrigation since its inception, representing approximately 7.98% of the net sown area of India.

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03 JULY 2026

46. Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act Comes into Force

Quick Recap: The Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, announced that the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 will come into force across India on 1 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The upgraded statutory wage employment guarantee provided to eligible rural households under the new act is exactly 125 days.
- The central government has sanctioned an interim financial allocation of exactly 95,692.31 crore Indian Rupees (INR) to ensure uninterrupted implementation across states.
- The formal national launch event of the historical rural employment mission will be organized in the state of Andhra Pradesh on 2 July 2026.

07 JULY 2026

47. Improved Quality Rice Approved for Supply Under PMGKAY

Quick Recap: The Government of India has approved a revised policy to supply improved quality rice with significantly reduced broken grain content to over 80 crore beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana and other welfare schemes.

Must-Know Facts:

- The new quality policy will directly enhance the grain integrity and appearance of the essential food items distributed to more than 80 crore public beneficiaries.
- The revised grain procurement standards represent the first major reduction in the permissible broken rice percentage executed by the central government in nearly 30 years.
- The nationwide implementation of the updated grain quality specifications will be fully achieved across all states by the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2027–28.
- The technological reform introduces mandatory Quick Response (QR) code tagging on food grain bags to enable full end-to-end traceability and prevent leakages across the domestic supply network.

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07 JULY 2026

48. NITI Aayog Launches Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global

Quick Recap: National Institution for Transforming India Aayog released a comprehensive report titled Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global on 2 July 2026 to outline a phased strategy extending up to 2047 for traditional medicine.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official title of the newly released traditional medicine framework report is Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global.
- The long-term implementation strategy outlined in the report proposes a phased roadmap extending up to the target year of 2047.
- The joint study and analytical report on traditional medicine was compiled by the think tank in collaboration with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).
- The structural policy priorities detailed within the report are organized into three specific thematic pillars which are Availability, Acceptability, and Propagation.

08 JULY 2026

49. Seventh National Water Awards Launched

Quick Recap: The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation under the Ministry of Jal Shakti has officially launched the 7th National Water Awards on the Rashtriya Puraskar portal to recognize exceptional contributions toward water conservation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti launched the seventh edition of the National Water Awards (NWAs) to recognize exemplary work in the field of water conservation and management across the country.
- The final deadline specified by the Ministry of Jal Shakti for the submission of online applications through the official portal is 28 August 2026.
- The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR) has successfully organized exactly six previous editions of the awards prior to the launch of the current edition.

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08 JULY 2026

50. PM Launches Modified UDAN Scheme and New Terminal at Jodhpur Airport

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the next phase of the regional connectivity scheme, titled Modified Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik, and inaugurated the New Terminal Building at Jodhpur Airport to accelerate aviation-led development across the nation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Modified Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) Scheme was officially approved by the Union Cabinet on 25 March 2026 with a comprehensive historic outlay of approximately ₹29,000 crore spanning a ten-year horizon.
- The infrastructural blueprint of the newly approved phase includes the development of exactly 100 aerodromes from unserved airstrips alongside the construction of 200 modern helipads.
- The original Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) mechanism has successfully connected 95 airports, heliports, and water aerodromes while operationalising 669 routes since its inception in 2016.

10 JULY 2026

51. IIM Bangalore to Set Up International Campus in Indonesia

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has announced that the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) will establish its first international campus in Indonesia to strengthen educational development across the Association of Southeast Asian Nations region.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific geographic location selected for the new Indian Institute of Management Bangalore international campus is the Singhasari Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Malang, Indonesia.
- The newly designed educational curriculum focuses on the masterly execution of exactly five core contemporary business elements, which include Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Transformation.
- The formal public announcement concerning the establishment of the international management campus in Southeast Asia was officially made on 07 July 2026.

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11–13 JULY 2026

52. Applications Invited Under Coal and Lignite Gasification Scheme

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Coal has invited proposals from eligible applicants under the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects, which has a total financial outlay of ₹37,500 crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial layout approved by the central government for the implementation of the project is ₹37,500 crore.
- The central government officially granted its formal administrative approval to the clean energy project on 13 May 2026.
- The Ministry of Coal has set the final deadline for the physical or digital submission of project applications as 7 September 2026.
- The Ministry of Coal will organize its highly critical interactive Pre-Application Conference for interested stakeholders on 20 July 2026.

14 JULY 2026

53. National Programme Launched for Letters of Authorisation for High Seas Fishing

Quick Recap: The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, launched a national programme for the issuance of Letters of Authorisation (LoAs) for Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the High Seas at Bhubaneswar in Odisha on 9 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The national programme for the issuance of Letters of Authorisation (LoAs) was officially launched on 9 July 2026.
- The seafood exports of India achieved a milestone by crossing ₹73,000 crore during the last financial year.
- The Letters of Authorisation (LoAs) for High Seas Fishing were formally presented to ten Fish Farmer Producer Organisations (FPPOs) and fishermen at the event.
- The total number of fishermen and fish farmers whose livelihoods are supported by the domestic fisheries sector stands at nearly 3 crore.

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15 JULY 2026

54. NITI Aayog Consultation to Finalise Operational Rules for SHANTI Act 2025

Quick Recap: NITI Aayog organized a high-level stakeholder consultation at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi to deliberate on the draft regulations, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) guidelines, and manufacturing frameworks for the implementation of the landmark SHANTI Act 2025.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific name of the national auditorium in New Delhi where NITI Aayog hosted the multi-stakeholder tech framework convention is the Samrasta Auditorium.
- The particular regulatory act passed in the year 2025 whose draft rules, manufacturing buffers, and private FDI clauses were reviewed during the meeting is the SHANTI Act 2025.
- The high-level academician and NITI Aayog member who chaired the entire inter-departmental consultation panel is Prof. Abhay Karandikar.

16 JULY 2026

55. Bharat Tex 2026, World's Largest Textiles Expo, Opens in New Delhi

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Textiles supported the inauguration of Bharat Tex 2026 on 14 July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, to showcase India's comprehensive textile value chain to global buyers and investors.

Must-Know Facts:

- The four-day international textile expo, Bharat Tex 2026, was officially scheduled to run from the specific date of 14 July to 17 July 2026.
- The official venue hosting the world's largest global textiles exhibition is Bharat Mandapam, located in the capital city of New Delhi.
- The platform leverages a dedicated Mobile App and Pre-Fair Directory as integrated digital business platforms to facilitate AI-assisted support and buyer-seller matchmaking.

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16 JULY 2026

56. CCI Penalises HP India and Resellers for Anti-Competitive Practices

Quick Recap: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a penalty of ₹11.98 crore on Hewlett-Packard (HP) India and a combined penalty of approximately ₹2.30 crore on sixteen of its resellers for indulging in cartelisation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific penalty amount imposed on Hewlett-Packard (HP) India by the regulator is ₹11.98 crore.
- The combined penalty amount imposed on the sixteen Tier-2 resellers of Hewlett-Packard (HP) India is approximately ₹2.30 crore.
- The formal order by the regulatory commission was officially passed under the legal reference of Suo Moto Case Number 08 of 2020 on 13 July 2026.

17 JULY 2026

57. India Post Records Highest-Ever First Quarter Revenue in FY 2026-27

Quick Recap: The Department of Posts generated a record-breaking revenue of over ₹4,000 crore during the first quarter of the fiscal year 2026–27, marking a 22 per cent year-on-year growth.

Must-Know Facts:

- The historic revenue milestone achieved by India Post during the first quarter of the fiscal year 2026–27 is ₹4,009 crore.
- The year-on-year growth rate registered by the department over the corresponding first quarter of the previous fiscal year is 22 per cent.
- The top three performing postal circles that demonstrated maximum business mobilisation across the country were Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and West Bengal.

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17 JULY 2026

58. Codex Alimentarius Commission Adopts Seven India-Led Food Standards

Quick Recap: The forty-ninth session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) held in Geneva has officially adopted seven food standards and guidelines proposed by India alongside a new proposal for cashew kernels.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact number of India-led text frameworks, quality standards, and safety guidelines officially adopted by the commission during this global session is seven.
- The precise international host city where the historic forty-ninth session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) officially convened is Geneva, Switzerland.
- The specific agricultural tree nut for which India successfully secured a fresh regulatory approval to draft a new global benchmark is the Cashew Kernel.

17 JULY 2026

59. Impact of Udyam Registration and Udyam Assist Platforms Highlighted

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises reported that over 8.9 crore micro-enterprises have been registered, creating employment for over 38 crore persons through its digital formalization initiatives.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total cumulative number of micro-enterprises successfully formalized and registered under the digital portals is over 8.9 crore.
- The total volume of cumulative workforce employment created and mapped through the registered enterprises is over 38 crore individuals.
- The specific digital platform designed exclusively to generate the Udyam Assist Certificate (UAC) for informal micro-enterprises lacking a GST identification is the Udyam Assist Platform (UAP).

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17 JULY 2026

60. Eighth Tranche of Critical and Strategic Minerals Auction Launched

Quick Recap: The Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, launched the eighth tranche of critical and strategic mineral block auctions comprising twenty blocks across nine states on 15 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of critical mineral blocks offered under the eighth tranche of auctions is exactly twenty blocks.
- The exact rollout date specified for the commencement of the eighth tranche of mineral block auctions is 15 July 2026.
- The historical total of mineral blocks successfully auctioned during the Financial Year (FY) 2025–26 reached a record high of 212 blocks.

18–20 JULY 2026

61. Union Cabinet Approves Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) with a total budgetary outlay of ₹62,500 crore in order to scale up domestic electronics production and enhance global competitiveness.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial allocation sanctioned for the implementation of the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) is ₹62,500 crore.
- The implementation of the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) is projected to generate approximately 60,000 direct jobs during its operation.
- The expected cumulative production value of mobile phones under the initiative is estimated to reach approximately ₹39 lakh crore.
- The operational duration of the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) is fixed for a period of five years.

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18–20 JULY 2026

62. Greenfield Shipbuilding Cluster at Porbandar and ₹1,570 Crore Ship Repair Facility at Vadinar Approved

Quick Recap: The Government of India granted in-principle approval for the establishment of a Greenfield Shipbuilding Cluster at Porbandar in Gujarat and a 1,570-crore rupee ship repair facility at Vadinar under the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS).

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay earmarked for the development of the joint ship repair facility at Vadinar is ₹1,570 crore.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) accorded its initial administrative approval to these strategic maritime projects on 5 May 2026.
- The Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) provides a specified financial assistance quantum of 25% on eligible capital infrastructure components.
- The proposed Greenfield Shipbuilding Cluster at Kuchhadi will occupy a total land area of nearly 2,000 acres and target a vessel construction capacity of 1.2 to 1.5 million Gross Tonnage (GT) annually.

18–20 JULY 2026

63. Online Portal Launched for Registration of Coal Exchanges

Quick Recap: The Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G Kishan Reddy, launched the Online Portal Application for Registration of Coal Exchanges in New Delhi during the curtain raiser event for Indian Mining Week 2026 to transition India into a regulated, competitive coal trading market.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official organizational registrations issued to approved entities for operating a Coal Exchange will remain valid for a long-term institutional duration of 25 years.
- The modern online portal interface established for the end-to-end digital processing of corporate submissions is hosted at the web address www.coalcontroller.gov.in/coalexchange.
- The comprehensive guidelines and digital application systems were developed by the regulatory authority within a strict operational timeline of one month following the publication of the statutory guidelines.
- The central digital repository used by prospective applicants for the mandatory submission of all prescribed registration fees is the BharatKosh Portal.

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21 JULY 2026

64. MoHUA Approves PARIVARTAN Scheme Guidelines to Replace Old Trucks and Buses in NCR

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has officially approved the operational guidelines for the ₹9,585 crore PARIVARTAN scheme designed to systematically replace aging, polluting commercial trucks and buses operating within the National Capital Region (NCR).

Must-Know Facts:

- The comprehensive financial envelope allocated to drive the PARIVARTAN scheme is ₹9,585 crore.
- The central component financed via direct Union Budget support is exactly ₹5,041 crore.
- The minimum baseline price discount that participating vehicle manufacturers have legally bound themselves to offer to eligible fleet owners under this scheme is 8%.

21 JULY 2026

65. NITI Aayog Launches 10-Year Roadmap for Bioeconomy by 2035

Quick Recap: NITI Aayog has unveiled its "Roadmap for Building India as a Leading Bioeconomy Powerhouse by 2035," sketching out a mission-mode framework to scale the nation's biotechnology sector to $691 billion by 2035 and $2.6 trillion by 2047.

Must-Know Facts:

- India’s baseline BioEconomy valuation has grown rapidly, scaling up from roughly $10 billion in 2014 to $195.3 billion at the end of 2025, where it now contributes 4.8% to India's national GDP.
- The targeted interim valuation that the NITI Aayog roadmap aims to hit by the year 2035 is exactly $691 billion.
- The ultimate long-term revenue target set by the roadmap for the year 2047 is an ambitious $2.6 trillion.

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21 JULY 2026

66. Codex Adopts Three Global Standards for Spices

Quick Recap: The Codex Alimentarius Commission has formally adopted three new global quality standards for Large Cardamom, Coriander, and Vanilla, which were developed under an Indian-led committee, boosting agricultural export competitiveness.

Must-Know Facts:

- The three agricultural spices for which India successfully secured global Codex quality standard approvals are Large Cardamom, Coriander, and Vanilla.
- Large Cardamom holds a unique geographic significance as an agricultural asset indigenous to the North-Eastern Himalayan region of India.
- India has been appointed to serve as the official Co-Chair of the newly constituted Electronic Working Group (EWG) tracking risk analysis for novel and engineered food products.

21 JULY 2026

67. Draft CAFE-III (2027) Norms Circulated for Consultation

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Power has released the draft Corporate Average Fuel Economy Phase-III (CAFE-III) norms for public feedback, targeting fuel efficiency and carbon reductions in M1 category passenger vehicles from 2027-28 onwards.

Must-Know Facts:

- The targeted group of transport platforms governed under the jurisdiction of the newly circulated CAFE-III guidelines are M1 category passenger vehicles.
- The exact operational window during which the CAFE-III performance rules will apply to the automobile sector runs from 2027-28 to 2031-32.
- The final administrative deadline up to which the government will accept public and industrial feedback on the draft rules is August 6, 2026.

21 JULY 2026

68. Strengthening Rural Credit for Inclusive Growth

Quick Recap: A comprehensive policy backgrounder highlights the expansion of India's technology-enabled rural credit infrastructure, supported by NABARD's latest survey showing rising consumption levels across 77.2% of rural households.

Must-Know Facts:

- According to NABARD's May 2026 economic survey findings, the exact percentage of rural households reporting an increase in consumption levels is 77.2%.
- Financial accessibility data shows that 99.92% of Indian villages now feature a functional banking interface located within a tight 5 km geographic radius.
- In terms of complete coverage, the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli has achieved a perfect 100% banking access rate across its entire village layout.

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22 JULY 2026

69. Self-Enumeration Begins in Tamil Nadu and Tripura Under Census 2027 Phase 1

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Home Affairs has launched the online self-enumeration portal for residents of Tamil Nadu and Tripura as part of Phase 1 of Census 2027.

Must-Know Facts:

- States Starting Self-Enumeration: Tamil Nadu and Tripura.
- Number of Notified Questions in HLO Phase: 33 questions.
- Number of States/UTs Completing Phase 1: 29 States/UTs.

22 JULY 2026

70. Modified UDAN Scheme Launched for 2026-2036

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Civil Aviation has introduced the Modified UDAN Scheme with an outlay of ₹28,840 crore to expand regional air travel through 100 new airports and 200 modern helipads over a 10-year period.

Must-Know Facts:

- Modified UDAN Outlay: ₹28,840 crore.
- Implementation Period: 10 Years (FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36)
- Infrastructure Targets: 100 new airports and 200 modern helipads.
- Total Allocated VGF Outlay: ₹10,043 crore.

22 JULY 2026

71. National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 and Amendment Act, 2025 Enforced

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has formally notified the enforcement of the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022, and the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Act, 2025, to establish a robust legal anti-doping framework in India.

Must-Know Facts:

- Enforced Legislation: National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 & National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Act, 2025.
- Global Alignment: World Anti-Doping Code & UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport.

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22 JULY 2026

72. APEDA: Maiden Export of J&K's Areko Cherries and Scentrose Plums to Singapore

Quick Recap: APEDA has facilitated the first-ever export shipment of high-density Areko Cherries and Scentrose Plums from Jammu & Kashmir to Singapore.

Must-Know Facts:

- Exported Fruit Varieties: Areko Cherries & Scentrose Plums.
- Origin State/UT: Jammu & Kashmir (Pulwama)
- Expected Farmer Income Boost: Over 50% higher returns.

23 JULY 2026

73. India's 8th Trade Policy Review at WTO Scheduled for 21-23 July 2026

Quick Recap: Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal is leading India's delegation for its 8th Trade Policy Review (TPR) at the World Trade Organization in Geneva.

Must-Know Facts:

- The head of India's official delegation for the 8th Trade Policy Review is Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal.
- India achieved record high total exports (merchandise and services) of US$ 863.1 billion in FY 2025–26.
- Member countries submitted more than 900 questions for India's written response as of July 20, 2026.

23 JULY 2026

74. India Deposits Instrument of Acceptance for WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies

Quick Recap: India has officially deposited its Instrument of Acceptance for the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, reinforcing global measures against illegal and unsustainable fishing practices.

Must-Know Facts:

- India became the 123rd World Trade Organization member to deposit its Instrument of Acceptance for the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.
- The agreement specifically focuses on marine wild capture fishing, while aquaculture and inland fisheries are completely excluded from its scope.
- Domestic operational regulations in India include the Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Rules, 2025.

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23 JULY 2026

75. APEDA: First Export of 24 Tonnes of Frozen French Fries from Uttarakhand to Iraq

Quick Recap: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated Uttarakhand's first-ever export of 24 tonnes of frozen French fries to Iraq, boosting value-added agricultural exports.

Must-Know Facts:

- Destination country for Uttarakhand’s maiden frozen French fries export: Iraq.
- Total volume of the exported frozen French fries consignment: 24 Metric Tonnes (MT).
- Value of value-added potato product exports from India in FY 2025–26: USD 289.40 million.

23 JULY 2026

76. Social Security Expansion via e-Shram Portal

Quick Recap: Over 31.78 crore unorganised workers have registered on the e-Shram portal, which now serves as a "One-Stop-Solution" by integrating 15 major Central social security schemes.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total unorganised workers registered on e-Shram as of July 2026: 31.78 Crore.
- Total number of Central Ministries/Departments schemes integrated into e-Shram: 15 schemes.
- Date of e-Shram Microsites launch for States/UTs: January 29, 2025.

23 JULY 2026

77. SMILE Scheme Expanded to 295 Cities by FY 2030-31

Quick Recap: The SMILE Beggary Scheme has rehabilitated over 10,200 individuals across 216 cities, setting a cumulative target of 35,000 rehabilitations across 295 cities by FY 2030–31.

Must-Know Facts:

- Current coverage vs. target number of cities: 216 active cities (Targeting 295 by FY 2030–31).
- Total rehabilitation target under SMILE Beggary Scheme: 35,000 individuals.
- Digital portal used to monitor rehabilitation centers and shelters: SMILE-Beggary National Portal.

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24 JULY 2026

78. DoT Releases 6G Spectrum Roadmap and Expands Bharat 6G Alliance

Quick Recap: Department of Telecommunications released the Spectrum Roadmap for Sixth Generation services while the Bharat Sixth Generation Alliance expanded its ecosystem to ninety members as of July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Bharat Sixth Generation Alliance expanded its membership to 90 organisations as of July 15 2026.
- The 6G Terahertz testbed project was sanctioned for a total duration of three years under Digital Bharat Nidhi.
- Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani serves as the Union Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development.
- The Technology Development and Investment Promotion (TDIP) scheme provides financial assistance to eligible Indian startups and MSMEs for global telecom standardisation.

24 JULY 2026

79. India's Installed Wind Power Capacity Reaches 57,443 MW

Quick Recap: India achieved a total installed wind energy capacity of 57,443 megawatts as of June thirty 2026, according to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

Must-Know Facts:

- Installed national wind power capacity stood at 57,443 megawatts on June thirty 2026.
- Wind power generation in India reached 106 billion units during the financial year 2025–26.
- India secured the fourth rank globally in total wind installations according to the Global Wind Energy Council Report 2026.

24 JULY 2026

80. Railways Electrifies 99.6% of Broad Gauge Network, Ranks Second Globally

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Railways electrified 99.6 per cent of the Broad Gauge network, positioning India second globally behind Switzerland in rail electrification.

Must-Know Facts:

- Indian Railways achieved 99.6 per cent Broad Gauge electrification, securing second position globally behind Switzerland.
- Annual diesel fuel consumption for rail traction dropped from 293 crore litres in 2015–16 to 108 crore litres in 2024–25.
- Commissioned renewable energy generation reached 1,161 Mega Watt of solar power and 103 Mega Watt of wind power by June 2026.

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25–27 JULY 2026

81. India's Renewable Energy Capacity Reaches 288.58 GW

Quick Recap: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy reported that India's renewable energy installed capacity increased nearly fourfold to reach 288.58 gigawatts.

Must-Know Facts:

- Renewable energy installed capacity reached 288.58 gigawatts as of June 30, 2026.
- Solar power constitutes the largest share of renewable capacity at 162.15 gigawatts.
- Foreign Direct Investment inflows into the renewable energy sector totaled 45.72 billion United States dollars between FY 2014 and FY 2026.

28 JULY 2026

82. 'Bharat Taxi' Cooperative Service Launched in Maharashtra

Quick Recap: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Union Minister of State for Cooperation Murlidhar Mohol launched the cooperative-driven 'Bharat Taxi' app service in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Must-Know Facts:

- Platform Name: Bharat Taxi (Cooperative Mobility App).
- Key Feature: No surge pricing, fixed service fee, and cooperative equity ownership for driver-partners (Sarathis).
- Phased Rollout: Launched in Maharashtra following Delhi and Gujarat.

29 JULY 2026

83. PM Constitutes High-Powered Task Force on Examination Reforms Under Nandan Nilekani

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the constitution of a high-powered task force on examination reforms under the leadership of Nandan Nilekani.

Must-Know Facts:

- Nandan Nilekani leads the newly constituted high-powered task force on examination reforms.
- The task force focuses on institutional restructuring, digital infrastructure security, and governance reforms in testing procedures.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally announced the committee via an official communication on July 26, 2026.

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29 JULY 2026

84. FM Outlines '5Rs' of Responsive Tax Governance on 167th Income Tax Day

Quick Recap: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the "5Rs" framework for responsive tax governance while addressing the 167th Income Tax Day celebrations in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- July 24, 2026 marked the 167th Income Tax Day in India.
- The "5Rs" principles guide responsive, transparent, and taxpayer-centric direct tax administration.
- Key digital upgrades introduced include PAN 2.0, ITBA 2.0, IEC 3.0, and SAKSHAM NUDGE.

30 JULY 2026

85. Maharashtra First State to Qualify for Second RKVY Instalment

Quick Recap: Maharashtra became the first state in India to qualify for the release of the second installment under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana following timely utilization of initial funds.

Must-Know Facts:

- Maharashtra is the first state to qualify for the second RKVY installment by exceeding the 75 per cent fund utilization threshold.
- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired the scheme evaluation meeting.
- An additional allocation process of ₹335 crore was initiated following the utilization of ₹260 crore from the first tranche.

30 JULY 2026

86. Task Force for Toy Sector Targets 5% Global Market Share by 2032

Quick Recap: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal announced the establishment of a dedicated Task Force for the toy sector and launched the Toy Sector Playbook to help achieve a 5 per cent global market share by 2032.

Must-Know Facts:

- Government sets a target of achieving a 5 per cent global toy market share by 2032.
- Commerce Ministry launched the Toy Sector Playbook to guide startups, MSMEs, and investors.
- India's toy ecosystem includes over 21,000 MSMEs and nearly 50 dedicated manufacturing clusters.

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30 JULY 2026

87. 33 State and UT Legislatures Sign MoUs to Implement National e-Vidhan Application

Quick Recap: 33 out of 37 State and Union Territory Legislatures in India have signed Memoranda of Understanding to implement the digital National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA).

Must-Know Facts:

- 33 out of 37 State/UT Legislatures have signed MoUs for NeVA implementation.
- 21 Legislative Houses have been converted into digital assemblies so far.
- NeVA is hosted on NIC MeghRaj 2.0 cloud infrastructure and integrated with BHASHINI for translation.

31 JULY 2026

88. Stock Holding Limits Imposed on Sugar Dealers

Quick Recap: The Central Government imposed stock holding limits on sugar dealers nationwide to prevent hoarding and maintain retail price stability.

Must-Know Facts:

- August 1 2026 marks the implementation date for stock holding limits on sugar dealers across India.
- November 30 2026 stands as the expiration date for the nationwide sugar stock holding order.
- Weekly reporting remains mandatory for sugar dealers updating stock positions on the official government portal.

31 JULY 2026

89. First Direct Commercial Container Freight Train to Nepal Under Revised Rail Transit Protocol

Quick Recap: Indian Railways operated its first direct commercial container freight train carrying canola cargo from Kolkata Port to Biratnagar in Nepal.

Must-Know Facts:

- 40 wagons carrying canola constituted the cargo load on the historic direct freight train journey.
- November 2025 marks the signing period of the revised Letter of Exchange governing cross-border rail transit.
- June 2023 marks the original inauguration date of the Jogbani to Biratnagar broad-gauge rail link.

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01–03 AUGUST 2026

90. DAANVEER Platform Launched to Upgrade Gram Panchayat Digital Infrastructure

Quick Recap: Panchayati Raj Ministry Secretary Vivek Bharadwaj launched DAANVEER, a transparent digital contribution platform to bridge hardware gaps in Gram Panchayats.

Must-Know Facts:

- "Give Back to Your Village" serves as the official tagline of the DAANVEER initiative.
- Meri Panchayat app and DigiHaat marketplace serve as the core digital platforms hosting the DAANVEER contribution system.
- 2.5 lakh represents the approximate total number of Gram Panchayats across India benefiting from the governance ecosystem.

04 AUGUST 2026

91. APEDA: First Sea Shipment of Flavoured Makhana from Bihar to Canada

Quick Recap: APEDA facilitated India's first-ever commercial sea shipment of 7 metric tonnes of value-added, flavoured Makhana (fox nuts) originating from Darbhanga, Bihar to Canada.

Must-Know Facts:

- 7 metric tonnes was the size of the inaugural sea shipment of flavoured Makhana flagged off from Darbhanga, Bihar to Canada.
- 50 per cent higher returns are realized by local farmers through value addition and direct sea export channels.
- Canada received the first-ever commercial sea shipment of value-added flavoured Makhana from India.

04 AUGUST 2026

92. PM-KISAN Extended Till FY 2030-31 with ₹3.15 Lakh Crore Outlay

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme for five additional years (FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31) with a total financial allocation of ₹3.15 lakh crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- ₹3.15 lakh crore: Approved budget allocation for PM-KISAN for FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- ₹6,000 per year: Annual income support provided in three equal installments.
- ₹4.47 lakh crore+: Cumulative financial assistance disbursed since the launch of PM-KISAN.

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05 AUGUST 2026

93. Social Security Coverage Crosses 101 Crore Citizens

Quick Recap: Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced at the 4th Global Industrial Relations Summit that India's social protection systems now cover over 101 crore citizens, representing more than 68% of the population.

Must-Know Facts:

- India's social security net covers over 101 crore citizens (>68% of the population) as recognized by the ILO.
- Employment generated per percentage point of GDP growth reached 1.11%.
- The 4th Global Industrial Relations Summit was hosted by AIOE in partnership with FICCI and the ILO in New Delhi.

05 AUGUST 2026

94. PM Launches 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan'

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan', rallying youth, NSS members, and MY Bharat volunteers towards building a drug-free India by 2047.

Must-Know Facts:

- The initiative launched by PM Modi is titled 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan'.
- The campaign leverages platforms like MY Bharat volunteers and NSS members for nationwide youth mobilization.
- Substance-free youth development is framed as a foundational pillar for achieving Viksit Bharat @2047.

06 AUGUST 2026

95. Glaw Lake Becomes Arunachal's First Ramsar Site; India's Tally Reaches 101

Quick Recap: Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav announced Glaw Lake as the first Ramsar Site of Arunachal Pradesh, taking the national total to 101.

Must-Know Facts:

- Glaw Lake stands as the 101st Ramsar Site of India and the 1st designated Ramsar Site in Arunachal Pradesh.
- India expanded its Ramsar wetland tally from 26 sites in 2014 to 101 total sites.
- The catchment region of Glaw Lake hosts 49 orchid species and over 150 tree species.

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07 AUGUST 2026

96. PM Surya Ghar Crosses 50 Lakh Rooftop Solar Installations

Quick Recap: PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana achieved over 50 lakh rooftop solar installations across India, commissioning 14.8 GW of clean energy capacity.

Must-Know Facts:

- The scheme surpassed 50 lakh rooftop solar home installations, achieving 14.8 GW in total commissioned solar capacity.
- Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) subsidies totaling ₹28,024 crore have been disbursed directly to beneficiary accounts.
- Over 1.06 lakh government buildings have been solarized across central and state authorities.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

97. Nationwide Survey Finds No Manual Scavengers; NAMASTE Focuses on Rehabilitation

Quick Recap: A fresh nationwide survey conducted during 2024-25 under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers Act identified zero manual scavengers across all districts in the country.

Must-Know Facts:

- The 2024–25 survey identified zero manual scavengers across all districts in India.
- All 58,098 previously identified manual scavengers received ₹40,000 as One-Time Cash Assistance.
- SRMS was subsumed under the NAMASTE Scheme in July 2023.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

98. Cabinet Approves ₹23,731 Crore GOBARdhan Scheme for Compressed Biogas

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet approved the national circular bioenergy scheme "GOBARdhan" with a total outlay of ₹23,731 crore to increase domestic compressed biogas production ten-fold over a decade.

Must-Know Facts:

- The GOBARdhan scheme carries a total outlay of ₹23,731 crore covering FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36.
- Mandatory CBG blending in CGD networks starts at 3 per cent in 2026–27 and reaches 5 per cent by 2028–29.
- The framework sets an administered CBG price of ₹2,110 per MMBTU for a 10-year period.

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11 AUGUST 2026

99. MY Bharat Platform Crosses 2.46 Crore Youth Registrations

Quick Recap: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has registered over 2.46 crore youth on the Mera Yuva Bharat digital platform to expand skill development and experiential learning across rural India.

Must-Know Facts:

- Over 2.46 crore youth have registered on the MY Bharat digital platform since its official launch.
- A total of 98,632 youth were redirected from MY Bharat to the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) portal as of July 16, 2026.
- Experiential Learning Programmes (ELPs) structured on the platform range from a minimum of 20 hours to a maximum of 360 hours.

12 AUGUST 2026

100. APEDA: First Sea Export of GI-Tagged Mithila Makhana to Australia

Quick Recap: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority facilitated the maiden sea route export of eighteen metric tonnes of GI-tagged Mithila Makhana from Bihar to Australia.

Must-Know Facts:

- The inaugural eighteen-metric-tonne sea export consignment was dispatched directly to Australia.
- The consignment originated from Darbhanga district and was flagged off from Bihta in Bihar.
- Participating farmers realized an 18 per cent increase in income over prevailing local market prices.

12 AUGUST 2026

101. PMAY-Urban Crosses 1.25 Crore Sanctioned Houses

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announced that Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban achieved the major milestone of sanctioning 1.25 crore houses and delivering over 1 crore units.

Must-Know Facts:

- PMAY-U crossed the benchmark of 1.25 crore sanctioned houses and 1 crore completed/delivered houses.
- PMAY-U 2.0 operates across four distinct implementation verticals catering to construction, rental, and subsidy needs.
- The scheme focuses on urban poor and middle-income groups across all statutory towns in India.

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13 AUGUST 2026

102. NCERT Declared an Institution Deemed to be University

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Education declared the National Council of Educational Research and Training in New Delhi as an Institution Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

Must-Know Facts:

- The legal provision used for the declaration is Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.
- The governing regulation applied during the assessment process is the University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.
- The official notification declaring the new status was issued on March 30, 2026.

18 AUGUST 2026

103. Jal Jeevan Mission: 75% Rural Habitations Get Sujal Gaon IDs

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Jal Shakti reported that 75 per cent of rural habitations across India have received Sujal Gaon identification numbers under the Jal Jeevan Mission digital platform as of 10 August 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Exactly 12,67,808 out of 16,96,213 habitations (75 per cent) received Sujal Gaon identification numbers by 10 August 2026.
- Sujalam Bharat functions as the federated Digital Public Infrastructure under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0.
- The digital architecture links directly with the Prime Minister GatiShakti platform for Geographic Information System validation.

18 AUGUST 2026

104. PM Vishwakarma 2.0 to Launch on 17 September 2026

Quick Recap: The Union Government plans to launch Vishwakarma 2.0 on 17 September 2026 to deliver an enhanced credit push for traditional artisans and craftspeople.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official launch date for Vishwakarma 2.0 is scheduled for 17 September 2026.
- The initiative provides an expanded credit push and subsidized financial support for traditional artisans.
- The scheme operates under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

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18 AUGUST 2026

105. 'Gramin Gyan Setu' App Launched to Link Rural Libraries

Quick Recap: Union Minister Amit Shah launched the 'Gramin Gyan Setu' app to link 752 rural libraries across his Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency.

Must-Know Facts:

- App Name: Gramin Gyan Setu.
- Target Area: Gandhinagar Lok Sabha Constituency (Gandhinagar, Kalol, Sanand)
- Operational Model: Hub-and-Spoke model linking rural units to 4 central hub libraries.

19 AUGUST 2026

106. PM Announces AI Skilling for 1 Crore Youth and 100 GW Nuclear Target by 2047

Quick Recap: PM Narendra Modi outlined major national goals, including AI skilling for 1 crore youth, a 100 GW nuclear target by 2047, and expanded women-led development targets.

Must-Know Facts:

- AI Skilling Target: 1 crore youth in 1 year.
- Nuclear Energy Target: 100 GW capacity by 2047.
- Lakhpati Didi Target: Expanded from 3 crore to 6 crore.

19 AUGUST 2026

107. Nationwide Talent Hunt for Children Aged 5-15 for 2036 Olympics

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a grass-root sports talent identification campaign targeting children aged 5 to 15 years to build capabilities for the 2036 Olympics.

Must-Know Facts:

- Target Age Group: 5 to 15 years.
- Primary Goal: Specialized long-term preparation for the 2036 Olympic Games.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

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19 AUGUST 2026

108. PM-VBRY Completes First Year, Adds Over 72 Lakh First-Time Employees

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Labour and Employment announced that the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana completed one year on 1 August 2026, onboarding over 72 lakh first-time formal employees.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay sanctioned for the PM-VBRY scheme is ₹99,446 crore.
- Over 72 lakh first-time formal employees registered under the scheme within its first year.
- First-time employees receive an incentive equal to one month's EPF wage capped at ₹15,000.
- Women beneficiaries represented roughly 30 per cent of the total formal workforce entries under the scheme.

19 AUGUST 2026

109. PM Unveils 'Sapta Dhara' Framework in 80th Independence Day Address

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a seven-point Sapta Dhara economic reform framework focused on jobs, technology, and Gen Z youth empowerment during his 80th Independence Day address.

Must-Know Facts:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the seven-point Sapta Dhara economic strategy.
- The reform blueprint explicitly targets jobs, manufacturing, technology, self-reliance, and Gen Z youth empowerment.
- Initiative includes specialized Artificial Intelligence skilling programmes for Indian youth.

21 AUGUST 2026

110. New Target of 3 Crore More Lakhpati Didis

Quick Recap: Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that after achieving the initial target of 3 crore Lakhpati Didis, the government set a new target to create an additional 3 crore Lakhpati Didis across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- Revised Target: Additional 3 crore beneficiaries (taking total target to 6 crore Lakhpati Didis).
- Financial assistance released to date: Rs 13,461 crore.
- PMAY-G Income Eligibility Cap: Extended to women earning up to Rs 15,000 per month.

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National & State News

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

1. PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App Launched for SC Welfare Schemes

Quick Recap: The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment launched the centralized PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile Application to transition the flagship Scheduled Caste (SC) welfare scheme from paper-based operations into an end-to-end digital, real-time tracking architecture.

Must-Know Facts:

- The twin digital platforms launched to institutionalize paperless and real-time monitoring for SC welfare initiatives are the PM-AJAY Portal and the AJAY Mobile App.
- The PM-AJAY digital framework is engineered to track holistic developmental parameters across more than 47,000 SC-majority villages and over 40 lakh (4 million) beneficiaries.
- The platform monitors local village-level structural upgrades using a specialized matrix of 50 socio-economic indicators distributed across 10 developmental domains.

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

2. ₹1,427 Crore Approved for Four-Lane Thiruvarur Bypass in Tamil Nadu

Quick Recap: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has sanctioned ₹1,427.61 crore for the construction of a 14.9-km, four-lane Thiruvarur Bypass on National Highway 83 (NH-83) in Tamil Nadu to decongest the town and boost port-to-industrial connectivity.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total capital expenditure sanctioned by the Central Government for the construction of the Thiruvarur Bypass project is ₹1,427.61 crore.
- The exact geographic length of the proposed four-lane highway bypass corridor is 14.9 km.
- The project is a critical addition to National Highway 83 (NH-83) and includes the construction of two additional Road Over Bridges (ROBs).
- The bypass is structurally designed to divert heavy vehicle traffic away from Thiruvarur town, reducing overall commuter travel times by approximately 15 minutes.

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02 JUNE 2026

3. Chhattisgarh to Launch Adarsh Shahar Samriddhi Yojana for Emerging Towns

Quick Recap: The Chhattisgarh government is set to launch a new urban development initiative titled the Adarsh Shahar Samriddhi Yojana with a budgetary allocation of ₹200 crore to equip emerging towns and smaller urban centres with modern civic infrastructure.

Must-Know Facts:

- The state government of Chhattisgarh allocated a specific budgetary fund of ₹200 crore for the implementation of the Adarsh Shahar Samriddhi Yojana in the financial year 2026 to 2027.
- The total number of urban local bodies selected by the Urban Administration and Development Department for the first phase of the modernization scheme stands at exactly 32.
- The divisional-level selection committees are mandated to submit their prioritized project proposals and cost estimates to the state administration within a timeline of 15 days.

02 JUNE 2026

4. CCEA Approves ₹25,530 Crore SARTHAK-PDS Umbrella Scheme

Quick Recap: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the 25,530 crore rupee Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling-Income with Automation in PDS (SARTHAK-PDS) to structurally modernise the foodgrain distribution ecosystem across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial allocation sanctioned by the central government for the execution of the SARTHAK-PDS scheme over a five-year operational timeline is fixed at ₹25,530 crore.
- The total number of national beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) who will receive direct logistical and delivery benefits from the new integration stands at exactly 81.35 crore individuals.
- The SARTHAK-PDS initiative integrates two major pre-existing public distribution welfare programmes, including the technology-led SMART PDS reform scheme.

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02 JUNE 2026

5. Foodgrain Production Rises 5.3% to Record 376.56 Million Tonnes in 2025-26

Quick Recap: According to the Union Agriculture Ministry's Third Advance Estimates, India's total foodgrain production for the 2025-26 crop year is projected to reach an all-time high of 376.56 million tonnes, registering a robust 5.3% growth driven by record-shattering yields in rice, wheat, and maize.

Must-Know Facts:

- India's total estimated foodgrain output for the 2025-26 crop year stands at a new milestone of 376.56 million tonnes.
- Crop-specific records include Rice at 154.02 million tonnes, Wheat at 120.65 million tonnes, and Maize at 55.09 million tonnes.
- The overall growth margin represents a 5.3% spike compared to the total yield of the previous 2024-25 fiscal period.

03 JUNE 2026

6. Centre Announces ₹583 Crore Package for Sikkim's Organic and Infrastructure Growth

Quick Recap: The Union Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) has announced a financial package of ₹583 crore for Sikkim to fund the "Mission Sikkim Organics" initiative and 21 multi-sectoral development infrastructure projects.

Must-Know Facts:

- The combined fiscal package committed by the Central Government to scale up organic systems and public works in Sikkim stands at ₹583 crore.
- The freshly deployed agricultural umbrella framework, "Mission Sikkim Organics," commands a major chunk of the funding valued at ₹360 crore.
- The state's premium agricultural development roadmap is projected to deliver advanced supply chain assistance to over 66,000 farming families.
- The non-agricultural portion of the package marks an allocation of ₹223 crore earmarked explicitly to drive 21 key infrastructure and connectivity assets.

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03 JUNE 2026

7. Two New Special Economic Zones Notified in Puducherry

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has officially notified two new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the Union Territory of Puducherry—including India's first-ever municipality-developed zone—with a combined investment of ₹1,975 crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total planned capital layout for the two newly notified Special Economic Zones in Puducherry stands at ₹1,975 crore.
- The IT/ITES project at Thattanchavady village represents a first-of-its-kind model in India, being completely developed by a local municipal body (Oulgaret Municipality).
- The larger multi-sector commercial infrastructure cluster at Karasur village is being built across 86.2457 hectares of designated land.
- The combined operational footprint of the two economic corridors targets generating 8,500 direct and indirect jobs across the region.

03 JUNE 2026

8. India's First 'SkyCast' System Inaugurated at IGI Airport, Delhi

Quick Recap: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first "SkyCast" aviation weather monitoring system at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi, ushering the country into a new era of fog-free, weather-smart aviation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The highly advanced SKYCAST weather intelligence platform has been successfully commissioned at Glide Path 10 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.
- India stands as the 19th nation in the world to deploy this specific tier of integrated atmospheric sensing technology for specialized aviation management.
- The system utilizes an automated setup that computes and broadcasts high-resolution short-term nowcasts updated every five minutes.
- Beyond routing flights, the continuous vertical data profiles will feed directly into broader urban pollution management and regional disaster preparedness grids.

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04 JUNE 2026

9. PM SVANidhi Completes Six Years, Credit to Over 75 Lakh Street Vendors

Quick Recap: Marking its sixth anniversary on 1 June 2026, the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme has successfully transitioned from an emergency pandemic relief tool into a permanent framework for financial inclusion, disbursing over ₹17,800 crore in loans.

Must-Know Facts:

- Under the newly restructured extension, vendors who successfully repay their second-tranche loan become eligible for a specialized UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card with limits ranging between ₹10,000 and ₹30,000.
- Statistical surveys track an average annual household income growth of nearly 20 per cent among small street vendors after entering the PM SVANidhi ecosystem.
- The expanded operational roadmap aims to upscale the program's total coverage to successfully reach a milestone target of 1.15 crore beneficiaries by 2030.

04 JUNE 2026

10. India Confirms $629 Million BrahMos Export Deal with Vietnam

Quick Recap: At the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, India’s Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh officially confirmed that India has signed a landmark $629 million (approx. ₹5,800–6,000 crore) deal to supply BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to Vietnam, while a similar pact with Indonesia is in its final stages.

Must-Know Facts:

- The BrahMos is historically renowned as the world's fastest operational cruise missile, maintaining a sustained speed of Mach 2.8 (nearly three times the speed of sound) throughout its entire flight path.
- The missile features a highly efficient two-stage propulsion system: a solid-propellant booster rocket that manages initial acceleration, followed by a liquid-fueled ramjet engine that drives its high-speed cruise phase.
- The Philippines was the pioneering international customer for the BrahMos platform, executing a landmark $375 million shore-based anti-ship system acquisition contract with India in 2022.

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05 JUNE 2026

11. ₹200 Crore MAHA Water Mission Launched for Startups and MSMEs

Quick Recap: The Central Government has rolled out the ₹200-crore MAHA Water Mission to drive next-generation scientific research, prototype development, and scalable technical solutions across India's water sector by funding startups, MSMEs, and academic consortia.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay sanctioned by the Union Government for the implementation of the MAHA Water Mission is ₹200 crore.
- The maximum individual project grant allocated to qualified multi-institutional research consortia is ₹20 crore.
- The specific operational timeline established for the execution and technology deployment phase of the water mission is 5 years.
- The space agency partnered with the Department of Water Resources to integrate satellite monitoring and geospatial mapping is the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

06–08 JUNE 2026

12. India Sends Formal Request to France for 114 Rafale Jets Worth ₹3.25 Lakh Crore

Quick Recap: The Acquisition Wing of the Ministry of Defence has formally issued a Letter of Request (LoR) to the French government for a multi-role fighter aircraft deal worth around ₹3.25 lakh crore to secure 114 Rafale jets.

Must-Know Facts:

- The estimated total budget allocated for the purchase and domestic manufacturing of the 114 Rafale fighter aircraft stands at ₹3.25 lakh crore.
- Out of the 114 aircraft covered under the newly issued Letter of Request, exactly 94 jets will be built within India under the 'Make in India' industrial policy.
- This landmark defense deal is being fast-tracked alongside high-level military visits, including IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh's deployment to France to evaluate Dassault production lines.
- India's Mega Rafale Deal Details.
- This video is relevant because it provides a comprehensive overview of India's formal request to France for the 114 Rafale fighter jets, explaining the timeline for local production, financial parameters, and the strategic impact on the Indian Air Force's combat readiness.

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09 JUNE 2026

13. QR Code Tracking of Foodgrain Bags to be Expanded Under PDS

Quick Recap: The Government of India is scaling up its Quick Response (QR) code tagging initiative for Food Corporation of India (FCI) rice bags across selected districts in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Odisha during the current marketing season to trace approximately 20 lakh tonnes of rice and reduce diversion within the Public Distribution System (PDS).

Must-Know Facts:

- The total volume of rice targeted for unique QR code tracking across the selected states during the current marketing season is approximately 20 lakh tonnes.
- The massive public welfare infrastructure supported by the Public Distribution System (PDS) provides subsidised foodgrains to more than 800 million beneficiaries across the nation.
- The implementation of the expanded digital tracking initiative is being undertaken across three specific Indian states, which comprise Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Odisha.

10 JUNE 2026

14. India's First Flex-Fuel Passenger Vehicle Unveiled

Quick Recap: Union Ministers Hardeep Singh Puri and Nitin Gadkari launched India's first mass-market flex-fuel passenger vehicle, developed by Maruti Suzuki, initiating a new ecosystem for high-ethanol cleaner mobility.

Must-Know Facts:

- India's landmark first flex-fuel passenger car model is the Maruti Suzuki Wagon R, configured to safely handle anywhere from E20 to E100 fuel mixtures.
- According to administrative calculations, widespread domestic biofuel integration holds the potential to save the exchequer ₹1.44 lakh crore in crude oil import reductions.
- The launch reflects a multi-pathway decarbonization push by Indian automakers, running parallel to investments in Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), and Compressed Biogas (CBG).
- High-ethanol blends like E85 (85 per cent ethanol and 15 per cent petrol) have officially been identified as a mono-fuel standard under Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications to expedite fueling network expansions.

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12 JUNE 2026

15. West Bengal Joins AB PM-JAY, Completing Nationwide Adoption

Quick Recap: West Bengal has officially become the 36th and final State/Union Territory to adopt the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), marking total nationwide implementation of the world's largest government-funded health assurance program.

Must-Know Facts:

- The numerical ranking position of West Bengal among the collective states and territories to officially activate the federal health assurance scheme is the 36th State/UT.
- The total annual financial health coverage allocation cap guaranteed to each registered beneficiary family under the PM-JAY model is ₹5 lakh.
- The cumulative projected number of eligible beneficiary families scheduled to receive healthcare safety coverage within West Bengal is approximately 1.43 crore families.
- The estimated total volume of empanelled public and private hospitals actively operating under the integrated national network is more than 36,000 hospitals.
- The exact calendar date on which the official MoU signing ceremony was executed in New Delhi to authorize the state-wide implementation is 8 June 2026.

13–15 JUNE 2026

16. India-US Energy Cooperation Key to $500 Billion Bilateral Trade Goal by 2030

Quick Recap: According to a joint report by the United States-India Business Council (USIBC) and Grant Thornton Bharat, deeper cooperation in hydrocarbons between India and the United States can act as a catalyst to expand bilateral trade to 500 billion United States Dollars by 2030.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific target date established by India and the United States to expand their bilateral trade to 500 billion United States Dollars is the year 2030.
- The official title of the joint research report released on 10 June 2026 is Strengthening the India-US Energy Partnership: Unlocking Hydrocarbon Opportunities through Investment and Collaboration.
- The Managing Director of the United States-India Business Council (USIBC) India, Shri Rahul Sharma, explicitly stated that the energy relationship is moving from transactional engagement to deeper strategic integration.

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13–15 JUNE 2026

17. Amit Shah Inaugurates Land Port Management System 'Vinimay'

Quick Recap: Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a state-of-the-art, certified digital platform called the Land Port Management System (LPMS) — 'Vinimay' — in New Delhi to digitize, modernize, and streamline cargo processing and passenger movement across India's land borders.

Must-Know Facts:

- The designated name of the newly launched certified digital Land Port Management System (LPMS) is 'Vinimay'.
- The exact percentage of physical paperwork slated to be eliminated across cross-border operations through the introduction of LPMS is 90 per cent.
- The current total number of operational land ports across India stands at 15, with an additional 11 land ports planned to be made functional over the next 2 to 3 years.
- The total value of trade routed through India's land ports has scaled up 16-fold from ₹5,000 crore in 2014 to a current valuation of ₹83,000 crore.

16 JUNE 2026

18. India Releases First Tranche of Assistance to UNRWA for Palestine Refugees

Quick Recap: India has released the first instalment of 2.5 million dollars to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the year 2024-25, fulfilling a part of its annual financial pledge.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific financial amount released by India as the first instalment to the agency for the year 2024-25 is 2.5 million dollars.
- The total financial contribution pledged by India to support the core programmes of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for the complete year is 5 million dollars.
- The cumulative financial aid provided by India to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine refugees up until the financial year 2023-24 stands at 35 million dollars.
- The international venue that hosted the recent United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) Pledging Conference where additional medical aid was announced was New York.

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17 JUNE 2026

19. Assam and Nagaland Sign MoU to Resume Border Oil Exploration

Quick Recap: The state governments of Assam and Nagaland have signed a landmark tripartite Memorandum of Understanding to resolve a thirty-year dispute and resume oil and gas exploration along their shared border.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact ratio agreed upon between the two state administrations for sharing the revenue generated from the border oil fields is fifty-fifty.
- The total geographical area of the disputed border strip opened up for immediate hydrocarbon exploration under the signed agreement is 1,000 square kilometres.
- The minimum factor by which energy department officials project regional crude oil production will expand following the implementation of the pact is tenfold.

18 JUNE 2026

20. Engineering Exports Jump 24% to $12.31 Billion in May: EEPC

Quick Recap: Data released by the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India shows that the engineering exports of the country grew by 24 per cent year-on-year to touch 12.31 billion United States Dollars in May 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise financial valuation of the total engineering goods exported from India during the month of May 2026 reached exactly 12.31 billion United States Dollars (USD).
- The total number of engineering product sub-categories that registered positive year-on-year growth out of the 34 tracked groups is exactly 25.
- The total financial value of cumulative engineering exports managed by India during the initial April–May period of the current fiscal year stands at 23.25 billion United States Dollars (USD).

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19 JUNE 2026

21. Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal (WT-MARUT) Launched

Quick Recap: The Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, has launched the Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management (WT-MARUT) Portal at the Global Wind Day Conference in Goa to strengthen the domestic wind manufacturing ecosystem and accelerate clean energy exports.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official name of the first dedicated wind turbine supply chain management platform launched by the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy is the WT-MARUT portal.
- India added a historic record of 6.1 Gigawatts (GW) of new wind energy capacity during the financial year 2025–26, registering an annual expansion of 46%.
- The current total estimated manufacturing capacity of wind turbines within India across critical industrial sub-assemblies stands at 24 Gigawatts (GW) per annum.

20–22 JUNE 2026

22. Gujarat Signs ₹1 Lakh Crore Infrastructure Funding Agreement with HUDCO

Quick Recap: The Government of India's state of Gujarat has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) to secure up to ₹1 lakh crore in long-term debt financing for mega infrastructure, transport, and smart city projects.

Must-Know Facts:

- The absolute long-term financing volume locked under the landmark infrastructure memorandum signed between HUDCO and the Gujarat Government is ₹1 lakh crore (₹1,00,000 crore).
- The specific urban rapid transit programs listed as primary beneficiaries of this funding envelope are the Gujarat Metro Rail Phases 2 and 3.
- The elite academic institution appointed by the state government to conduct project feasibility, DPR preparation, and impact studies under the 2047 vision is IIM Ahmedabad.
- The operational lifespan of the financing agreement signed between HUDCO and the state's Finance Department is set for a cycle of two years.

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20–22 JUNE 2026

23. Six States Agree to Sign MoU for Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project

Quick Recap: Under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, six northern and western Indian states have agreed to sign a definitive Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement the long-delayed 660 MW Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project on the Tons River.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific river selected for the geographic construction site of the 236-meter-high Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam is the Tons River.
- The two neighbor states that directly straddle the physical border location where the mega-dam structure will be built are Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- The national financial assistance grant ratio covered by the Central Government for the project's foundational water asset is locked at 90 per cent.
- The total planned power generation capability to be integrated directly into the specialized hydroelectric facility of the dam is 660 Megawatts (MW).

26 JUNE 2026

24. MHA Tightens FCRA Framework for NGOs and Revises Compounding Penalties

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Home Affairs has amended the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, making registrations strictly purpose-specific and geography-linked while expressly excluding proselytisation from permitted religious activities and sharply increasing compounding penalties for financial violations.

Must-Know Facts:

- The statutory limit for spending foreign contributions on administrative overheads is strictly capped at 20 per cent under Section 8 of the principal act.
- The compounding penalty for exceeding the administrative expenditure cap has been revised to ₹1 lakh or 5 per cent of the excess amount spent, whichever is higher.
- Violations involving speculative investments will attract a penalty of ₹1 lakh or 30 per cent of the invested amount, alongside the full recovery of 110 per cent of any financial returns earned.
- The misuse or diversion of foreign funds for unapproved purposes or in unauthorized states will attract a flat compounding penalty of ₹1 lakh or 30 per cent of the total amount misused.

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27–29 JUNE 2026

25. CBI Conducts Nationwide Raids Under 'Operation Chakra-VI' Against Digital Arrest Fraud

Quick Recap: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched a massive nationwide crackdown under Operation Chakra-VI by raiding more than 80 locations across 16 states and arresting two key operatives running a massive digital arrest scam network.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific codename designated by the central law enforcement agency for this massive nationwide multi-state cybercrime crackdown is Operation Chakra-VI.
- The total financial volume of suspected proceeds of crime laundered through the shell companies and mule accounts by the two arrested suspects is estimated at 2 crore Indian Rupees (INR).
- The coordinated enforcement action involved the deployment of 60 special teams targeting a criminal network implicated in more than 200 digital arrest fraud cases.

27–29 JUNE 2026

26. Jonnagiri, India's Largest Private Gold Mine, to Yield a Tonne of Gold Annually

Quick Recap: Geomysore Services India Private Limited is set to fully operationalize the Jonnagiri Gold Project in Andhra Pradesh, making it India's largest private gold mine with a target production of one tonne of gold per year.

Must-Know Facts:

- The target annual gold production capacity established for the fully operationalized Jonnagiri private mining project is one tonne (1,000 kg).
- The total initial capital expenditure poured into developing the state-of-the-art open-cast mine and processing infrastructure stands at ₹300 crore.
- The commercial gold project spans a total allocated geographical lease area of 350 acres across the state of Andhra Pradesh.

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30 JUNE 2026

27. Bangladesh Joins International Big Cat Alliance as 27th Member

Quick Recap: Bangladesh has officially joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) as its 27th member country, significantly boosting regional wildlife diplomacy and tiger conservation efforts in South Asia.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact calendar date on which Bangladesh officially completed its onboarding process to become a member nation of the IBCA was 24 June 2026.
- The specific numerical sequence representing Bangladesh's membership spot within the rapidly expanding global conservation framework is the 27th member nation.
- The total number of big cat species that fall under the global monitoring, research, and protection purview of the IBCA is exactly seven.

02 JULY 2026

28. ₹236 Crore 'Mission Queen' Launched for Tripura Pineapple

Quick Recap: The central government has launched a 236 crore rupee initiative named Mission Queen to expand the global market share of Tripura's Queen pineapple variety and increase its economic value to ₹200 crore by 2028.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial budget allocated by the central government for the implementation of the newly launched Mission Queen pineapple development scheme is ₹236 crore.
- The official targeted deadline set by the ministry to increase the total economic value of the Tripura pineapple market from ₹35 crore to ₹200 crore is the year 2028.
- The global market share contribution of India in terms of overall worldwide pineapple farming remains highly significant, with the country ranking among the top five global producers by accounting for exactly 8 per cent of global production.
- The total volume of aggregate pineapple production recorded across India during the 2025-2026 financial year reached approximately 1.104 million tonnes, driven heavily by West Bengal and the northeastern states.

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10 JULY 2026

29. Four States Sign Agreement on Settling Narmada Tribunal Award Project Dues

Quick Recap: The Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan have signed a historic agreement to permanently settle long-pending financial and cost-sharing dues related to the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award projects.

Must-Know Facts:

- The formal inter-state consensus agreement resolving the long-standing financial liabilities of the river project was signed on Tuesday, 07 July 2026.
- The historic water sector settlement was successfully executed among exactly four beneficiary states, which comprise Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan.
- The core regulatory guidelines and resource distribution metrics governing the projects originate from the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) Award issued in 1979.

11–13 JULY 2026

30. Uttarakhand Becomes India's Sixth Fully Literate State

Quick Recap: Uttarakhand has officially been recognized as the sixth fully literate state in India after successfully meeting the adult literacy benchmarks prescribed under the National Education Policy 2020 and the ULLAS programme.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific statistical benchmark crossed by the state to secure its new educational status is an overall literacy rate of over 98 per cent.
- The exact date on which the state Cabinet originally approved the regulatory proposal to declare Uttarakhand fully literate was 19 June 2026.
- The final target year emphasized by the Chief Minister for achieving the comprehensive goal of a "Viksit Bharat" through public participation is 2047.

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11–13 JULY 2026

31. PM Briefed on e-Zero FIR Initiative Against Cyber Crime

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting with secretaries of central ministries where he was briefed on key cybercrime interventions, including the rollout of the Electronic Zero First Information Report initiative and the prevention of financial fraud worth over ₹25,000 crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific threshold limit of financial loss required to trigger the automatic registration of an e-Zero FIR under the new home ministry system is ₹10 lakh.
- The total cumulative value of financial fraud successfully prevented by the immediate digital interventions of the central government stands at ₹25,095 crore.
- The precise national conversion rate of standard cybercrime complaints into regular police cases between August 2019 and May 2026 was recorded at 2.36 per cent.
- The total number of banks and financial institutions officially onboarded onto the citizen financial cyber fraud reporting platform is exactly 1,596.

14 JULY 2026

32. Kavach 4.0 Approved Across Key Routes of Northern Railway

Quick Recap: Indian Railways has approved a 206 crore rupee project to install its indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, Kavach Version 4.0, across 680 route kilometres of the Northern Railway network on 10 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Ministry of Railways officially announced the financial and administrative approval for the northern safety shield project on 10 July 2026.
- The total capital expenditure sanctioned by the Union Government for this specific phase of the Kavach Version 4.0 installation is fixed at ₹206 crore.
- The exact track coverage mandated for the installation of the indigenous safety system across the Rewari-Delhi and Shakurbasti-Bathinda rail lines is 680 route kilometres.

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14 JULY 2026

33. JPC Aims to Roll Out One Nation One Election by 2029

Quick Recap: The Joint Committee of Parliament examining bills on simultaneous elections is developing a framework to make the "One Nation, One Election" reform operational by the 2029 general elections.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific year targeted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee for the full operational rollout of the simultaneous elections framework across India is 2029.
- The estimated financial loss incurred by the Indian economy due to the independent and separate conduct of elections across the country is ₹7 lakh crore.
- The targeted landmark year by which India aims to become a fully developed nation, supported by major electoral reforms like simultaneous polls, is 2047.

16 JULY 2026

34. Ladakh Announces Autonomous Hill Development Councils for All Seven Districts

Quick Recap: The Ladakh administration has decided to establish Autonomous Hill Development Councils (AHDCs) across all seven districts of the Union Territory—extending the framework to the five newly formed districts—alongside plans for an overarching legislative body under Article 371.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of districts in Ladakh operating under individual Autonomous Hill Development Councils has expanded from two to seven.
- The five newly incorporated districts gaining autonomous councils are Drass, Sham, Nubra, Changthang, and Zanskar.
- The specific section of the regional law enabling the automatic gazette notification of a council for every newly formed district is Section 3(1) of the LAHDC Act.
- The specific constitutional provision chosen by the Centre and administration to construct the apex, UT-level legislative and financial representative body is Article 371.

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17 JULY 2026

35. Cabinet Approves ₹9,585 Crore 'Naya Safar Yojana' to Scrap Old Commercial Vehicles in Delhi-NCR

Quick Recap: The Union Government has approved the "Naya Safar Yojana," a fleet modernization program with a ₹9,585-crore budget to replace over 200,000 aging, polluting commercial trucks and buses in the Delhi-NCR region with BS-VI or electric alternatives.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay allocated for the Naya Safar Yojana is ₹9,585 crore.
- The scheme aims to replace BS-IV and older commercial trucks and buses with modern BS-VI or electric vehicles.
- While the registration portal remains open for an initial timeline of 2 years, specific central financial rollouts like the interest subvention will extend up to 5 years.

23 JULY 2026

36. Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 Introduced

Quick Recap: The Union Government introduced the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 in Lok Sabha to raise the top court's sanctioned judge strength from 34 to 38.

Must-Know Facts:

- Proposed total sanctioned strength of SC judges (including CJI): 38 judges.
- Principal legislation being amended: The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956.
- Pending cases in Supreme Court cited as of January 1, 2026: 92,101 cases.

25–27 JULY 2026

37. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Passes Uniform Civil Code Bill 2026

Quick Recap: The Madhya Pradesh Assembly passed the Madhya Pradesh Uniform Civil Code Bill, 2026, establishing common civil laws on marriage, divorce, and inheritance while explicitly exempting Scheduled Tribes.

Must-Know Facts:

- Expert Panel Chair: Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (Retd.).
- Exempted Group: Scheduled Tribes (Articles 342 & 366(25)).
- Key Mandatory Rules: Registration of live-in relationships within 1 month; prohibition of polygamy.

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28 JULY 2026

38. Cabinet Approves Draft Law for Fast-Track Courts in Paper Leak Cases

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet approved a draft bill to establish fast-track courts and impose harsher penalties for examination paper leaks and test malpractices.

Must-Know Facts:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the Union Cabinet meeting that approved the draft bill.
- The draft legislation introduces dedicated fast-track court mechanisms for examination leak trials.
- The official government announcement preceded the formal introduction of the bill in Parliament.

31 JULY 2026

39. Parliament Passes Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Quick Recap: Parliament passed the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Amendment Bill 2026 in the Rajya Sabha to punish disrespect toward Vande Mataram.

Must-Know Facts:

- July 24 2026 marks the date when the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill 2026 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha.
- Harivansh holds office as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha presiding over legislative business.
- 1971 marks the enactment year of the original Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act in India.

31 JULY 2026

40. Lok Sabha Passes Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026

Quick Recap: Lok Sabha passed the Public Examinations Prevention of Unfair Means Amendment Bill 2026 establishing stricter penalties and time bound trials for paper leaks.

Must-Know Facts:

- 10 years stands as the maximum term of imprisonment prescribed for individuals convicted under the anti-paper leak amendment law.
- ₹10 crore represents the maximum fine applicable to organised rackets involved in public examination leaks.
- Two months represents the statutory timeline mandated for completing investigations into public examination leak cases.

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01–03 AUGUST 2026

41. Supreme Court Quashes Ex Post Facto Environmental Clearances

Quick Recap: The Supreme Court quashed a 2021 Office Memorandum that allowed retrospective environmental clearances, holding that administrative instructions cannot alter statutory environmental protection regimes.

Must-Know Facts:

- 2021 Office Memorandum was the administrative instrument struck down by the Supreme Court for granting retrospective clearances.
- Prospective effect was specified by the court, meaning existing clearances granted under the OM remain undisturbed while the administrative mechanism is invalidated going forward.
- Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 serves as the umbrella legislation governing environmental clearances in India.

04 AUGUST 2026

42. Rajya Sabha Passes Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026

Quick Recap: Rajya Sabha passed the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill 2026 by a voice vote to expand statutory penalties across all forms of examination malpractices.

Must-Know Facts:

- 8 months and 24 days represents the streamlined average recruitment cycle time achieved by the Staff Selection Commission.
- 22 stands as the current total number of AIIMS functional or established across the nation.
- 1.39 lakh represents the expanded total capacity of undergraduate medical seats in India.

05 AUGUST 2026

43. Lok Sabha Passes Bill Raising Supreme Court Judges' Strength to 38

Quick Recap: Lok Sabha passed the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 by voice vote without debate to raise the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges from 34 to 38 (including the Chief Justice of India).

Must-Know Facts:

- The total sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court increases from 34 to 38 judges (37 judges + 1 Chief Justice of India).
- The Bill replaces an Ordinance promulgated by President Droupadi Murmu in May 2026.
- The measure amends the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956.

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06 AUGUST 2026

44. Parliament Passes Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Quick Recap: Parliament passed the Registration of Births and Deaths Amendment Bill 2026 to enforce stricter rules for delayed registration of vital events across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- Death registration coverage in India expanded from 72.5 per cent in 2014 to 99.4 per cent in 2024.
- The Lok Sabha originally granted its approval to this legislative amendment on 31st July 2026.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah authored the statement of objects and reasons accompanying the legislative bill.

07 AUGUST 2026

45. India Repatriated 274 Fugitives from 36 Countries Between 2019 and 2026

Quick Recap: India successfully brought back 274 fugitive criminals from 36 countries between 2019 and 2026 under a dedicated national priority mission.

Must-Know Facts:

- A total of 274 fugitive criminals were successfully repatriated to India from 2019 through 2026.
- The law enforcement operation involved formal extraditions and deportations across 36 foreign nations.
- Statutory amendments in 2019 enabled targeted actions against individual terrorist handlers operating abroad.

12 AUGUST 2026

46. MHA Bars Renewable Energy Projects Within 1 km of Borders

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Home Affairs has prohibited new solar, wind, and hybrid renewable energy projects within one kilometre of the Line of Control, Line of Actual Control, and International Border due to national security concerns.

Must-Know Facts:

- One kilometre zone from the LoC, LAC, and IB where renewable energy projects are completely prohibited.
- 50 kilometres distance from borders designated as sensitive zone for security evaluation.
- Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Ministry of Defence (MoD) as joint clearance authorities.

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13 AUGUST 2026

47. 11 More International Ports Notified for e-Visa Entry

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Home Affairs added eleven international ports to the electronic visa entry list, raising the total count of authorized entry points across India to 88.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total authorized entry ports under the E-Visa scheme stand at 88, comprising 38 seaports, 37 airports, and thirteen land ports.
- The Electronic Visa scheme was first introduced in the year 2014 for nationals of 43 countries.
- The program offers entry authorization across seventeen sub-categories including Group Cruise Visitor, Medical, and Business visas.

13 AUGUST 2026

48. Parliament Passes Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026

Quick Recap: Parliament passed the Tribunals Reforms Bill 2026 to establish a uniform tribunal ecosystem and set up a National Tribunals Commission for judicial administrative efficiency.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Tribunals Reforms Bill 2026 provides for the establishment of a National Tribunals Commission.
- The National Tribunals Commission will be headed by a former Supreme Court Judge or a former High Court Chief Justice.
- The tribunal rationalization process in India was initiated in 2015.

14 AUGUST 2026

49. President Assents to Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Act, 2026

Quick Recap: President Droupadi Murmu gave assent to the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Amendment Bill 2026 to criminalise intentional disruption of singing Vande Mataram.

Must-Know Facts:

- The date of presidential assent transforming the amendment into law was 11 August 2026.
- The maximum prison term for intentionally disrupting the national song is three years.
- The specific statutory law amended by Parliament is the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act of 1971.

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14 AUGUST 2026

50. Parliamentary Inquiry Committee Finds All Charges Proven Against Justice Yashwant Varma

Quick Recap: A three-member parliamentary inquiry committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Aravind Kumar found all charges proven against former High Court judge Yashwant Varma regarding unaccounted cash.

Must-Know Facts:

- The chairperson of the three-member Judges Inquiry Committee was Supreme Court Justice Aravind Kumar.
- The total number of articles of charges found proven against the judge was three.
- The statutory governing framework for the parliamentary inquiry was the Judges Inquiry Act of 1968.

14 AUGUST 2026

51. Parliament Passes Bill to Rename Kerala as 'Keralam'

Quick Recap: Rajya Sabha passed the Kerala Alteration of Name Bill 2026 on 12 August to officially rename the state as Keralam in constitutional records.

Must-Know Facts:

- The date of passage of the name alteration bill by the Rajya Sabha was 12 August 2026.
- The revised official state name approved across constitutional records is Keralam.
- The total membership of the Joint Parliamentary Committee reviewing the Foreign Contribution Regulation Amendment Bill is 31.

15–17 AUGUST 2026

52. Monsoon Session 2026 Ends with 12 Bills Passed

Quick Recap: Both Houses of Parliament were adjourned sine die on 13 August 2026 after 19 sittings in the Monsoon Session, during which 12 key bills were passed.

Must-Know Facts:

- The 2026 Monsoon Session consisted of 19 sittings across 25 days and passed 12 bills.
- The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 was referred to a JPC.
- Lok Sabha productivity was 19%, while Rajya Sabha productivity was 39%.

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15–17 AUGUST 2026

53. Supreme Court Asks 19 States/UTs to Consider Making Cancer Notifiable

Quick Recap: The Supreme Court directed 19 States and Union Territories that have not yet notified cancer to consider making it a mandatory notifiable disease to establish uniform nationwide surveillance.

Must-Know Facts:

- 17 States/UTs currently treat cancer as a notifiable disease; 19 remain to adopt the framework.
- The PIL seeking uniform cancer notification was filed by Dr. Anurag Srivastava.
- The Supreme Court bench was led by CJI Surya Kant.

18 AUGUST 2026

54. FCRA (Amendment) Bill, 2026 Referred to Joint Parliamentary Committee

Quick Recap: Both Houses of Parliament approved referring the Foreign Contribution Regulation Amendment Bill 2026 to a Joint Parliamentary Committee for detailed examination.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Joint Parliamentary Committee consists of 31 total members divided into 21 from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha.
- Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai moved the reference motion in the Lok Sabha.
- The committee must submit its detailed scrutiny report by the last day of the first week of the winter session of Parliament.

18 AUGUST 2026

55. 40 Questions Notified for Second Phase of Census 2027

Quick Recap: The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India notified forty questions including caste and Covid nineteen vaccination details for Census 2027.

Must-Know Facts:

- The second phase of Census 2027 features a total of 40 questions, adding 13 new data fields beyond the 2011 questionnaire.
- Mritunjay Kumar Narayan holds the post of Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.
- The reference date for the population count in snow-bound regions is set for 12 a.m. on October 1.

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25 AUGUST 2026

56. Cabinet Approves Ladakh Bench of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh

Quick Recap: The Union Cabinet approved establishing a bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Union Cabinet authorized a sitting bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh within Ladakh.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah announced the Cabinet decision.
- The primary objective of the decision is improving legal service access for citizens living in remote areas.

25 AUGUST 2026

57. Supreme Court Upholds Broad Definition of 'Industry' Under ID Act, 1947

Quick Recap: A Nine-Judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court affirmed the broad definition of industry laid down in the historic 1978 Bangalore Water Supply case.

Must-Know Facts:

- Chief Justice Surya Kant headed the nine-judge Constitution Bench.
- The year 1978 marks the original landmark judgment in the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board case.
- The Industrial Relations Code, 2020, is designated as the governing framework for future labor disputes.

29–31 AUGUST 2026

58. Heatwaves and Lightning Declared Notified Disasters

Quick Recap: Following recommendations from the 16th Finance Commission, the Ministry of Home Affairs updated guidelines to classify heatwaves and lightning as notified natural calamities, giving states unrestricted access to disaster relief funds.

Must-Know Facts:

- Heatwaves and lightning are now formally classified as notified natural calamities (bringing total to 14).
- Removes the previous 10% ceiling under local disaster spending, enabling full SDRF/NDRF fund utilization.
- Policy implementation follows the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission for 2026–31.

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International News

02 JUNE 2026

1. Canada-India Joint Statement at Trade and Investment Forum 2026

Quick Recap: Union Minister Piyush Goyal and Canadian Minister Harjit Sidhu convened the Canada-India Trade and Investment Forum to deepen bilateral commercial ties and accelerate negotiations to conclude a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement by the end of this year.

Must-Know Facts:

- The definitive deadline established by both trade ministers to officially conclude the negotiations for the Canada-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement is the end of this year.
- The name of the new high-level business platform formally launched by the ministers during the summit to bring corporate leaders together is the Canada-India Trade and Investment Forum.
- The specific nation that will lead an upcoming "Team Canada Trade Mission" later this year to explore emerging commercial opportunities in the domestic market is Canada.

03 JUNE 2026

2. Russia and Kazakhstan Sign $16.5 Billion Deal for Central Asia's Largest Nuclear Plant

Quick Recap: Russia and Kazakhstan have signed a series of landmark intergovernmental agreements during President Vladimir Putin's state visit to Astana to construct a USD 16.5 billion nuclear power plant near Lake Balkhash, largely financed via a Russian export credit.

Must-Know Facts:

- The overall economic valuation of the milestone nuclear infrastructure agreement between Russia and Kazakhstan stands at USD 16.5 billion.
- The Russian Federation will extend credit facilities to bankroll exactly 85 per cent of the construction cost, leaving Kazakhstan to fund the remaining 15 per cent balance.
- The state-of-the-art facility will build out two VVER-1200 reactors to introduce 2.4 Gigawatts (GW) of baseline capacity by 2035.
- The civil layout will be constructed on the southeastern edges of the nation within the lakefront village of Ulken.

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04 JUNE 2026

3. US, UK and Australia Partner to Develop Advanced Underwater Drones

Quick Recap: Under the expanding trilateral AUKUS security framework, the United States, United Kingdom, and Australia have announced a major collaborative defense partnership to develop next-generation autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) to enhance maritime surveillance.

Must-Know Facts:

- The joint development of these advanced underwater drones is specifically governed under Pillar II of the AUKUS trilateral defense framework, which targets rapid innovation in cutting-edge military capabilities.
- A primary operational mission of the newly proposed AUV fleet will be to monitor and protect critical undersea data infrastructure, including fiber-optic cables that carry the vast majority of global internet traffic.
- This undersea technology partnership builds on previous successful AUKUS maritime trials, representing a coordinated effort to counter rising naval capabilities and reinforce deterrence across the Indo-Pacific region.

05 JUNE 2026

4. India and South Africa to Scale Up Cooperation in Future Technologies

Quick Recap: India and South Africa agreed on 3 June 2026 to elevate their bilateral partnership by prioritizing emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Digital Infrastructure, and Advanced Manufacturing to drive societal and economic impact.

Must-Know Facts:

- The central venue in New Delhi where the India-South Africa bilateral science talks were conducted is Kartavya Bhawan.
- The total number of co-funded scientific research projects supported under this bilateral alliance since its early implementation is nearly 150.
- The host city and scheduled month for the upcoming 2026 BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting is Chennai in August 2026.
- The year when the foundational bilateral Science and Technology Agreement was originally signed by India and South Africa is 1995.

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06–08 JUNE 2026

5. US DFC Approves $1.5 Billion Platform for Energy Security and LNG in India and Southeast Asia

Quick Recap: The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), in partnership with I Squared Capital, has approved a 1.5 billion dollar financial platform to develop liquefied natural gas (LNG) and energy security infrastructure across South and Southeast Asia.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total monetary allocation cleared by the DFC for the newly launched Indo-Pacific energy security platform stands at exactly 1.5 billion dollars.
- The investment platform represents the largest individual project financing clearance ever recorded in the operational history of the DFC.
- The targeted infrastructure push explicitly aims to mitigate regional energy supply shocks by facilitating a robust midstream network for U.S. liquefied natural gas and cleaner energy exports.

13–15 JUNE 2026

6. COP31 Hosts Propose 35% Global Electrification Target by 2035

Quick Recap: The Conference of the Parties 31 (COP31) co-presidency of Turkey and Australia proposed a flagship "35x35" target at the Bonn climate meeting to raise electricity's share of global final energy demand to 35 per cent by 2035.

Must-Know Facts:

- The flagship global electrification target proposed by the host nations for the year 2035 aims to raise the share of electricity in final energy demand to exactly 35 per cent.
- The target established by the co-presidency to curb energy consumption intensity within the building sector by 2035 requires a minimum reduction of 25 per cent.
- The Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), Fatih Birol, stated that the ongoing global energy crisis is actively accelerating the world's shift into the Age of Electricity.
- The UN Climate Chief, Simon Stiell, publicly stated that rewiring the global economy is crucial to kick the world's addiction to coal, oil, and gas.

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20–22 JUNE 2026

7. Uzbekistan Joins New Development Bank, First Member from Central Asia

Quick Recap: The Republic of Uzbekistan has officially become a shareholder of the BRICS-established New Development Bank (NDB), marking its entry as the tenth member overall and the very first representative from the Central Asian region.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact date on which Uzbekistan's official shareholder membership within the New Development Bank became legally effective is 5 June 2026.
- The total cumulative volume of projects approved by the NDB globally since its operational founding in 2015 stands at 139 initiatives valued at nearly $43 billion.
- The financial scale of the preliminary project portfolio already being shaped for infrastructure development between Uzbekistan and the NDB is valued at $4.5 billion.
- The current President of the New Development Bank who met with President Mirziyoyev to map out the bank's medium-term strategy for new member states is Dilma Rousseff.

27–29 JUNE 2026

8. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands on Official Visit to India

Quick Recap: The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) formally welcomed Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands for a three-day official visit focused on exploring India’s Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and enhancing global financial health.

Must-Know Facts:

- This marks Queen Máxima's fourth official visit to India in her designated UN advocacy capacity, following her previous tours in 2014, 2018, and 2022.
- The core operational evolution driving the 2026 visit focuses on transitioning the global conversation from standard financial inclusion (gaining access to a bank account) to financial health (effectively utilizing tools to improve financial resilience).

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30 JUNE 2026

9. China's LineShine Tops TOP500 List as World's Fastest Supercomputer

Quick Recap: China’s newly unveiled homegrown exascale supercomputer, "LineShine," has clinched the number one spot on the global 67th TOP500 list, dethroning the U.S.-based El Capitan system with a historic 2.198 exaflops of sustained performance.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact performance benchmark achieved by China's LineShine supercomputer to shatter the global barrier is 2.198 exaflops.
- The name of the custom domestic processor and platform architecture driving the CPU-only configuration is the LingKun platform (utilizing LX2 processors).
- The prominent American supercomputer that was bumped down to the world's second-fastest machine after leading since late 2024 is El Capitan.

01 JULY 2026

10. India Signs US-Led AI Supply Chain Initiative at Pax Silica Summit

Quick Recap: India, alongside 34 other nations, has signed a United States-led initiative to build trusted and resilient supply chains for artificial intelligence (AI) technologies at the second Pax Silica Summit held in Washington, D.C.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of countries (including India) that have signed the U.S.-led initiative to build trusted artificial intelligence supply chains stands at exactly 35.
- The specific government official who led the Indian administrative delegation at the second Pax Silica Summit in Washington is S. Krishnan, Secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- The exact month and year when India originally signed the bilateral Pax Silica Declaration with the United States in New Delhi is February 2026.

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03 JULY 2026

11. India and Japan Eye LNG Stockpiling Partnership

Quick Recap: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi are set to sign a landmark Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) supply and stockpiling pact during her three-day visit to New Delhi, aimed at safeguarding both nations against severe energy supply chain disruptions.

Must-Know Facts:

- A joint India-Japan task force on LNG stockpiling and information-sharing is being institutionalized to counter maritime supply disruptions.
- Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi arrived in New Delhi for a three-day annual summit—her first official visit to India since taking office.
- The summit targets agreements in critical minerals, semiconductors, AI, and a groundbreaking rupee-yen bilateral trade settlement framework.
- Japan is projecting private-sector investments worth ¥10 trillion in India over the next decade.
- To get a closer look at the diplomatic arrivals and the broader geopolitical context driving this energy summit, you can watch this broadcast covering Japanese PM Takaichi's arrival in India, which highlights how the closure of the Strait of Hormuz accelerated these bilateral energy discussions.

07 JULY 2026

12. India-Japan Joint Statement on Cooperation in Artificial Intelligence

Quick Recap: The Prime Minister of India and the Prime Minister of Japan issued a comprehensive joint statement to elevate bilateral cooperation in artificial intelligence by establishing a strategic research and development partnership.

Must-Know Facts:

- The first official India and Japan AI Strategic Dialogue was successfully conducted by the two nations in April 2026.
- The two countries reaffirmed a specific strategic human resource target to invite 500 highly skilled AI professionals from India to Japan by the year 2030.
- The strategic targets and timelines for talent mobility were originally established during the India-Japan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue held in January 2026.
- The Prime Minister of Japan, Takaichi Sanae, formally announced during the bilateral interactions that Japan will host the next AI Summit at the earliest opportunity.

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08 JULY 2026

13. India and France Co-Chair Economic and Financial Dialogue in Aix-en-Provence

Quick Recap: The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs of India and the Minister of Economy, Finance, Industrial, Energy, and Digital Sovereignty of France co-chaired the India-France Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD) in Aix-en-Provence to enhance strategic partnership across economic and financial sectors.

Must-Know Facts:

- The high-level India-France Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD) was co-chaired by Union Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and French Minister H.E. Mr. Roland Lescure in Aix-en-Provence, France.
- The bilateral platform established a joint commitment between the two nations to evaluate and explore the scheduling of the next edition of the dialogue in 2027.
- The dialogue directly implemented the bilateral administrative commitments formally made during the official visit of French President H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron to India in February 2026.

08 JULY 2026

14. PM Congratulates Keiko Fujimori on Winning Peru's Presidential Election

Quick Recap: The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, extended his formal congratulations to Ms. Keiko Fujimori following her victory in the Peruvian presidential election.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, formally congratulated newly elected leader Ms. Keiko Fujimori on her historic political victory in Peru.
- The formal congratulatory diplomatic statement was officially issued and published by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on 4 July 2026.
- The core objective of the official communication was to reinforce bilateral partnership and enhance international cooperation across multiple developmental sectors.

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08 JULY 2026

15. PM Modi Embarks on Three-Nation Tour Under Act East Ocean Diplomacy

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has embarked on a strategic six-day tour of Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand to fortify India's 'Act East' policy, promote maritime security, and expand trade and defense partnerships across the eastern Indo-Pacific region.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific trio of oceanic nations included in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's high-profile July 2026 maritime diplomacy tour are Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand.
- The critical defense technology item that Indonesia is currently negotiating to procure from India during this bilateral cycle is the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.
- The specific critical energy resource that India is seeking to import from Australia via a finalized deal during the Melbourne summit is Uranium.
- The exact duration of time that had elapsed since an Indian Prime Minister last paid a dedicated bilateral visit to New Zealand before PM Modi's 2026 halt is 40 years.

09 JULY 2026

16. PM Holds Bilateral Talks with Indonesian President in Jakarta; MoUs Exchanged

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held delegation-level bilateral talks with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto at Istana Merdeka in Jakarta, where key pacts were exchanged and the Prime Minister was conferred with Indonesia's highest civilian honour.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific highest civilian honour of Indonesia conferred upon Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the bilateral summit is the Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia.
- The premier Indian management educational institution that has formally agreed to establish its new international branch campus in Jakarta is the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore.
- The foundational year in which the bilateral ties between India and Indonesia were formally elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership is 2018.

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10 JULY 2026

17. India and Maldives Commit to Accelerate BIT and FTA

Quick Recap: India and the Maldives have reaffirmed their mutual commitment to expediting the formal signing of the Bilateral Investment Treaty and the proposed Free Trade Agreement to unlock fresh economic avenues.

Must-Know Facts:

- The comprehensive trade discussions aimed at expediting the Bilateral Investment Treaty and Free Trade Agreement were officially conducted on 08 July 2026.
- The high-profile foreign delegation representing the Government of Maldives was led by its Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Mr. Mohamed Saeed.
- The year 2026 marks the historic completion of exactly 60 years since the formal establishment of diplomatic relations between India and the Maldives.

11–13 JULY 2026

18. India and Australia Sign Pacts on Uranium Supply and Critical Minerals Corridor

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese signed a series of historic agreements in Melbourne, including a pact for the supply of Australian uranium to India and the operationalization of a dedicated Critical Minerals Corridor.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official high-level diplomatic summit hosted between the two ocean powers in Melbourne was the third Australia-India Annual Leaders' Summit.
- The total number of bilateral pacts and comprehensive agreements officially sealed between India and Australia during the summit talks was exactly eighteen.
- The strategic civil nuclear uranium export agreement was successfully finalized between the two nations nearly 12 years after they inked their initial civil nuclear cooperation pact.
- The two specific Australian higher education entities formally granted administrative approval to set up international campuses in India are Victoria University and Flinders University.

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11–13 JULY 2026

19. New Zealand: Over Half of Exports to India to Get Zero Tariffs

Quick Recap: New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon announced that 57 per cent of his country's exports to India will enter tariff-free from day one under a landmark Free Trade Agreement.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise proportion of New Zealand's total exports to India that will receive immediate tariff-free access from day one of the agreement is 57 per cent.
- The final long-term target percentage for the complete elimination of tariffs on items entering India from New Zealand under the trade deal is 95 per cent.
- The bilateral merchandise trade volume recorded between the two partner nations during the 2024–25 financial year stood at 1.3 billion dollars.
- The historic two-day official state visit to New Zealand by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to begin on 10 July 2026.

14 JULY 2026

20. World Bank Approves Financing for India's National Rooftop Solar Programme

Quick Recap: The World Bank Group Board of Executive Directors approved a comprehensive financing package to accelerate the national rooftop solar programme of India, aimed at bringing clean energy to millions of homes and generating extensive employment opportunities.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of job opportunities expected to be created across the renewable energy value chain through this rooftop solar expansion programme is 1.7 million.
- The specific target number of rural and urban households nationwide that the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana aims to cover with solar rooftop installations is 10 million.
- The exact amount of private financing that the World Bank intends to mobilize in the form of commercial loans for household solar installations is 4.2 billion dollars.

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15 JULY 2026

21. India and New Zealand Elevate Ties to Strategic Partnership

Quick Recap: India and New Zealand formally decided to elevate their bilateral ties to a 'Strategic Partnership' during the historic official visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Auckland, targeting a doubling of two-way trade by 2030 and signing key pacts in maritime security and tourism.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact target financial value to which India and New Zealand aim to double their bilateral two-way trade by 2030 is 7 billion New Zealand Dollars (approximately ₹35,000 crore).
- The specific global convention governing maritime rules and freedom of navigation that both prime ministers explicitly reaffirmed is UNCLOS 1982.
- The year during which New Zealand held full command of the Combined Task Force 150 alongside India as its Deputy Commander in the Western Indian Ocean was 2025.

15 JULY 2026

22. WHO Redesignates L V Prasad Eye Institute as Collaborating Centre Until 2030

Quick Recap: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially redesignated the Hyderabad-based L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) as a Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Blindness for another four years, extending its status until 2030.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific calendar year until which the official redesignation of the institute as a collaborating centre has been extended by the global health body is 2030.
- The exact number of eye care institutions worldwide that have been designated by the World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General to support its global blindness prevention programmes is eleven.
- The total duration of time that the L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) has successfully completed as an active World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre since its inception is 25 years.

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15 JULY 2026

23. National Mourning on 13 July for Former Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani

Quick Recap: The Government of India (GoI) observed a one-day national mourning across the country on 13 July 2026 as a mark of respect following the passing of the former Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact calendar date on which the Government of India (GoI) formally observed the one-day national mourning for the departed leader was 13 July 2026.
- The prominent West Asian nation that the former Emir, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani, historically ruled over is the State of Qatar.
- The specific administrative document whose structural operational protocols govern the lowering of the national colors during such state mourning events is the Flag Code of India.

16 JULY 2026

24. India Reaffirms Support for Palestine's Full UN Membership and Two-State Solution

Quick Recap: At a ministerial meeting of the Palestine Donor Group in Brussels, India officially reiterated its support for Palestine's full United Nations membership and a negotiated two-state solution, while announcing new developmental and healthcare projects.

Must-Know Facts:

- The designated Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary who officially delivered India’s stance at the high-level meeting in Brussels is Sripriya Ranganathan.
- The international diplomatic forum where India officially announced its renewed backing for Palestine’s UN inclusion is the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Palestine Donor Group.
- The three major newly committed infrastructure and medical projects announced by India for Palestine are a specialty hospital, an artificial limb fitment center, and a vocational training institute.
- The specific historical year in which Palestine was initially granted its permanent non-member observer status by the UN General Assembly is 2012.

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17 JULY 2026

25. First Round of India-Maldives FTA Negotiations Held

Quick Recap: The first round of negotiations for the India–Maldives Free Trade Agreement (FTA) concluded successfully in virtual mode, registering significant text-based progress across eight technical sessions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The bilateral trade volume between India and the Maldives stood at 771.76 million United States Dollars (USD) during the 2025–26 fiscal year.
- The percentage growth registered in the bilateral trade between the two nations compared to the previous year is 13.54 per cent.
- The total number of technical sessions and policy areas covered during this initial virtual negotiating round was exactly eight.

18–20 JULY 2026

26. India and Belgium Launch Strategic Dialogue

Quick Recap: India and Belgium have officially launched their inaugural Strategic Dialogue in Brussels to establish a highly structured partnership spanning green energy transition, trade, technology, and defense systems.

Must-Know Facts:

- The European city that hosted the historic first meeting of the India-Belgium Strategic Dialogue is Brussels, Belgium.
- The principal Belgian co-chair who jointly inaugurated the platform alongside Dr. S. Jaishankar is Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Maxime Prévot.
- The industrial confederation that hosted the concurrent economic assembly to push forward the India-EU Free Trade Agreement is the Federation of Belgian Enterprises (FEB).
- The high-level economic forum saw top-tier regional political participation, including Matthias Diependaele (Minister-President of Flanders) and Adrien Dolimont (Minister-President of Wallonia).

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22 JULY 2026

27. President Murmu Holds Talks with Moldovan President Maia Sandu in Chișinău

Quick Recap: President Droupadi Murmu held extensive delegation-level talks with Moldovan President Maia Sandu in Chișinău during the first-ever State visit by an Indian Head of State to the Republic of Moldova.

Must-Know Facts:

- The host city where the historic delegation-level talks and the India–Moldova Business Forum took place was Chișinău.
- Formal diplomatic relations between the Republic of India and the Republic of Moldova were established in the year 1992.
- Key collaboration sectors targeted under the renewed economic roadmap include digital public infrastructure, renewable energy, green hydrogen, and pharmaceuticals.

23 JULY 2026

28. President Murmu Begins First-Ever Visit to North Macedonia

Quick Recap: President Droupadi Murmu arrived in North Macedonia on a two-day state visit, becoming the first Indian head of state to visit the Balkan nation.

Must-Know Facts:

- Milestone achieved: First visit by an Indian President to North Macedonia.
- Target set during bilateral negotiations: Doubling bilateral trade.
- Birthplace monument of Mother Teresa visited: Memorial House of Mother Teresa in Skopje.

28 JULY 2026

29. President Murmu Holds Bilateral Talks with Romanian President in Bucharest

Quick Recap: President Droupadi Murmu held delegation-level talks with Romanian President Nicușor Dan in Bucharest, marking the first Indian Presidential visit to Romania in nearly three decades.

Must-Know Facts:

- 2028 Milestone: India-Romania Year of Innovation (80th Anniversary of Ties).
- Cultural Step: ICCR Indian Studies Chair set up at the University of Bucharest.

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28 JULY 2026

30. India and Israel Conclude Second Round of FTA Negotiations

Quick Recap: India and Israel concluded the second round of negotiations in New Delhi for a comprehensive and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement.

Must-Know Facts:

- The bilateral negotiation round spanned four days from July 20 to July 23, 2026 in New Delhi.
- The Terms of Reference (ToR) signed in November 2025 govern the negotiation architecture.
- Technical discussions encompassed nine specific domains including rules of origin and trade facilitation.

28 JULY 2026

31. US Imposes 10% Tariff on Indian Goods Under Section 301 Investigation

Quick Recap: The United States imposed a 10 per cent tariff on Indian imports under a Section 301 forced labour probe following an adjustment from an earlier proposed rate.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) reduced the tariff rate from 12.5 per cent to 10 per cent.
- Approximately 45 per cent of Indian exports to the United States remain outside the scope of the new Section 301 tariff.
- Exemptions cover key manufacturing items including generic pharmaceuticals, smartphones, auto parts, steel, and petroleum products.

29 JULY 2026

32. 45% of India's Exports to US Remain Exempt from New Tariffs

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced that 45 per cent of Indian exports to the United States will remain exempt from new 10 per cent Section 301 tariffs.

Must-Know Facts:

- An estimated 45 per cent of Indian exports to the United States remain exempt from the new 10 per cent duty.
- The United States Trade Representative reduced the tariff rate from an initial 12.5 per cent to 10 per cent.
- The remaining 55 per cent of Indian exports will attract the 10 per cent Section 301 tariff.

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06 AUGUST 2026

33. India and Uzbekistan Aim to Double Bilateral Trade to $3 Billion

Quick Recap: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal called on businesses from India and Uzbekistan to double bilateral trade to 3 billion dollars over the next three years.

Must-Know Facts:

- The target fixed by Union Minister Piyush Goyal is to double bilateral trade from 1.5 billion United States Dollars over three years.
- The newly concluded Bilateral Investment Treaty serves as the primary legal framework protecting cross-border investment flows between India and Uzbekistan.
- Mining, textiles, pharmaceuticals, and Digital Public Infrastructure were designated as the core focus sectors for bilateral commercial expansion.

06 AUGUST 2026

34. India Invites Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman to 18th BRICS Summit

Quick Recap: India invited Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to the upcoming eighteenth Brazil Russia India China South Africa summit in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- New Delhi will host the 18th Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) summit on 12th and 13th September 2026.
- The eleven member nations of the Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) grouping account for 49.5 per cent of the global population.
- Tarique Rahman assumed office as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh in February.

11 AUGUST 2026

35. India Escorts 60 Vessels Through the Strait of Hormuz

Quick Recap: The Indian government safely navigated sixty merchant vessels through the Strait of Hormuz while repatriating nearly 4,000 Indian seafarers during the West Asia crisis.

Must-Know Facts:

- Indian maritime authorities successfully escorted sixty merchant cargo vessels through the strategic passage.
- Government crisis response teams repatriated 3,972 Indian maritime workers.
- Official confirmation of these naval security measures came through an explicit parliamentary submission.

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12 AUGUST 2026

36. US Senate Passes Bill Allowing 100% Tariffs on Buyers of Russian Oil

Quick Recap: The United States Senate passed a bipartisan bill authorizing tariffs up to 100 per cent on top buyers of Russian oil and natural gas, directly targeting India and China.

Must-Know Facts:

- 100 per cent tariff rate authorized against top importers of Russian crude oil and natural gas.
- Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 as the formal legislation name.
- 2031 as the extended expiration year for the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.

15–17 AUGUST 2026

37. India and SACU Sign Terms of Reference for Preferential Trade Agreement

Quick Recap: India and the Southern African Customs Union signed the Terms of Reference for negotiating a Preferential Trade Agreement at Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi on 12 August 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Terms of Reference (ToR) for negotiating a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) were signed on 12 August 2026.
- The proposed Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between India and the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) encompasses eight designated chapters.
- The signing event took place at Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi.

15–17 AUGUST 2026

38. India and Nepal Sign MoUs for Eight Development Projects Worth NPR 803 Million

Quick Recap: India and Nepal signed Memorandums of Understanding for eight development projects valued at NPR 803 million spanning education, health, and agriculture in Nepal.

Must-Know Facts:

- Total financial grant: NPR 803 million for 8 developmental initiatives.
- Sectors covered: Health, Education, and Agriculture.
- Framework: High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs).

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22–24 AUGUST 2026

39. Legal Scrubbing of India-EU FTA Completed; Signing Expected by Year-End

Quick Recap: Legal scrubbing of the India–European Union Free Trade Agreement text has been completed, paving the way for internal member approvals and expected formal signing by the end of 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- End of 2026 target timeline established for final signing of the trade pact.
- 2022 year in which formal bilateral FTA negotiations were officially restarted.
- 27 member nations of the EU represented under the unified trade framework.

25 AUGUST 2026

40. Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir Elected 23rd President of Bangladesh

Quick Recap: Senior Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was elected as the twenty-third President of Bangladesh following a parliamentary vote in Dhaka.

Must-Know Facts:

- Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir is the newly elected 23rd President of Bangladesh.
- 255 votes were secured by Alamgir to win the presidential contest.
- 35 years is the duration since the last contested presidential election in Bangladesh.

25 AUGUST 2026

41. India and Singapore Sign Agreements at Fourth Ministerial Roundtable

Quick Recap: India and Singapore signed bilateral agreements in telecommunications and food safety while reviewing strategic cooperation in semiconductors, space, and cybersecurity during the ministerial roundtable.

Must-Know Facts:

- The fourth edition of the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) was held in Singapore.
- FSSAI and Singapore Food Agency signed the formal MoU on food safety cooperation.
- IN-SPACe and the Singapore Space Agency were designated to lead bilateral space research cooperation.

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26 AUGUST 2026

42. India and GCC Review FTA Negotiations in Riyadh

Quick Recap: Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Vipul met Gulf Cooperation Council Secretary General Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi in Riyadh to review progress on the bilateral Free Trade Agreement negotiations.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Gulf Cooperation Council [GCC] represents India's largest trading partner bloc, accounting for 15.42 per cent of total global trade in 2024-25.
- Total bilateral trade between India and the Gulf Cooperation Council [GCC] stood at 178.56 billion United States Dollars [USD] in financial year 2024-25.
- Cumulative foreign direct investment from Gulf Cooperation Council [GCC] member states into India crossed 31.14 billion United States Dollars [USD].

26 AUGUST 2026

43. India and Morocco Plan a Preferential Trade Agreement

Quick Recap: India and the Kingdom of Morocco agreed to explore a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) to double their bilateral trade volume within five years across key industrial and agricultural sectors.

Must-Know Facts:

- India and the Kingdom of Morocco agreed to explore establishing a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA).
- The trade agreement sets a target to double bilateral trade volume between the two nations within five years.
- Core collaboration sectors identified include agriculture, renewable energy, infrastructure, and fertilizer supply chains.

26 AUGUST 2026

44. 27th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission Session Held in Moscow

Quick Recap: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Moscow to co chair the twenty seventh session of the India Russia Inter Governmental Commission with First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.

Must-Know Facts:

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar co-chaired the twenty-seventh session of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission [IRIGC-TEC] in Moscow.
- First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov represented the Russian Federation as the co-chair during the session.
- The session focused on advancing bilateral cooperation across trade, economic, scientific, technological, and cultural domains.

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29–31 AUGUST 2026

45. India and China Reach Eight-Point Consensus at 25th Special Representatives Talks

Quick Recap: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi reached an eight-point consensus during SR talks in Beijing, establishing two new border military hotlines and two additional meeting points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Must-Know Facts:

- 25th SR-level boundary talks yielded an eight-point consensus on border management and de-escalation.
- Approved 2 new border hotlines (Eastern & Middle sectors) and 2 new Senior Commander meeting points.
- Agreed to advance "early harvest" delimitation discussions and hold the 26th round of SR talks in India in 2027.

Summits & Conferences

16 JUNE 2026

1. 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum Concludes in New Delhi

Quick Recap: Hosted under India's 2026 BRICS Chairship, the 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum concluded with member states adopting a Ministerial Declaration for inclusive cities and backing India's proposal for a 'BRICS Urban Research and Knowledge Network'.

Must-Know Facts:

- The central theme guiding the 13th edition of the international BRICS Urbanisation summit was 'Cities for People: BRICS Cooperation for Inclusive and Resilient Urban Futures.'
- The formal institutional research platform proposed by India and approved by member delegations is called the 'BRICS Urban Research and Knowledge Network'.
- Union Housing Minister Shri Manohar Lal officially released a specific national compilation titled 'India’s Urban Transformation: Stories of Change' during the plenary.
- The top diplomatic official serving as India's current BRICS Sherpa during the New Delhi proceedings was External Relations Secretary, Shri Sudhakar Dalela.

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17 JUNE 2026

2. 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting Concludes in Indore

Quick Recap: The Sixteenth BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting has concluded in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, with the unanimous adoption of a Joint Declaration focused on farmer-centric approaches and establishing multiple collaborative networks.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Sixteenth BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting was officially held on 12–13 June 2026.
- The event achieved a significant milestone by being the first BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting to bring together both Member Countries and Partner Countries.
- The BRICS Agriculture Working Group extensively discussed four key priorities during meetings spanning across the past three months.
- The event witnessed active participation from a total of approximately 100 delegates representing the various participating nations.

25 JUNE 2026

3. India to Host BRICS Security Conclave

Quick Recap: The National Security Adviser (NSA), Ajit Doval is set to chair a crucial two-day conclave of BRICS top security officials in New Delhi to address pressing geopolitical and non-traditional security challenges.

Must-Know Facts:

- The expanded 11-member BRICS grouping represents approximately 49.5% of the global population, around 40% of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and about 26% of international trade.
- The prominent security conclave of the National Security Advisers (NSAs) of the member nations officially commenced its two-day sessions on 22 June 2026.
- The strategic deliberations are designed to lay the foundational framework and outcome agendas for the final leaders' BRICS Summit to be hosted by India in September 2026.

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07 JULY 2026

4. Outcomes of the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit

Quick Recap: The sixteenth India-Japan Annual Summit was held following the visit of the Prime Minister of Japan to India, resulting in sixteen agreements and joint statements to strengthen bilateral cooperation across multiple sectors including artificial intelligence, energy resilience, and economic security.

Must-Know Facts:

- The bilateral event held in India marked the 16th edition of the India-Japan Annual Summit.
- The year 2027 will be celebrated as the India-Japan Year of Shared Horizons to mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two nations.
- The Memorandum of Cooperation for the India-Japan Cooperative Biogas for Growth (CBG) Initiative has set a specific physical target to establish 1,000 biogas and organic fertilizer plants across India.
- The institutional framework for the Next Generation Mobility Partnership (NGMP) was originally announced by the two countries at their 15th Annual Summit held in August 2025.

08 JULY 2026

5. India to Host BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting in Guwahati

Quick Recap: India will host the high-level BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies meeting on 6-7 July 2026 in Guwahati, Assam, to strengthen institutional collaboration and counter emerging drug trafficking challenges.

Must-Know Facts:

- The high-level BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies meeting will be hosted under the overarching chairmanship theme of "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".
- The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) will organize exactly six distinct thematic sessions during the two-day summit to deliberate on emerging global enforcement challenges.
- The primary schedule for the international ministerial and agency event has been fixed for 6-7 July 2026 in Guwahati, Assam.

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09 JULY 2026

6. BRICS Women's Working Group Meeting Begins in Kochi

Quick Recap: India has commenced the two-day Brazil Russia India China South Africa (BRICS) Women's Working Group (WWG) meeting in Kochi, Kerala, to deliberate on women-led development and gender empowerment.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official designated theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026 is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- The total number of priority pillars established by India to guide the deliberations of the BRICS Women Track is four.
- The specific dates finalized for the high-level BRICS Ministerial Meeting on women's empowerment are 8 July 2026 and 9 July 2026.

10 JULY 2026

7. India to Host Third BRICS Transport Ministers' Meeting in Nagpur

Quick Recap: India is scheduled to host the Third BRICS Transport Ministers' Meeting in Nagpur on the Eleventh and Twelfth of July 2026 to deepen international transport cooperation under its current chairship.

Must-Know Facts:

- The host venue for the high-level Third BRICS Transport Ministers' Meeting is specifically designated as Nagpur, India.
- The expanded BRICS coalition commands an immense economic footprint that constitutes around 40 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- The official timeline scheduled for the ministerial transport assembly spans over 11 July 2026 and 12 July 2026.

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11–13 JULY 2026

8. 13th AITIGA Joint Committee Meeting Hosted by India

Quick Recap: India has hosted the 13th ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement Joint Committee meeting in New Delhi to advance economic cooperation and fast-track outstanding chapters of the trade pact review.

Must-Know Facts:

- The 13th AITIGA Joint Committee review meetings were hosted at Vanijya Bhawan over a scheduled timeline spanning from 06 to 10 July 2026.
- Bilateral trade volume between India and the ASEAN trade bloc reached exactly 128 billion dollars across the 2025–2026 fiscal year.
- The relative share of ASEAN within the broader matrix of India's aggregate global trade stands at around 11 per cent.
- The official central press statement detailing the progress of the trade pact review was published by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on Wednesday, 08 July 2026.

11–13 JULY 2026

9. BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting Commences in Kochi

Quick Recap: The BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting has commenced in Kochi under India’s 2026 Chairship, resulting in the historic adoption of a Joint Statement and two landmark digital deliverables to expand women’s socio-economic empowerment.

Must-Know Facts:

- The highly anticipated 2026 BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting officially commenced its sessions in Kochi on Wednesday, 08 July 2026.
- The overarching organizational theme designated for India's 2026 BRICS Chairship priorities is "Building for Resilience."
- The historic ministerial-level deliberations in Kerala marked the official convening of the 4th BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting.
- The official central government brief outlining the international deliverables adopted at the summit was released by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on 08 July 2026.

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14 JULY 2026

10. Third India-Australia Annual Summit: Joint Statement

Quick Recap: The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, visited Australia from 8 July 2026 to 10 July 2026 to attend the Third India-Australia Annual Summit alongside the Prime Minister of Australia, Anthony Albanese, in Melbourne.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Third India-Australia Annual Summit was formally hosted in Melbourne, Australia, from 8 July 2026 to 10 July 2026.
- The India-Australia Maritime Security Collaboration Roadmap was officially agreed upon by both nations during the summit to enhance regional security.
- A visiting military instructor from India is scheduled to be placed at the Australian Defence College (ADC) during the 2028-2029 timeframe.
- The Rooftop Solar Academy has been established and operationalised as a key initiative under the India-Australia Renewable Energy Partnership.

14 JULY 2026

11. BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting Concludes in Kochi

Quick Recap: The Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Women Ministerial Meeting concluded in Kochi on 9 July 2026, marking the historic adoption of the first-ever Joint Statement in the Women Track.

Must-Know Facts:

- The historic four-day engagement of the BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting was officially concluded on 9 July 2026.
- The international ministerial conference and its associated working group sessions were hosted in the coastal city of Kochi.
- The two strategic institutional mechanisms introduced by India during the summit are the BRICS Digital Repository of Best Practices and the BRICS Digital Capacity Building Guidelines.

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17 JULY 2026

12. India to Host 12th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting in Hyderabad

Quick Recap: India is set to host the twelfth BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting in Hyderabad under the presidency theme of building for resilience, innovation, cooperation, and sustainability.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific edition of the BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting that India is hosting is the twelfth meeting.
- The distinct Indian city selected as the venue to host the multilateral BRICS labor ministers conference is Hyderabad.
- The prominent central leader appointed to chair the upcoming BRICS international employment ministers meeting is Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.

21 JULY 2026

13. Fifth BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs' Meeting Held in New Delhi

Quick Recap: The national security chiefs of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation member states have vowed to combat terrorism and endorsed new guiding principles for maritime law enforcement coordination during a high-level meeting in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific edition of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) National Security Chiefs meeting held in New Delhi was the fifth meeting.
- The exact date on which the high-level regional security meeting was convened by the host country in New Delhi was 16 July 2026.
- The milestone anniversary that the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) grouping is approaching next year is its 30th anniversary.

28 JULY 2026

14. 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting Concludes in Chandigarh

Quick Recap: India successfully hosted the 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting in Chandigarh, where member states unanimously adopted the 16th BRICS Health Ministerial Declaration and designated NIMHANS Bengaluru to lead a new mental health network.

Must-Know Facts:

- Summit Location: Chandigarh, India (Under India's 2026 Chairship).
- Coordinating Center for Mental Wellness: NIMHANS, Bengaluru.
- Key Document Adopted: 16th BRICS Health Ministerial Declaration.

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29 JULY 2026

15. Third BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction Held in New Delhi

Quick Recap: India successfully hosted the 3rd BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction in New Delhi, concluding with the adoption of the BRICS Joint Statement on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Must-Know Facts:

- Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai chaired the 3rd BRICS DRR Ministerial Meeting.
- The meeting focused on implementing the BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Work Plan (2025–2028).
- India launched six flagship knowledge products during its Chairship of the meeting.

01–03 AUGUST 2026

16. India to Host 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on 12-13 September

Quick Recap: India is finalizing diplomatic arrangements to host Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin for the BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 12–13.

Must-Know Facts:

- September 12–13 marks the scheduled dates for the BRICS Summit in New Delhi.
- Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin are among the primary international heads of state planning to attend the summit.
- BRICS platform serves as a key forum for emerging economies to deliberate on international finance and geopolitical issues.

06 AUGUST 2026

17. India Hosts Meeting of Heads of BRICS National Statistical Offices

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation hosted the Meeting of Heads of NSOs of BRICS Countries under the theme Quality Statistics as Driver of Change.

Must-Know Facts:

- The central theme of the BRICS 2026 Statistics Track meeting was "Quality Statistics as Driver of Change".
- The knowledge partner collaborating for the administrative data side event was CivicDataLab.
- Participating expanded BRICS nations in the technical proceedings included India, Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, UAE, and Indonesia.

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07 AUGUST 2026

18. 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting Held in Bhubaneswar

Quick Recap: Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi will participate in the 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting scheduled from August 5–7 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Must-Know Facts:

- The 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting takes place from August 5–7, 2026 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Priority discussion areas include Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and Technical & Vocational Education and Training (TVET).
- Model BRICS was conceptualized as a student-centric parallel event to encourage youth diplomacy.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

19. Second BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting Held in Hyderabad

Quick Recap: India hosted the second BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group meeting in Hyderabad to advance consensus on asset recovery, fugitive extradition, and technology-driven corruption prevention.

Must-Know Facts:

- The 2nd BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group meeting took place in Hyderabad under India's presidency.
- DoPT Secretary Rachna Shah led the inaugural address emphasizing zero tolerance for corruption.
- Member states agreed in principle to form a law enforcement network to target fugitive economic offenders and facilitate asset recovery.

11 AUGUST 2026

20. 10th BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting Concludes in Jaipur

Quick Recap: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal chaired the Tenth BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting in Jaipur adopting a Joint Declaration on industrial growth and proposing new startup innovation mechanisms.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Tenth BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, under India's 2026 Chairship.
- The theme for the Tenth BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting was Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.
- India proposed two landmark initiatives during the meeting: the BRICS Incubator Network and the BRICS Startup Innovation Fund.

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11 AUGUST 2026

21. India Opposes Common Currency Proposal at BRICS Trade Ministers' Meeting

Quick Recap: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced that India opposes introducing a common currency for trade among member nations of the economic grouping.

Must-Know Facts:

- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal formally declared India's opposition to a unified BRICS currency.
- The newly adopted credit assessment framework targets narrowing a global trade finance gap of 2.5 trillion dollars.
- The approved global value chain action plan establishes a strategic cooperation timeline spanning 2026 to 2030.

11 AUGUST 2026

22. BRICS WAVES Bazaar Held in Mumbai

Quick Recap: The two-day BRICS WAVES Bazaar commenced in Mumbai with participation from over 500 delegates representing 21 member and partner nations.

Must-Know Facts:

- Mumbai hosted the two-day international trade event focusing on the creative economy.
- Over 500 delegates from 21 BRICS member and partner nations attended the forum.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting spearheaded the market platform under India's BRICS Chairmanship.

12 AUGUST 2026

23. 11th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting Adopts Bhopal Declaration

Quick Recap: The 11th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting concluded in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, with member nations adopting the joint Bhopal Declaration to strengthen cultural cooperation.

Must-Know Facts:

- Bhopal hosted the 11th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting under India's chairmanship.
- Participating countries unanimously adopted the Bhopal Declaration on cultural preservation and cooperation.
- Digitalization of cultural archives and protection against illicit trafficking formed central elements of the agreement.

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12 AUGUST 2026

24. CCI Hosts Meeting of BRICS Heads of Competition Authorities

Quick Recap: The Competition Commission of India hosted the meeting of BRICS Heads of Competition Authorities, adopting a joint declaration to promote fair competition across renewable energy markets.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Competition Commission of India chaired the BRICS competition regulators meeting under India's BRICS Chairship.
- BRICS competition authorities published a joint study on competition dynamics within the renewable energy sector.
- Brazil will host the 10th BRICS International Competition Conference in 2027.

19 AUGUST 2026

25. Iranian President Pezeshkian to Attend 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi

Quick Recap: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian will travel to New Delhi to participate in the eighteenth Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa summit and hold bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Must-Know Facts:

- Eighteenth BRICS Leaders Summit takes place in New Delhi on September 12 and 13.
- More than 165 Indian seafarers operate across commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz and Persian Gulf region.
- Iran officially joined the expanded BRICS intergovernmental framework as a full member state.

20 AUGUST 2026

26. 7th BRICS ICT Working Group Meeting Held in Pune

Quick Recap: India hosted the seventh meeting of the BRICS Working Group for Cooperation in Information and Communication Technologies in Pune to advance digital cooperation and next-generation telecom frameworks.

Must-Know Facts:

- Seventh BRICS ICT Working Group Meeting was held in Pune under India's BRICS Chairship.
- Theme of the ICT Track under India's Chairship was titled Innovate, Cooperate and Transform (ICT) for a Resilient Future.
- Department of Telecommunications Secretary Amit Agrawal inaugurated the international working group proceedings.

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27. 12th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting Launches Knowledge Products

Quick Recap: India hosted the Twelfth BRICS Environment Ministers Meeting under its 2026 Chairship and launched major compendiums on sustainable lifestyles, wildfire management, and circular economy.

Must-Know Facts:

- India chaired the Twelfth BRICS Environment Ministers Meeting under its 2026 Chairship.
- The meeting launched a dedicated compendium focusing on Integrated Fire Management.
- India's Mission LiFE and Extended Producer Responsibility framework were featured as core environmental models.

25 AUGUST 2026

28. 12th BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting Held Under India's Chairship

Quick Recap: Union Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia chaired the 12th BRICS Communications Ministers Meeting to strengthen cooperation in ICTs, emerging technologies, and digital public infrastructure.

Must-Know Facts:

- The 12th BRICS Communications Ministers Meeting was held under India's BRICS Chairship.
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia visited the Digital BRICS Forum Expo held alongside the ministerial meeting.
- Discussions emphasized practical digital transformation, cybersecurity cooperation, and capacity building.

26 AUGUST 2026

29. BRICS Sports Ministers Adopt Joint Declaration at Visakhapatnam

Quick Recap: The BRICS Sports Ministers Meeting 2026 concluded in Visakhapatnam with the consensus adoption of the BRICS Sports Joint Declaration to strengthen sports science and collaboration.

Must-Know Facts:

- The meeting concluded with the consensus adoption of the BRICS Sports Joint Declaration in Visakhapatnam.
- Udaipur in Rajasthan was chosen to host the inaugural BRICS Sports Manufacturing Conclave in November 2026.
- The theme for India's BRICS Chairship 2026 is Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.

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26 AUGUST 2026

30. BRICS Youth Ministers' Meeting Concludes in Visakhapatnam

Quick Recap: Youth Ministers from BRICS nations adopted a Joint Statement in Visakhapatnam to enhance youth participation, skill development, and cross-border innovation across member states.

Must-Know Facts:

- The BRICS Youth Ministers' Meeting 2026 adopted a Joint Statement in Visakhapatnam.
- The BRICS Youth Summit and BRICS Youth Council Meeting preceded the ministerial session in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Bilateral discussions on youth entrepreneurship and skill development were held with South Africa and the United Arab Emirates [UAE].

Reports & Indices

02 JUNE 2026

1. India Unveils Port Performance Index and Maritime Digital Reforms

Quick Recap: Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the Logistics Port Performance Index for the fiscal year 2024–25 and four major digital governance initiatives during the 37th Foundation Day celebrations of the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority in Mumbai.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific global rank targeted by India in the International Shipments category of the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index following recent structural maritime upgrades is 22nd position.
- The specific percentage of a recycled vessel's total scrap value provided as a redeemable credit note to ship owners under the new Unified Ship Recycling Credit Note Module is 40 per cent.
- The total financial outlay of the comprehensive multi-year maritime development package announced by the Union Government under which the ship recycling scheme operates is ₹70,000 crore.

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05 JUNE 2026

2. Forbes Billionaires Ranking June 2026: Elon Musk at the Top

Quick Recap: The latest Forbes billionaires ranking for June 2026 indicates that surging technology stocks driven by artificial intelligence and cloud computing have boosted the collective wealth of the top 10 billionaires to nearly 2.9 trillion United States Dollars, with Elon Musk securely leading the global list.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact estimated total net worth achieved by Elon Musk to maintain his top position on the global Forbes billionaires index in June 2026 is 835 billion United States Dollars.
- The specific financial amount gained by Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison during the month of May to record the largest wealth increase on the list is 71 billion United States Dollars.
- The collective milestone net worth held cumulatively by the top ten richest individuals in the world according to the June 2026 data is nearly 2.9 trillion United States Dollars.
- The youngest individual ranking within the top ten wealthiest people in the world for June 2026 at 41 years of age is Meta Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg.

06–08 JUNE 2026

3. India Ranks 4th in AI Performance and 5th in Digital Economy

Quick Recap: India has secured the fourth rank globally in Artificial Intelligence performance and climbed to the fifth position in the overall digital economy rankings according to the newly released State of India's Digital Economy (SIDE) report.

Must-Know Facts:

- India secured the fourth rank globally on the specialized Artificial Intelligence (AI) Performance Index, trailing only behind the United States, China, and Singapore.
- India generated an impressive 328 billion dollars in digitally delivered trade, which accounts for nearly half of all BRICS digitally delivered services exports.
- The report highlights a sharp investment paradox as India accounts for 26 per cent of global Artificial Intelligence (AI) users but attracts just 1 per cent of global private investment.

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12 JUNE 2026

4. WEF: Earth Observation Can Add $263 Billion in Annual Economic Value

Quick Recap: A new report highlights that resolving data barriers in Earth Observation (EO) can unlock an uncaptured USD 263 billion in annual economic value worldwide, pushing its total global potential past USD 700 billion.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific amount of annual economic value that remains currently uncaptured due to data processing and availability frictions is USD 263 billion.
- The total potential aggregate contribution that Earth Observation data can offer to the global economy annually is USD 703 billion.
- The exact percentage of total Earth Observation economic opportunities that currently remain unscaled and unrealized is more than 37 per cent.
- The volume of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that could be mitigated annually via proper EO technology integration is more than 2 gigatonnes (GT).
- The specific calendar date on which this joint global economic analysis report was officially published is 9 June 2026.

13–15 JUNE 2026

5. JNPA India's Top Container Port, Ranks 22nd Globally: World Bank

Quick Recap: The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) has retained its position as the top container port in India and secured the twenty-second rank globally in the World Bank's Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) for 2025.

Must-Know Facts:

- The global ranking secured by the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority in the Container Port Performance Index for 2025 was exactly twenty-second.
- The specific private facility that emerged as India's best-performing private container port by securing the twenty-eighth position was Pipavav Port.
- The public sector Visakhapatnam Port experienced a significant decline in its administrative performance ranking by dropping exactly 34 places to the 104th position.
- The comprehensive Container Port Performance Index evaluating the performance of global maritime installations for 2025 was published by the World Bank in collaboration with S&P Global Market Intelligence.

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17 JUNE 2026

6. Global Peace Index 2026: India Slips to 127th

Quick Recap: The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2026 has revealed a continuous decline in global peacefulness due to armed conflicts, with Iceland retaining its position as the safest nation while India dropped to the 120-seventh spot.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact position occupied by India in the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2026 following its twelve-rank decline from the previous year is 120-seventh.
- The total number of consecutive years for which Iceland has successfully maintained its status as the most peaceful country in the world is nineteen.
- The specific percentage by which the overall peacefulness score of Poland increased to make it the most improved nation globally is 9.1 per cent.
- The historical global milestone marker from which active state-based conflicts have reached their absolute highest level according to the report is the end of World War II.

19 JUNE 2026

7. CAG: All 28 States Posted Deficits in FY25

Quick Recap: According to a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report, fiscal strain escalated in the financial year 2024–25 as all 28 Indian states recorded fiscal deficits, driving their combined outstanding liabilities to ₹90.51 lakh crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total combined outstanding liabilities across all 28 states surged to ₹90.51 lakh crore as of March 31, 2025.
- 15 states exceeded the recommended fiscal deficit boundary line of 3% of their GSDP.
- State GST (SGST) remains the principal pillar of domestic revenue mobilization, generating more than 43% of the states' total own tax revenues.

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23 JUNE 2026

8. QS World University Rankings 2027: IIT Delhi Top in India, MIT Retains No. 1

Quick Recap: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has emerged as India's highest-ranked institution by climbing to 118th position globally in the QS World University Rankings 2027, while the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) secured the world's number one spot for the 15th consecutive year.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi ranked as the top national university, matching India's all-time historical high at 118th position globally.
- A total of 52 Indian universities qualified for inclusion in the 2027 rankings, establishing India as the fifth most represented higher education system in the world.
- The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) successfully maintained its global dominance by holding the rank 1 position for the 15th consecutive year.
- The second place position in the international rankings was split as a dead-heat tie between Imperial College London and Stanford University.

23 JUNE 2026

9. Bengaluru Enters Global Top 10 for Startup Performance

Quick Recap: According to the Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) 2026, Bengaluru has secured the second spot in Asia for AI innovation and officially entered the global top 10 rankings for both ecosystem performance and R&D.

Must-Know Facts:

- Bengaluru successfully secured the 15th position globally in the comprehensive GSER 2026 index while establishing an overall ecosystem value of 152.8 billion United States Dollars.
- The tech city ranked as the number 2 AI-native startup ecosystem in Asia, trailing only behind Beijing in total artificial intelligence infrastructure.
- The state of Karnataka accounts for a dominant 58 per cent share of the total collective venture funding distributed to AI startups across India.
- Between 2021 and 2025, the local ecosystem recorded 304 startup exits that yielded an aggregate financial value of 46 billion United States Dollars.

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24 JUNE 2026

10. WEF Energy Transition Index: India Climbs to 70th

Quick Recap: India has climbed two spots to rank 70th globally on the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Energy Transition Index 2026, emerging as a top global gainer even as global transition readiness declined for the first time in over a decade due to geopolitical risks.

Must-Know Facts:

- India secured the 70th rank in the newly published World Economic Forum Energy Transition Index 2026.
- The top three global positions on the index continue to be dominated by the Nordic nations, with Sweden retaining 1st place, followed by Finland (2nd) and Denmark (3rd).
- Despite a record-breaking global investment of USD 3.3 trillion in energy (including USD 2.3 trillion in clean energy), overall global transition readiness declined for the first time in over ten years.

27–29 JUNE 2026

11. MoSPI to Launch India's First Index of Services Production

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has announced that India's first-ever monthly Index of Services Production (ISP) will be released on July 14 to track short-term changes in the output of the services sector.

Must-Know Facts:

- The historic launch date designated for the official release of the trial monthly indices for the country's debut services output tracker is July 14.
- The benchmark period designated as the official base year for compiling the newly introduced services index is the Financial Year 2024-25.
- The services sector represents a dominant share of the domestic economic output by contributing more than 50 per cent of India's total Gross Value Added (GVA).

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01 JULY 2026

12. MAHE Achieves Top Global Rankings in THE Impact Rankings 2026

Quick Recap: The Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) secured the number one global rank for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 relating to gender equality in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact global position secured by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 regarding Gender Equality in the 2026 assessment is number one.
- The previous ranking held by the institution in the specific category of Gender Equality prior to its leap to the top spot was rank eleven.
- The prominent administrative leader who serves as the Vice Chancellor of the university is Dr. Sharath K. Rao.
- The specific ranking achieved by the university globally for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 relating to Good Health and Well-being is rank five.

03 JULY 2026

13. NSO: Unemployment Rate Declines; Urban Female Joblessness Worsens

Quick Recap: The National Statistics Office reported that the overall unemployment rate in India dropped to an eight-year low of 3.1 per cent in 2025, although state-level granular metrics reveal a contrasting rise in urban female joblessness across multiple territories.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact macro-level headline unemployment rate achieved by India during the year 2025 was 3.1 per cent, representing an eight-year low for the domestic economy.
- The worst-performing administrative region in terms of urban female joblessness at the end of the tracking cycle was Arunachal Pradesh with an absolute unemployment level of 18.4 per cent.
- The specific compound annual growth rate (CAGR) achieved by Kerala to successfully lower its historically high urban female unemployment index down to 6.7 per cent was negative 18.27 per cent.
- The highly industrialised state of Gujarat effectively achieved absolute urban gender employment parity by bringing its female joblessness index down to 1.5 per cent against a male index of 1.3 per cent.

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06 JULY 2026

14. VisaGuide Passport Index: India Ranked 125th

Quick Recap: The Indian passport remained static at the 125th position globally in the latest VisaGuide. World Passport Index despite achieving its highest-ever mobility score of 15.65.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise global ranking occupied by the Indian passport in the newly released VisaGuide. World Passport Index is the 125th position.
- The historic, highest-ever quantitative mobility score achieved by the Indian passport in the current edition of the index is 15.65.
- The exact number of sovereign nations that currently offer completely visa-free entry to Indian passport holders is 30 countries.
- The index revealed that Indian citizens are required to obtain a traditional, pre-approved consular visa to enter a total of 121 countries globally.

10 JULY 2026

15. Performance Grading Index 2.0 for States/UTs and PGI-District 2025-26 Released

Quick Recap: The Union Ministry of Education has officially released the detailed reports on the Performance Grading Index 2.0 for States/UTs (PGI-S) and the Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) for the academic year 2025-2026 to assess the performance of the school education system across India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Performance Grading Index 2.0 for States/UTs (PGI-S) evaluates regional educational performance based on a total weightage of 1000 points.
- The Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) utilizes a distinct evaluation framework that comprises a total weightage of 600 points.
- Both the state and district assessment frameworks evaluate educational performance uniformly across exactly 70 distinct indicators.
- The official release of the reports on the state and district performance grading indices for the year 2025-2026 was posted on 07 July 2026.

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10 JULY 2026

16. MoSPI Million-Plus Cities Survey Highlights Urban Unemployment Disparities

Quick Recap: A Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation report has revealed that Prayagraj and Patna recorded the highest urban unemployment rates at over 20 per cent each among 46 million-plus population cities surveyed, while Ahmedabad and Kolkata registered the lowest at 2.5 per cent.

Must-Know Facts:

- The comprehensive urban labor market report systematically surveyed a targeted cohort of exactly 46 cities with populations exceeding 10 lakh.
- The aggregate average urban unemployment rate mapped across all the surveyed million-plus municipal areas stands at 6.8 per cent.
- The minimum unemployment floor among the surveyed urban clusters was recorded at 2.5 per cent in Ahmedabad and Kolkata.
- The data collection framework deployed by the ministry evaluated the employment profiles of more than 19,000 households across the country.

10 JULY 2026

17. IMF Revises India's FY27 GDP Growth Projection to 6.4%

Quick Recap: The International Monetary Fund has lowered India’s GDP growth forecast for the financial year 2026–2027 by 10 basis points to 6.4 per cent due to higher oil prices, while projecting a rebound to 6.7 per cent in the financial year 2027–2028.

Must-Know Facts:

- The revised GDP growth projection finalized by the IMF for India in the financial year 2026–2027 is exactly 6.4 per cent.
- The global economic body expects India's economic performance to experience a healthy rebound to 6.7 per cent in the subsequent financial year 2027–2028.
- The IMF's modified global economic growth target for the calendar year 2026 has been adjusted downwards to 3.0 per cent.
- The official quarterly economic update carrying these revised domestic and global growth baseline parameters was published on Wednesday, 08 July 2026.

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11–13 JULY 2026

18. AISHE Combined Reports Released

Quick Recap: The Union Ministry of Education has released the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) reports for 2022-23 and 2023-24, showcasing a rise in the Gross Enrolment Ratio to 30 and an improved female presence in STEM fields.

Must-Know Facts:

- The nationwide Gross Enrolment Ratio mapped across the higher education sector touched exactly 30 during the 2023–24 cycle.
- The national Gender Parity Index (GPI) has maintained a healthy baseline value above 1.0 for exactly seven consecutive years.
- The relative share of female student enrollment within specialized STEM courses reached 44 per cent in the 2023–2024 reporting phase.
- The official central government release summarizing the multi-year higher education survey parameters was published on Wednesday, 08 July 2026.

14 JULY 2026

19. IMF World Economic Outlook Update Released

Quick Recap: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released its July 2026 World Economic Outlook (WEO) update, projecting global growth at 3.0 per cent for 2026 and 3.4 per cent for 2027 amid the opposing macroeconomic forces of conflict-related disruptions and an accelerating technology cycle.

Must-Know Facts:

- The baseline global economic growth rate projected by the International Monetary Fund for the entire calendar year 2026 is 3.0 per cent.
- The benchmark global oil price assumed by the researchers to calculate the commodity market pressure on net energy-importing countries is 89 dollars per barrel.
- The percentage by which total global output could contract over the next couple of years if the market undergoes an artificial intelligence productivity disappointment scenario is 1.2 per cent.

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14 JULY 2026

20. WII Report: Great Indian Bustard Population Stable in Thar Desert

Quick Recap: A new status assessment report released by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change reveals that the population of the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB) has remained stable at an estimated 130 birds within the Thar desert of Rajasthan.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact estimated number of individual Great Indian Bustards surviving in the wild in Rajasthan according to the latest official status report is 130 birds.
- The specific percentage of the surveyed Thar landscape to which the critically endangered bird population remains restricted at any given time is 16 per cent.
- The total number of years after which the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has released this official population assessment report for the species is seven years.

16 JULY 2026

21. MeitY Releases Second Digital Threat Report 2025-26 for BFSI Sector

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in partnership with cybersecurity agencies and SISA, released the second edition of the Digital Threat Report 2025–26 to secure the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly launched cybersecurity publication is formally titled the "2nd edition of the Digital Threat Report 2025-26".
- The report introduces a diagnostic architecture to reconstruct security breaches, which is called the "Anatomy of Cyber Failure - a 4-Layer Gap Archetype Framework".
- The strategic action plan provided in the report to guide financial institutions from foundational security controls to continuous security architectures spans a strict timeline of 18 months.

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16 JULY 2026

22. IRENA: Renewables Supplied 31.7% of Global Electricity in 2024

Quick Recap: The Renewable Energy Statistics 2026 report by the International Renewable Energy Agency states that renewable energy accounted for 31.7 per cent of global electricity generation in 2024, driven by a record 9.8 per cent growth rate.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total renewable electricity generated globally in 2024 was 9,836 terawatt hours (TWh), which constituted 31.7 per cent of total global generation.
- The total installed global renewable energy capacity reached 5.2 terawatts (TW) at the end of 2025, accounting for 49.5 per cent of the global capacity.
- The renewable energy capacity of India increased by 22.5 per cent in 2025 to reach a cumulative total of 250.498 gigawatts (GW).
- The target established by the Conference of the Parties 31 (COP31) Presidency of Türkiye aims to electrify 35 per cent of global energy demand by the year 2035.

17 JULY 2026

23. Unemployment Rate Unchanged in June; Female LFPR Falls to 12-Month Low

Quick Recap: India's overall unemployment rate remained steady at 5.5% in June, even as the female labour force participation rate dropped marginally to a one-year low of 32.7%.

Must-Know Facts:

- The national, aggregate unemployment rate recorded across India during the month of June remained steady at exactly 5.5%.
- The female Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) slid down to a 12-month low of 32.7%.
- While urban unemployment experienced a minor expansion to 6.6%, rural unemployment successfully contracted to 5.0%.

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18–20 JULY 2026

24. India's Balance of Payments for May 2026

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its preliminary Balance of Payments (BoP) data for May 2026, revealing that India's current account flipped into a deficit of $2.0 billion and the overall balance recorded a deficit of $4.4 billion due to a widening merchandise trade gap and sharp foreign portfolio outflows.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final net deficit position recorded under India’s Current Account ledger for the isolated month of May 2026 stands exactly at $2.0 billion.
- The aggregate Overall BoP Deficit generated during the month, which directly corresponds to the net draw-down on India's foreign exchange reserves, is $4.4 billion.
- Due to heavy offloading by foreign institutional investors, Foreign Portfolio Investment (Net) registered a severe outflow of $4.7 billion in May 2026.
- Looking at the cumulative April-May 2026 fiscal block, India's current account remains in a net surplus of $2.8 billion due to a strong performance in April, though the cumulative overall BoP balance shows a deficit of $11.0 billion.
- Within the institutional banking capital flows, net inflows into NRI Deposits softened to $0.6 billion in May 2026, down from the $1.1 billion recorded in May 2025.

21 JULY 2026

25. India Brings Over One Billion Citizens Under Social Protection

Quick Recap: India has accomplished a historic landmark by successfully expanding the national social protection framework to cover more than 1 billion citizens across the country.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific threshold of citizens successfully brought under the social protection framework of India is over 1 billion citizens, or 100 crore citizens.
- The precise percentage to which India's social protection coverage has expanded in the year 2026 is 68.4 per cent.
- The base coverage percentage recorded in the year 2015 before the recent decade-long expansion of welfare programmes was 19 per cent.

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22 JULY 2026

26. NITI Aayog Releases First Investment Friendliness Index Report

Quick Recap: NITI Aayog has launched the "Investment Friendliness Index" (IFI) report to benchmark, enable, and accelerate state-level economic reforms and attract investments across States and Union Territories.

Must-Know Facts:

- Index Name: Investment Friendliness Index (IFI)
- Total Evaluated Pillars: 8 Pillars.
- Top Performing Large State: Gujarat.
- Top Performing Hilly & North-Eastern State: Uttarakhand.

22 JULY 2026

27. Odisha Ranks 5th in NITI Aayog's Investment Friendliness Index 2026

Quick Recap: Odisha has secured the fifth rank nationally and fourth among large states in NITI Aayog's Investment Friendliness Index 2026, scoring 52.4 points.

Must-Know Facts:

- Odisha's overall national score in NITI Aayog's Investment Friendliness Index (IFI) 2026 was 52.4 points.
- Odisha accounts for 50 per cent of India's total metallic mineral output and 23 per cent of national coal production.
- The percentage of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) representing Odisha's total outstanding liabilities under the financial health assessment was 16 per cent.

25–27 JULY 2026

28. WTO Report: India Aims for 10% Global Merchandise Export Share by 2047

Quick Recap: A World Trade Organization (WTO) Secretariat report highlighted that India targets scaling its share of global merchandise exports from ~1.8% in 2024 to 10% by 2047 as part of the Viksit Bharat roadmap.

Must-Know Facts:

- Current Export Share: ~1.8% (2024 baseline).
- Target Export Share: 10% by 2047.
- Reviewing Body: World Trade Organization (8th TPR).

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30 JULY 2026

29. Individuals Reporting ₹100 Crore-Plus Income Rise to 576 in AY 2025-26

Quick Recap: The number of individual taxpayers in India declaring a gross total income of ₹100 crore or more in their Income Tax Returns (ITRs) jumped to 576 in Assessment Year (AY) 2025–26, marking a fourfold surge over five years.

Must-Know Facts:

- High-income earners (GTI > ₹100 crore) rose to 576 in AY 2025–26.
- Wealth-tax Act, 1957 stands abolished since April 1, 2016.
- Rural and Urban Gini coefficients dropped to 0.237 and 0.284 respectively.

31 JULY 2026

30. Cyber Fraud Cases Tripled Between 2020 and 2024; Telangana Highest

Quick Recap: The Central Government informed the Rajya Sabha that cyber fraud cases nearly tripled nationwide between 2020 and 2024 with Telangana reporting the highest number of incidents.

Must-Know Facts:

- 29,758 represents the total number of cyber fraud cases recorded nationwide during the year 2024.
- 18,922 stands as the highest number of state-level cyber fraud cases which authorities registered in Telangana in 2024.
- ₹11,158 crore represents the total funds saved through the national financial cyber fraud reporting system by mid-2026.

04 AUGUST 2026

31. India Rises to 57th in Global Structural and Pro-Competitive Reform Rankings

Quick Recap: India jumped from 82nd to 57th position in global rankings for structural and pro-competitive reforms according to a report by the Competere Foundation and CTIL.

Must-Know Facts:

- The 57th position represents India's updated global rank under the Market Distortions Performance Index, up from 82nd.
- 2010 to 2023 served as the comparative evaluation timeline analyzed in the structural reform report.
- Three core pillars assessed in the index include property rights protection, domestic competition, and international competition.

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04 AUGUST 2026

32. CREA: Solar Met Over 20% of Peak Power Demand in June Quarter

Quick Recap: Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air report showed solar energy generation met over one-fifth of peak power demand during the June quarter.

Must-Know Facts:

- Solar generation expansion recorded a year-on-year growth rate of 37 per cent in the first quarter of FY27.
- Solar output successfully met over 20 per cent of peak electricity demand during the June quarter.
- The operational data covers performance metrics for the first quarter spanning April to June.

05 AUGUST 2026

33. World Bank: Extreme Heat Costs South Asia 31 Million Jobs a Year

Quick Recap: A new World Bank report warned that extreme heat costs South Asia nearly 31 million full-time jobs annually and could shrink the region's economy by 7% by 2050, posing a structural risk to India’s Viksit Bharat 2047 goals.

Must-Know Facts:

- World Bank report title: "A Livable Future: Protecting Jobs and Growth from Extreme Heat in South Asia's Cities".
- Projected economic impact: South Asia's GDP could shrink by up to 7% by 2050.
- Annual labor productivity loss equals nearly 31 million full-time jobs in the region.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

34. NITI Aayog Report on Reimagining Care and Empowering Caregivers

Quick Recap: NITI Aayog launched a comprehensive report proposing a National Policy on Caregiving and a National Caregiver Council to professionalize India's care services sector by 2047.

Must-Know Facts:

- NITI Aayog released the report "Reimagining Care: Strategies for Empowering Caregivers in Viksit Bharat@2047".
- The report recommends creating a National Caregiver Council and a National Policy on Caregiving.
- India's care economy market size is projected to reach 72.31 billion US dollars by 2030.

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35. Punjab Tops NITI Aayog School Education Quality Index 2026

Quick Recap: Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains announced that the state secured the top position in the NITI Aayog School Education Quality Index 2026 by overtaking Kerala.

Must-Know Facts:

- Punjab attained the first rank in the NITI Aayog School Education Quality Index 2026.
- Government school students qualifying for NEET-UG from Punjab increased from eighty in 2021 to 882 in 2026 under the PACE initiative.
- Punjab implemented Artificial Intelligence as a core curriculum subject for all classes from Class I to Class XII.

Appointments

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

1. P. Jawahar Assumes Charge as MPEDA Chairman

Quick Recap: Senior IAS officer P. Jawahar has officially taken charge as the new Chairman of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), stepping into the apex role to guide the sustainable growth and global expansion of India's seafood export sector.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific 2007-batch senior IAS officer who has officially taken charge as the new Chairman of MPEDA is P. Jawahar.
- The record-breaking financial value achieved by India's seafood exports during the recently concluded 2025–26 financial year is ₹72,325.82 crore (approx. $8.28 billion).
- The central government ministry that maintains administrative jurisdiction over the operations and policies of MPEDA is the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

02 JUNE 2026

2. Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar Takes Charge as 48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff

Quick Recap: Decorated military strategist Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, PVSM, AVSM, NM, has officially assumed office as the 48th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) of the Indian Navy.

Must-Know Facts:

- Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar has taken over as the 48th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, succeeding Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan.
- In his immediate prior assignment, Vice Admiral Kochhar served as the Commander-in-Chief of the country's sole tri-service theater structure, the Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- He was honored with India's prestigious Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) in 2026 for his exceptional leadership and meritorious service.

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02 JUNE 2026

3. RBI Extends Fino Payments Bank Interim CEO Ketan Merchant's Term by Three Months

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved a three-month tenure extension for Ketan Merchant to continue serving as the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Fino Payments Bank, effective May 27.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved an interim leadership extension for exactly three months for Fino Payments Bank Interim CEO Ketan Merchant.
- The specific effective calendar date for the commencement of this three-month management extension was fixed on May 27.
- The former permanent MD and CEO of the financial institution, Rishi Gupta, officially resigned by taking voluntary retirement from his post on May 21.

04 JUNE 2026

4. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai Appointed Chief Justice of Patna High Court

Quick Recap: The Central Government has formally notified the elevation of Sikkim High Court Judge Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai as the 48th Chief Justice of the Patna High Court, marking a historic milestone that creates a simultaneous four-woman Chief Justice matrix across Indian High Courts.

Must-Know Facts:

- Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai will take formal charge as the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court on 5 June 2026.
- This historic deployment marks only the second known instance in Indian history where four women simultaneously head High Courts, and the very first instance where all four are regularly appointed Chief Justices rather than acting appointments.
- High Court judges in India serve until they reach the constitutionally fixed retirement age of 62 years, while Supreme Court justices retire at 65 years.

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06–08 JUNE 2026

5. Bangladesh FM Khalilur Rahman Elected President of 81st UNGA

Quick Recap: The Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Khalilur Rahman has been elected as the President of the eighty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly after winning a secret-ballot election held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly elected President of the eighty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly is the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Khalilur Rahman.
- The total number of votes secured by the victorious Bangladeshi candidate during the secret-ballot election was exactly 99 votes.
- The specific date on which the eighty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly is scheduled to formally open is 8 September 2026.
- The outgoing President of the eightieth session of the United Nations General Assembly whose tenure concludes prior to the new session is Annalena Baerbock of Germany.

09 JUNE 2026

6. RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan Janakiraman Reappointed for Two Years

Quick Recap: The Central Government has extended the tenure of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor, Swaminathan Janakiraman, for an additional period of two years with effect from 26 June 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise extension period granted by the Central Government for the tenure of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor is two years.
- The exact date from which the reappointment of Swaminathan Janakiraman becomes contractually effective at the central bank is 26 June 2026.
- The exact number of operational deputy governors prescribed to manage administrative functions at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is four.

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09 JUNE 2026

7. D. K. Shivakumar Sworn In as 25th Chief Minister of Karnataka

Quick Recap: Senior Indian National Congress leader D. K. Shivakumar has been sworn in as the 25th Chief Minister of Karnataka, with Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administering the oath of office in Bengaluru.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific sequence held by D. K. Shivakumar as he took the oath of office to head the provincial government of Karnataka is the 25th Chief Minister of the state.
- The total number of state legislators who took the oath of office alongside the newly appointed Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister to serve as Cabinet Ministers is 12.
- The senior leader who has been formally nominated to act as the temporary Speaker of the Legislative Assembly until a fresh legislative election takes place is Rudrappa Manappa Lamani.

10 JUNE 2026

8. Neelkanth Mishra Appointed India's Executive Director at World Bank

Quick Recap: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of prominent economist Neelkanth Mishra as India's next Executive Director at the World Bank in Washington, DC for a tenure of three years.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has officially designated economist Neelkanth Mishra as India's next Executive Director at the World Bank.
- The formal appointment has been sanctioned for a strict tenure of three years from the date the new official assumes charge.
- The incoming representative will take over the international governance role from the outgoing official, Parameswaran Iyer, whose administrative term was extended past June 19, 2026.
- The office of the Executive Director at the World Bank is responsible for supervising a regional constituency that comprises India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka.

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16 JUNE 2026

9. Dinesh Pant and Girija Subramanian Appointed IRDAI Members

Quick Recap: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Dinesh Pant and Girija Subramanian as whole-time members of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specified maximum age limit up to which the newly appointed members Dinesh Pant and Girija Subramanian can hold office at the insurance regulator is 65 years.
- The designated effective date on which the two-year service extension approved for the Member (Finance and Investment), Rajay Kumar Sinha, will formally begin is 24 January 2027.
- The specific length of the additional working term granted by the central government to the existing members Deepak Sood and Rajay Kumar Sinha is two years.
- The public sector enterprise where the newly appointed Member (Distribution), Girija Subramanian, previously served as the Chairman and Managing Director is New India Assurance Company Limited.

17 JUNE 2026

10. DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya Nominated to RBI Central Board

Quick Recap: The Central Government has nominated Sanjay Lohiya, the Secretary of the Department of Financial Services under the Ministry of Finance, as a director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official date on which the Central Government enacted the nomination of Sanjay Lohiya to the apex regulatory board was 11 June 2026.
- The specific previous public official whom Sanjay Lohiya replaced on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was Nagaraju Maddirala.
- The exact calendar date on which the Central Government nominated the former Secretary Sanjay Malhotra to the financial boards during the historical reference period was 17 February 2022.

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19 JUNE 2026

11. ACC Approves Chairperson and Members of National Statistical Commission

Quick Recap: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has officially approved the appointment of Dr Saibal Chattopadhyay as Chairperson alongside three other distinguished experts as part-time Members of the National Statistical Commission (NSC).

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific calendar year in which the National Statistical Commission (NSC) was initially established as the nodal body for national statistical activities is 2005.
- The batch year of the Indian Statistical Service (ISS) to which the newly appointed commission member Shri Satyendra Bahadur Singh belongs is 1987.
- The total number of part-time professional statistical members designated to serve on the panel of the National Statistical Commission (NSC) under its structural framework is four.

23 JUNE 2026

12. Vivek Aggarwal Becomes First Indian Vice-President of FATF

Quick Recap: Shri Vivek Aggarwal, Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, has been appointed as the Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for the July 2026 to June 2027 term, marking India's first-ever tenure in this leadership position.

Must-Know Facts:

- Shri Vivek Aggarwal has been designated as the first Indian official to assume the post of Vice-President at the FATF.
- The official leadership tenure for the newly appointed Vice-President spans from July 2026 to June 2027.
- The operational headquarters of the Financial Action Task Force is located in Paris, France.
- The global network governed by the FATF's financial safety and compliance standards extends across more than 200 jurisdictions.

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23 JUNE 2026

13. Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi Appointed CMD of General Insurance Corporation of India

Quick Recap: The Government of India has approved the appointment of Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of the state-owned General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re).

Must-Know Facts:

- The formal government appointment of Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi as the regular chief of the national corporation became effective from 16 June 2026.
- The tenure of the newly appointed corporate head is officially slated to run until his superannuation deadline on 30 September 2028.
- The immediate predecessor who retired from the apex administrative position on 30 September 2025 was N. Ramaswamy.
- The statutory framework that empowered the central authority to clear this high-profile public insurance sector elevation is Article 83 of the Articles of Association of the Corporation.

26 JUNE 2026

14. Kunal Shah Named WhatsApp CEO

Quick Recap: Following Meta's surprise $900-million strategic investment in Indian fintech startup CRED, its founder Kunal Shah has been appointed as the global head and CEO of WhatsApp, joining an elite group of Indian business leaders managing top-tier multinational corporations.

Must-Know Facts:

- India represents WhatsApp's largest global consumer market, accounting for over 500 million active users out of the platform's 3 billion monthly active users worldwide.
- Kunal Shah first gained prominence in the Indian startup ecosystem in 2010 by co-founding the digital payment platform FreeCharge, which was later acquired by Snapdeal in 2015 for roughly $400 million.
- Under Shah's leadership, CRED achieved an annualized revenue run rate of approximately $325 million (₹3,200 crore) and officially recorded its first operationally profitable quarter in early 2026.
- Meta's $900-million injection into CRED will fuel the fintech startup's fifth formal employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) buyback program.

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27–29 JUNE 2026

15. Noel Tata to Step Down as Trent Chairman

Quick Recap: Noel Tata announced at Trent Limited's 47th Annual General Meeting (AGM) that he will step down as Chairman, marking the end of a transformative three-decade tenure as he approaches the Tata Group's mandatory retirement age of 70.

Must-Know Facts:

- Under Noel Tata's leadership, Trent's market footprint reached a massive network of 1,286 physical stores covering 17.7 million square feet of retail space.
- The value-fashion brand Zudio stands as Trent's largest format by store count, reaching 963 outlets (including 6 in the UAE).
- Following his retirement from Trent, Noel Tata continues to guide the larger conglomerate through his apex roles as Chairman of Tata Trusts and Chairman of Tata International, Voltas, and Tata Investment Corporation.

01 JULY 2026

16. Mahesh Dixit Appointed Intelligence Bureau Chief

Quick Recap: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed senior 1993-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Mahesh Dixit as the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) for a two-year tenure.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact Indian Police Service (IPS) batch and state cadre to which the newly appointed IB Chief Mahesh Dixit belongs is the 1993 batch, Telangana cadre (originally Andhra Pradesh).
- The specific outgoing Director of the Intelligence Bureau whom Mahesh Dixit is officially replacing is Tapan Kumar Deka.
- The exact duration of the institutional leadership tenure granted to Mahesh Dixit by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet is two years.

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02 JULY 2026

17. General Dhiraj Seth Takes Over as 31st Chief of the Army Staff

Quick Recap: General Dhiraj Seth, widely known as a "straight-talking tankman," has officially assumed charge as the 31st Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), stepping into office at a critical juncture focused on accelerating force restructuring, theaterisation, and high-tech military modernisation.

Must-Know Facts:

- General Dhiraj Seth has taken charge as the 31st Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of India, succeeding General Upendra Dwivedi.
- He breaks a nearly 30-year hiatus for his combat arm, becoming the first Armoured Corps officer to lead the service since General S. Roy Chowdhury (1994–1997).
- General Seth holds the rare operational distinction of having headed two major commands on the western front: the South Western Command and the Southern Command.
- His tenure as the head of the Indian Army is scheduled to run until August 31, 2028.

06 JULY 2026

18. Lt Gen Sandeep Jain Appointed Vice Chief of the Army Staff

Quick Recap: Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain assumed the appointment of the Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS) on 1 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain assumed the vital institutional appointment of the Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS) on 1 July 2026.
- The foreign military institutional programs completed by the newly appointed official include the National Defence Course conducted in Kenya.
- The international peacekeeping deployments served by the official include designations under the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia (UNMEE).
- The prestigious military decorations held by the current Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS) are the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) and the Sena Medal (SM).

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06 JULY 2026

19. Air Marshal Tejinder Singh Appointed Chief of Integrated Defence Staff

Quick Recap: Air Marshal Tejinder Singh assumed charge as the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) on 1 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Air Marshal Tejinder Singh officially assumed the apex position of the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) on 1 July 2026.
- The officer possesses a rich operational background as a Category 'A' Qualified Flying Instructor with more than 4,500 hours of flying experience.
- The decorated military commander was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force (IAF) on 13 June 1987.
- The prominent national and meritorious service decorations conferred upon the official across his career include the Vayu Sena Medal in 2007, the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) in 2022, and the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) in 2026.

06 JULY 2026

20. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff

Quick Recap: Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) on 1 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed the formal military appointment of the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) on 1 July 2026.
- The senior commander was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) in 2026 and previously received the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) in 2023.
- The specific operational and combat operations in which the newly appointed official participated include Operation Safed Sagar and Operation Rakshak.
- The official has logged more than 3,500 hours of flying experience across diverse platforms as an Experimental Test Pilot and a Qualified Flying Instructor.

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06 JULY 2026

21. Anupam Misra Takes Charge as CMD of Hindustan Copper

Quick Recap: Shri Anupam Misra officially assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) on 1 July 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Shri Anupam Misra officially assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) on 1 July 2026.
- The professional background of the newly appointed executive spans more than 33 years of experience in marketing, international trade, and business development.
- The previous corporate assignment held by the executive from July 2020 to June 2026 was the position of Director (Marketing) at Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT).
- The premier management institutions where the executive completed his specialized executive training programs are the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad and the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta.

06 JULY 2026

22. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri Gets One-Year Extension Till July 2027

Quick Recap: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has officially approved a one-year service extension for Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, extending his tenure until 14 July 2027 to ensure diplomatic continuity.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly approved service extension will keep Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri in his apex administrative post until the specific deadline of 14 July 2027.
- The diplomat belongs to the historic 1989 batch of the prestigious Indian Foreign Service (IFS).
- The high-level official holds the unique academic credentials of a Bachelor's degree in history from Hindu College, Delhi University, alongside a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from XLRI.
- The former Foreign Secretary whom Vikram Misri officially succeeded in July 2024 is Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

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07 JULY 2026

23. Prof. Umesh Waghmare Appointed Secretary, Department of Science and Technology

Quick Recap: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed veteran physicist and material science expert Professor Umesh V. Waghmare as the new Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly appointed regular Secretary of India's Department of Science and Technology (DST) is Professor Umesh V. Waghmare.
- The specialized academic branch in which Professor Waghmare has achieved global recognition, resulting in honors like the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar prize, is Material Sciences / Applied Physics.
- The previous DST Secretary who vacated the office to join as a full-time member of the NITI Aayog is Professor Abhay Karandikar.
- The specific institute in Bengaluru where Professor Waghmare was serving as President and Professor before his central appointment is the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR).

09 JULY 2026

24. ACC Names New Chiefs for BPR&D and NCRB

Quick Recap: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed 1993-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officers Alok Mittal and Amit Garg as the new chiefs of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) and the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) respectively.

Must-Know Facts:

- The senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer appointed to serve as the Director General of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) until 30 June 2029 is Alok Mittal.
- The exact date on which the newly appointed head of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Shri Amit Garg, is scheduled to reach his formal superannuation from government service is 31 October 2027.
- The central government body that formally authorized and processed these top-tier police leadership appointments is the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

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10 JULY 2026

25. RBI Approves Mahesh Muralidhar Pai as MD & CEO of South Indian Bank

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India has officially approved the appointment of Mahesh Muralidhar Pai as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of South Indian Bank for a three-year tenure beginning on the First of October 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly designated Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of South Indian Bank will formally assume his executive responsibilities on 01 October 2026.
- The regulatory approval issued by the Reserve Bank of India permits the incoming banking veteran to hold his executive office for a fixed term of exactly three years.
- The commercial bank has scheduled its internal Board of Directors meeting to officially process the transition agenda on 16 July 2026.

18–20 JULY 2026

26. SBI Appoints Sunil Ramgopal Agrawal as CFO

Quick Recap: State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed Sunil Ramgopal Agrawal, the former Chief Financial Officer of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), as its new Chief Financial Officer-designate effective from August 1, 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The designated corporate calendar date on which Sunil Ramgopal Agrawal will officially take complete charge as the active Chief Financial Officer of SBI is August 1, 2026.
- Over his career, Agrawal has accumulated over 27 years of professional experience in financial services, corporate strategy, capital management, and institutional governance.
- Prior to his prominent public sector assignments at LIC and SBI, Agrawal spent more than 12 years with Reliance Nippon Life Insurance as their CFO and also held senior leadership roles at ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company.
- Academically, Agrawal possesses unique multi-disciplinary qualifications, holding credentials as a certified Chartered Accountant (CA) alongside a Bachelor of Engineering (BE) degree in Computer Science.

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21 JULY 2026

27. Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala Appointed Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences

Quick Recap: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the selection of globally renowned oceanographer Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala as the new Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

Must-Know Facts:

- Dr. Tummala was honored with the prestigious Indian National Geospatial Award in 2008 by the Indian Society of Remote Sensing for pioneering applications of satellite geospatial tech in marine resource mapping.
- Over his highly distinguished three-decade career, he has published more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers in frontline global journals and served as the Vice-Chair of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.

25–27 JULY 2026

28. Harjit Singh Grewal Takes Charge as Chairman, National Commission for Minorities

Quick Recap: Harjit Singh Grewal assumed office as Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities to promote welfare and socio-economic empowerment of minority communities.

Must-Know Facts:

- Harjit Singh Grewal assumed charge as Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities.
- Smt. S. Munawari Begum assumed office as Vice Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities on July 20, 2026.
- Berjis Desai represents the Parsi community as a Member of the National Commission for Minorities.

28 JULY 2026

29. Dr. K. Srikar Reddy Appointed India's Ambassador to Qatar

Quick Recap: The Ministry of External Affairs appointed Doctor K Srikar Reddy as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar.

Must-Know Facts:

- Doctor K Srikar Reddy belongs to the 2001 batch of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS).
- The bilateral target sets economic trade volume between India and Qatar at 28 billion dollars by 2030.
- QatarEnergy signed a twenty-year supply extension with Petronet LNG covering the period from 2028 to 2048.

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29 JULY 2026

30. Pralhad Joshi Takes Charge as Union Minister of Education

Quick Recap: Union Minister Pralhad Joshi officially assumed charge of the Ministry of Education at Kartavya Bhavan and held a comprehensive review meeting on ongoing schemes.

Must-Know Facts:

- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi officially assumed charge of the Ministry of Education on July 26, 2026.
- Jayant Chaudhary serves as the Union Minister of State for Education.
- Pralhad Joshi also holds the portfolios of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and New and Renewable Energy.

30 JULY 2026

31. Keshav Chandra Takes Charge as Secretary, Ministry of Mines

Quick Recap: Senior IAS officer Keshav Chandra assumed charge as Secretary of the Ministry of Mines and reviewed key initiatives related to mineral exploration and critical minerals.

Must-Know Facts:

- Keshav Chandra, IAS (1995: AGMUT), took charge as Secretary, Ministry of Mines on July 27, 2026.
- The Ministry oversees mineral block auctions and critical mineral exploration policies.

05 AUGUST 2026

32. Varsha Ashok Aglawe Becomes First Woman DG of Geological Survey of India

Quick Recap: Smt. Varsha Ashok Aglawe assumed charge as the 54th Director General of the Geological Survey of India, becoming the first woman to head the 176-year-old institution.

Must-Know Facts:

- Smt. Varsha Ashok Aglawe is the 54th Director General and the first woman head of the GSI.
- She reported the Salbardi–Ghorpend region in Central India as a dinosaur nesting site.
- Her predecessor as Director General was Shri Asit Saha.

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06 AUGUST 2026

33. Monisha Chakraborty Appointed Executive Director of RBI

Quick Recap: The Reserve Bank of India appointed Smt. Monisha Chakraborty as Executive Director with effect from August 3, 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Effective date of Smt. Monisha Chakraborty's appointment as Executive Director is August 3, 2026.
- Departments assigned under her portfolio are the Foreign Exchange Department and the Financial Markets Regulation Department.
- Prior designation held before promotion was Chief General Manager-in-Charge in the Department of Supervision.

07 AUGUST 2026

34. Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan and Home Secretary Govind Mohan Get One-Year Extension

Quick Recap: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved a one-year service extension for Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan and Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan to ensure administrative continuity.

Must-Know Facts:

- Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan received a service extension through August 2027.
- Home Secretary Govind Mohan received an extension following a relaxation of All India Services retirement rules.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) issued the official extension orders.

07 AUGUST 2026

35. Prasanta Mahapatra Takes Charge as SEBI Executive Director

Quick Recap: Former Chief General Manager Prasanta Mahapatra assumed charge as an Executive Director at the Securities and Exchange Board of India to head corporate finance and recovery divisions.

Must-Know Facts:

- Prasanta Mahapatra was appointed as Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- He will lead SEBI's Corporation Finance Investigation Department and the Recovery and Refund Department.
- Mahapatra joined the capital markets regulatory agency in 1999.

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13 AUGUST 2026

36. ED Director Rahul Navin Gets One-Year Extension Till August 2027

Quick Recap: Central Government granted a one-year extension to Enforcement Directorate Director Rahul Navin, extending his tenure until August 13, 2027.

Must-Know Facts:

- Rahul Navin's extended tenure as ED Director runs until August 13, 2027.
- The maximum permissible tenure for an ED Director with extensions is up to five years.
- PMLA Sections 8(7) and 8(8) govern asset restitution to legitimate claimants and fraud victims.

13 AUGUST 2026

37. Deepti Gaur Mukerjee Takes Charge as Secretary, Department of Higher Education

Quick Recap: Senior bureaucrat Deepti Gaur Mukerjee assumed charge as Secretary of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education.

Must-Know Facts:

- Deepti Gaur Mukerjee is a 1993-batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre.
- She previously served as Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs before becoming Higher Education Secretary.

22–24 AUGUST 2026

38. Former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath Appointed to RBI Central Board

Quick Recap: The Central Government appointed former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath as a part-time, non-official Director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India for a four-year term starting August 20, 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- 4 years tenure duration sanctioned for the appointment of S. Somanath to the RBI Central Board.
- 20 August 2026 effective start date of the appointment.
- Section 8(1)(c) provision of the RBI Act, 1934 governing the nomination of non-official directors.

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25 AUGUST 2026

39. Anand Mahindra Re-Appointed to RBI Central Board

Quick Recap: The Central Government re-appointed Anand Gopal Mahindra as a part-time non-official director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India for a four-year tenure.

Must-Know Facts:

- Anand Gopal Mahindra is the individual re-appointed as part-time non-official director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India.
- Four years is the designated period of re-appointment starting from August 20, 2026.
- Chief General Manager Brij Raj issued the official press notification announcing the appointment.

26 AUGUST 2026

40. Janmejaya Sinha, Syed Akbaruddin and Annie George Mathew Appointed to RBI Central Board

Quick Recap: The Central Government appointed Janmejaya Kumar Sinha Syed Akbaruddin and Annie George Mathew as part time Non official Directors on the Reserve Bank of India Central Board on August 24 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Central Government appointed three new part-time Non-official Directors to the Reserve Bank of India Central Board.
- The tenure duration for the newly appointed directors is set for four years starting August 24, 2026.
- Shri Janmejaya Kumar Sinha, Shri Syed Akbaruddin, and Ms. Annie George Mathew were named as the new directors.

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Awards & Honours

05 JUNE 2026

1. Deendayal Port, Kandla Wins Sagar Aankalan Award for Best Performing Port

Quick Recap: The Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla, has received the prestigious Sagar Aankalan Award from the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, for being the best-performing port under the container cargo handling category of less than 0.5 Million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs).

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific category under which the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla, won the top performance award is Handling of Container Cargo - Less than 0.5 Million TEUs.
- The designated official who physically received the Sagar Aankalan Award in Mumbai on behalf of the port management team was DPA Deputy Chairman Nilabhra Dasgupta.
- The specific rank achieved by India in the International Shipments category of the World Bank's global Logistics Performance Index following recent structural reforms is 22nd.
- The total number of Indian ports that featured prominently within the global top 100 listings of the World Bank's Container Port Performance Index 2024 is.

06–08 JUNE 2026

2. 17 National Awards for e-Governance 2026 Announced

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has declared seventeen initiatives as winners of the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026 across seven distinct award categories to promote excellence in digital governance.

Must-Know Facts:

- A combined total of seventeen distinct projects and governance initiatives were selected to receive the prestigious National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026.
- The total financial grant accompanying the individual recognition is fixed at ₹10 lakh for the Gold Awardees and ₹5 lakh for the Silver Awardees.
- The formal presentation ceremony for the 29th National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026 will be organized during the National Conference on e-Governance scheduled to take place in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

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06–08 JUNE 2026

3. Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming Wins 2026 Food Planet Prize

Quick Recap: The Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming programme has won the prestigious 1.5 million dollar Food Planet Prize 2026 presented by the Curt Bergfors Foundation in Sweden for leading one of the world's largest community-led transitions to sustainable agroecology.

Must-Know Facts:

- The financial value of the grand prize awarded to the Andhra Pradesh natural farming programme by the Swedish foundation is exactly 1.5 million dollars.
- The total number of farming families that have successfully enrolled under the community-managed natural farming initiative in Andhra Pradesh over the past decade is approximately 18 lakh.
- The historical year in which the Government of Andhra Pradesh officially launched the state-backed natural farming model through its specialized institutional framework was 2016.
- The operational scale of the grassroot network spans across more than 8,000 villages and is actively powered by a collective strength of 3,40,000 women's self-help groups.

09 JUNE 2026

4. Panchayat Advancement Index Wins Gold at National e-Governance Awards 2026

Quick Recap: The Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI), an initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, has been selected for the Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 under the data analytics category.

Must-Know Facts:

- The financial cash incentive accompanying the Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 is fixed at ₹10 lakh.
- The total number of projects and initiatives selected for recognition across all seven categories at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 is exactly 17.
- The total number of Gram Panchayats assessed under the newly strengthened PAI 2.0 framework of the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) exceeds 2.6 lakh.
- The 29th National Conference on e-Governance is scheduled to be held on specific calendar dates of 1–2 July 2026 in the city of Jaipur, Rajasthan.

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09 JUNE 2026

5. Lionel Messi First Footballer to Win Princess of Asturias Award for Sports

Quick Recap: Inter Miami Club Football (Inter Miami CF) star and reigning world champion Lionel Messi has been awarded the 2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports, making him the first individual footballer in history to receive this prestigious international honor.

Must-Know Facts:

- The highly decorated international accolade awarded to Argentine legend Lionel Messi in June 2026 is the Princess of Asturias Award for Sports.
- The total number of prestigious individual Ballon d'Or awards secured by Lionel Messi over his historic professional football career is eight.
- The specific global sporting figure who served as the president of the foundation jury that selected the winner for the annual sports honor is Teresa Perales.

10 JUNE 2026

6. President Confers 51 Gallantry Awards at Defence Investiture Ceremony

Quick Recap: President Droupadi Murmu presented 51 gallantry awards to security personnel at Rashtrapati Bhavan, honoring exceptional bravery and sacrifice across the Armed Forces, CAPF, and state police units.

Must-Know Facts:

- Phase-I of the 2026 ceremony concluded with 51 total gallantry awards distributed across peacetime and wartime categories.
- Astronaut-designate Air Commodore Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair was among the prominent active military leaders awarded the Kirti Chakra.
- The ceremony featured six posthumous honors across the Kirti, Vir, and Shaurya Chakra categories, acknowledging individuals who made the supreme sacrifice in national security operations.

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12 JUNE 2026

7. India Tops Inaugural World Yogasana Championships with 114 Medals

Quick Recap: India delivered a historic performance at the first-ever World Yogasana Championships in Ahmedabad, capturing 114 total medals and a staggering 102 golds to top the global medal tally.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final aggregate number of total medals won by the Indian national contingent to top the global championship is 114 medals.
- The exact number of gold medals secured by Indian athletes to claim a historic century of victories is 102 gold medals.
- The total number of participating international athletes and competing countries present at the tournament is 522 athletes from 79 countries.
- The foreign nation that finished second in total standings behind India with 3 gold medals is Japan.
- The exact calendar duration dates during which the historic inaugural World Yogasana Championships took place are 4 June to 8 June 2026.

16 JUNE 2026

8. Sangeet Natak Akademi Names 7 Fellows, Honours 108 Artistes for 2024-25

Quick Recap: The Sangeet Natak Akademi has announced its prestigious fellowships (Akademi Ratna) for 7 eminent personalities and selected 108 performance artists for the Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the years 2024 and 2025.

Must-Know Facts:

- The maximum limit of living individuals who can hold the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna) at any given point in time is capped at 40.
- The exact number of artists selected to receive the senior Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the combined 2024 and 2025 block is 108.
- The cash prize amount explicitly allocated to an individual conferred with the apex Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship is ₹3,00,000.
- The prominent classical art form associated with newly elected fellows Ramlal Bareth (Kathak) and Pasumarthi Rattaiah Sarma (Kuchipudi) highlights the preservation of traditional Indian dance forms through these state honors.

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18 JUNE 2026

9. 11 Traditional Products of Jharkhand Get GI Tags

Quick Recap: The rich cultural heritage of Jharkhand has received a significant boost as eleven traditional products from the state have been officially granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tags.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of traditional products from Jharkhand that have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tags in the latest announcement is eleven.
- The specific traditional painting from Jharkhand that had already received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag prior to this latest announcement is the Sohrai Painting.
- The specific traditional metal craft of Jharkhand included in the newly certified list of eleven items is the Dokra Craft.

18 JUNE 2026

10. Sudarsan Pattnaik First Indian to Win Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026

Quick Recap: Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has created history by becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026 at an international festival held in Russia.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific month and year in which sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik was born into an impoverished family in Odisha is April 1977.
- The height of the award-winning sand sculpture created by Sudarsan Pattnaik at the international competition in Russia was three metres.
- The total number of leading international sand sculptors who competed in the Second International Festival of Sand Sculpture in Russia was twelve.

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19 JUNE 2026

11. PM Modi Conferred Slovakia's Highest National Honour, His 33rd International Award

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Slovakia's highest state decoration, "The Order of the White Double Cross, First Class," by Slovak President Peter Pellegrini in Bratislava, bringing his total international honours to 33.

Must-Know Facts:

- The highest national honour of Slovakia conferred upon PM Modi is The Order of the White Double Cross, First Class.
- This recognition brings the total tally of international and state honours received by PM Modi to 33.
- The key bilateral agreements signed during this historic maiden visit primarily focused on labour migration and digital technology.

19 JUNE 2026

12. Lt Vishal Kumar Wins Sword of Honour and President's Gold Medal

Quick Recap: Lieutenant Vishal Kumar, an alumnus of Rashtriya Military School (RMS) Chail, achieved a rare double distinction by winning both the coveted Sword of Honour and the President's Gold Medal at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) Passing Out Parade in Dehradun.

Must-Know Facts:

- The graduating cadet who swept both top honours at the IMA Passing Out Parade is Lt Vishal Kumar.
- The name of the specific IMA graduating batch he belonged to is the 158th Regular Course.
- The elite military school he attended prior to his selection into the armed forces training stream is RMS Chail.

19 JUNE 2026

13. Smriti Mandhana Only Indian in Inaugural TIME100 Sports List

Quick Recap: India women's cricket vice-captain Smriti Mandhana has been named in TIME magazine's first-ever list of the "100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026," making her the only Indian athlete to achieve the global honour.

Must-Know Facts:

- The only Indian to feature in the inaugural TIME100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026 list is cricketer Smriti Mandhana.
- She captained her franchise team, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), to WPL title victories in both 2024 and 2026.
- Mandhana holds a joint world record for the most international centuries in women's cricket, standing tall with 17 hundreds.

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20–22 JUNE 2026

14. 'Tripura Sarinda' Musical Instrument Gets GI Tag

Quick Recap: The Government of India has officially granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to the "Tripura Sarinda"—a unique, traditional stringed musical instrument—marking it as the state's fourth GI-protected asset.

Must-Know Facts:

- The traditional tribal musical instrument from Tripura that secured GI tag recognition in June 2026 is the Sarinda.
- The total number of unique indigenous products from Tripura that currently hold a registered GI tag status stands at four.
- The primary material and craft method used to make a traditional Sarinda involves carving it from a single block of wood.
- The political leader holding the twin portfolios of Chief Minister and Minister of Information and Cultural Affairs in Tripura who celebrated the milestone is Dr. Manik Saha.

24 JUNE 2026

15. Neeraj Chopra and Parul Chaudhary Win Inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025

Quick Recap: Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and steeplechaser Parul Chaudhary were crowned the Best Male and Female Athletes of the Year at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025 ceremony in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- Neeraj Chopra and Parul Chaudhary were named the premier Male and Female Athletes of the Year for 2025.
- Long jumper Shahnawaz Khan and high jumper Pooja Singh secured the newly minted Emerging Athlete awards.
- P.T. Usha, Anju Bobby George, Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, and Bahadur Singh Chauhan were the four legendary recipients of the Lifetime Achievement honors.

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24 JUNE 2026

16. Jainendra K. Jain Wins Wolf Prize in Physics

Quick Recap: United States-based Indian-origin theoretical physicist Jainendra K Jain has been awarded the prestigious Wolf Prize in Physics for his historic discovery of composite fermions that transformed the fundamental understanding of the fractional quantum Hall effect.

Must-Know Facts:

- The United States-based physicist Jainendra K Jain made history by becoming the very first person of Indian origin to receive the prestigious Wolf Prize in Physics.
- The scientific breakthrough that earned this global distinction was the discovery of composite fermions which was originally published in the year 1989.
- The prestigious award carries exceptional historical significance as 27 previous recipients of the Wolf Prize in Physics subsequently went on to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics.

26 JUNE 2026

17. President Confers 66 Padma Awards 2026; Posthumous Padma Vibhushan to Dharmendra and N. Rajam

Quick Recap: President Droupadi Murmu presented 66 Padma Awards for 2026 at a Civil Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, honoring legendary actor Dharmendra posthumously and violin maestro N. Rajam with the Padma Vibhushan.

Must-Know Facts:

- The comprehensive list of 131 Padma Awardees for 2026 contains 19 women recipients, 16 posthumous honorees, and 6 citizens from the Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI category.
- Veteran actor Dharmendra was honored posthumously for his cinematic career spanning over 300 films, having passed away in 2025.
- Dr. N. Rajam, renowned for her 'Singing Violin', has historically served as the Dean of the Faculty of Performing Arts at the Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

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01 JULY 2026

18. Dr. Florence Rabier to Receive WMO's Highest Scientific Honour

Quick Recap: Dr. Florence Rabier of France has been named the recipient of the International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize, the highest scientific distinction awarded by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific name of the highest scientific distinction awarded to Dr. Florence Rabier by the WMO is the International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize.
- The major international meteorological institution that Dr. Florence Rabier led as Director General from 2016 until her retirement at the end of 2025 is the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF).
- The exact year and event during which Dr. Rabier will officially receive the IMO Prize and deliver her keynote lecture is the World Meteorological Congress in 2027.

02 JULY 2026

19. Parveen Shaikh and Dr. Barkha Subba Win 2026 Whitley Awards

Quick Recap: Indian wildlife conservationists Parveen Shaikh and Dr. Barkha Subba have been honored with the prestigious 2026 Whitley Awards (popularly known as the "Green Oscars") for their exceptional grassroots efforts to protect threatened wetland and riverine species in India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The two Indian women conservationists who won the 2026 Whitley Awards are Parveen Shaikh (for the Indian skimmer) and Dr. Barkha Subba (for the Himalayan salamander).
- The financial grant accompanying each individual annual Whitley Award to fund local grassroots biodiversity operations is £50,000.
- Parveen Shaikh's conservation initiative will expand its community-based sandbar protection framework from the Chambal River Sanctuary to Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh.
- A historical milestone marked by the 2026 Whitley Awards cycle is that, for the first time ever, all six global recipients of the prize were women.

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10 JULY 2026

20. Sourav Ganguly Inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

Quick Recap: The International Cricket Council has officially inducted former captain Sourav Ganguly into its prestigious Hall of Fame on his fifty-fourth birthday, making him the twelfth Indian cricketer to receive this global recognition.

Must-Know Facts:

- The legendary left-handed opener concluded his 16-year international cricket career with an aggregate total of 18,575 runs across formats.
- The official declaration confirming the inclusion of the former captain into the international list was formally released on 08 July 2026.
- The historic addition of Sourav Ganguly marks the entry of exactly the twelfth Indian cricketer into the global cricket registry.

11–13 JULY 2026

21. DoT's Samriddh Gram Project Wins WSIS Prizes 2026 Global Award

Quick Recap: Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia hailed the Department of Telecommunications flagship project, Samriddh Gram, for being declared the Global Winner at the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society Prizes 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official administrative title of the Indian project that secured the global award is Samriddh Gram: Integrated Phygital Service Delivery Model Enabled by BharatNet.
- The specific global category under which the Department of Telecommunications project was declared the winner is Action Line C6 - Enabling Environment.
- The international organization that officially administers and awards the World Summit on the Information Society Prizes is the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

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11–13 JULY 2026

22. NABARD Supports GI Registration for Four Traditional Products of Karnataka

Quick Recap: The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has extended institutional support to secure Geographical Indication registration for four traditional products from Karnataka, including Tiptur coconut and Hoysala-style stone art.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of registered Geographical Indication products across the entire nation of India stands at exactly 822.
- The total number of distinct regional products from the State of Karnataka that have successfully secured Geographical Indication registration is 51.
- The specific regional location chosen for the establishment and upcoming inauguration of the dedicated Ilkal sarees store is the Aihole Heritage Site.

15 JULY 2026

23. India Joint World No. 1 at 56th International Physics Olympiad 2026

Quick Recap: All five members of the Indian student contingent won Gold Medals at the 56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 held in Bucaramanga, Colombia, propelling the country to the joint World Number 1 rank alongside five other nations.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of Indian students who participated in the 56th International Physics Olympiad and successfully won Gold Medals is five.
- The exact location and country where the 56th edition of the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 was organized is Bucaramanga, Colombia.
- The exact number of participating countries whose student delegations competed in the prestigious international scientific event is 87 countries.

22 JULY 2026

24. 72nd National Film Awards: '70' Named Best Feature Film

Quick Recap: The 72nd National Film Awards for the year 2024 were announced, with 70 bagging Best Feature Film, and Kartik Aaryan and Mammootty sharing the Best Actor award.

Must-Know Facts:

- Edition of Awards: 72nd National Film Awards (for the year 2024)
- Best Feature Film: 70.
- Best Actors: Kartik Aaryan (Chandu Champion) & Mammootty (Bramayugam)
- Best Actress: Yami Gautam (70)

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22 JULY 2026

25. India Wins 1 Gold and 3 Silver at 37th International Biology Olympiad 2026

Quick Recap: All four members of Team India secured medals—1 Gold and 3 Silver—at the 37th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2026 held in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Must-Know Facts:

- The gold medalist for India at IBO 2026 was Bhavyaa Gunwal from Haryana.
- The host city and country for the 37th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2026 were Vilnius, Lithuania.
- Team India achieved a 100% medal tally at IBO 2026 with 1 Gold and 3 Silver Medals.

25–27 JULY 2026

26. Ravi Raj Murmu's 'Angen' Wins First National Film Award for Santhali

Quick Recap: Santhali filmmaker Ravi Raj Murmu won the Best Debut Film of a Director award at the 72nd National Film Awards for his Santhali short film Angen.

Must-Know Facts:

- Film Title: Angen (Santhali language).
- Director: Ravi Raj Murmu.
- Category: Best Debut Film of a Director (72nd National Film Awards).

29 JULY 2026

27. Sarnath Inscribed as India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site

Quick Recap: The Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath in Uttar Pradesh was officially inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List during the forty-eighth Session of the World Heritage Committee in Busan, South Korea.

Must-Know Facts:

- Sarnath became India's forty-fifth entry on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- The World Heritage Committee announced the decision during its forty-eighth session in Busan, South Korea.
- The inscribed property covers key structures including Chaukhandi Stupa, Dhamekh Stupa, and the Ashokan Pillar.

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05 AUGUST 2026

28. NSA Ajit Doval Conferred Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026

Quick Recap: Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026 to National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in Pune, Maharashtra.

Must-Know Facts:

- Recipient of the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026 is National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.
- The award is conferred annually by the Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust in Pune, Maharashtra.
- Shri Ajit Doval is the longest-serving National Security Advisor in India's history.

06 AUGUST 2026

29. Annapurni Subramaniam Awarded COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026

Quick Recap: Indian Institute of Astrophysics Director Professor Annapurni Subramaniam was awarded the prestigious COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal for 2026 at Florence, Italy.

Must-Know Facts:

- The venue of the 46th COSPAR Scientific Assembly where the medal was presented was Florence, Italy.
- AstroSat payload for which Prof. Subramaniam served as calibration scientist is the Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (UVIT).
- Reciprocal award cycle for the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal is every two years (biennial).

07 AUGUST 2026

30. Sant Kabir and National Handloom Awards Conferred on National Handloom Day

Quick Recap: President of India Droupadi Murmu will confer the Sant Kabir and National Handloom Awards on 22 recipients on August 7 during National Handloom Day celebrations.

Must-Know Facts:

- National Handloom Day is celebrated annually on August 7 across India.
- A total of 22 artisans and weavers will receive awards (3 Sant Kabir and 19 National Handloom Awards).
- Union Minister of Textiles Giriraj Singh oversees the national celebrations.

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08–10 AUGUST 2026

31. WHO Designates Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission a Regional Centre of Excellence

Quick Recap: World Health Organisation South East Asia Regulatory Network recognized the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission as a Regional Centre of Excellence in Pharmacovigilance and Quality of Medicines.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission was recognized by WHO SEARN as a Regional Centre of Excellence in Pharmacovigilance.
- The designation was conferred during the 10th Anniversary Meeting of WHO SEARN held in Nepal.
- IPC publishes the Indian Pharmacopoeia, which sets statutory standards for pharmaceutical products across India.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

32. Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak Conferred on 12 Rat Miners of Silkyara Rescue

Quick Recap: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari presented the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak and a cash prize of ₹2 lakh each to twelve rat miners for their role in the Silkyara tunnel rescue operation.

Must-Know Facts:

- Twelve rat miners received the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak for the Silkyara tunnel rescue operation.
- A monetary award of ₹2 lakh was disbursed to each recipient alongside the honor medallion.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari presented the awards at an investiture ceremony in New Delhi.

13 AUGUST 2026

33. Prof. Deepak Dhar Awarded 2026 Dirac Medal (ICTP)

Quick Recap: Renowned Indian physicist Deepak Dhar was awarded the 2026 Dirac Medal by ICTP for his groundbreaking contributions to equilibrium and non-equilibrium statistical mechanics.

Must-Know Facts:

- Deepak Dhar won the 2026 Dirac Medal alongside Bernard Derrida, Marc Mézard, and Haim Sompolinsky.
- Prof. Dhar's primary contribution recognized by the award is his work on the self-organized criticality and the sandpile model in statistical physics.
- The Dirac Medal is administered by ICTP in Trieste, Italy.

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15–17 AUGUST 2026

34. President Confers Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Awards for 2024 and 2025

Quick Recap: President Droupadi Murmu presented the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Awards for the years 2024 and 2025 to over 100 artists at a special investiture ceremony in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- A total of 115 artists were honoured for the combined years 2024 and 2025 on 13 August 2026.
- Domin Karbak received the main Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for indigenous heritage preservation.
- Rumi Taki received the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for youth excellence in folk theatre.

20 AUGUST 2026

35. 9th National Anubhav Awards 2026 Conferred on 15 Awardees

Quick Recap: Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh presented the 9th National Anubhav Awards 2026 to 15 selected retired public servants for exceptional administrative write-ups.

Must-Know Facts:

- 15 retiring/retired public servants were honored at the 9th National Anubhav Awards 2026 ceremony in New Delhi.
- Award distribution included 5 main Anubhav Awards and 10 Jury Certificates.
- The 2026 award cycle evaluated a record total of 2,141 submitted administrative write-ups.

20 AUGUST 2026

36. Over 200 Indian Peacekeepers in South Sudan Awarded UN Medals

Quick Recap: Over 200 Indian peacekeepers serving under the United Nations Mission in South Sudan received UN Medals in Juba for distinguished service.

Must-Know Facts:

- 210 Indian personnel deployed under UNMISS were honored with UN Medals for exceptional peace-building operations in Juba.
- The awarded group included 6 female peacekeepers and 7 staff officers.
- India remains the second-largest overall supplier of uniformed personnel to United Nations peacekeeping operations globally.

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21 AUGUST 2026

37. National Sports Awards 2025 Announced

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports Awards 2025 to honor outstanding achievements across multiple disciplines based on recommendations from a selection committee headed by Justice (Retd.) Arun Kumar Mishra.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Selection Committee for the National Sports Awards 2025 was chaired by Justice (Retd.) Arun Kumar Mishra.
- Prominent Arjuna Awardees include Chess grandmasters Vidit Gujarathi and Divya Deshmukh, and Badminton duo Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand.
- Army Paralympic Node, Pune secured the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2025.

21 AUGUST 2026

38. Army Chief Gen Dhiraj Seth Conferred Honorary Rank of General of Nepali Army

Quick Recap: Nepal President Ramchandra Paudel conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army upon Indian Army Chief General Dhiraj Seth during an official ceremony in Kathmandu.

Must-Know Facts:

- Conferring Authority: President of Nepal, Ramchandra Paudel.
- Recipient: Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth.
- Historical Origin: Reciprocal military tradition started in 1950 with General K.M. Cariappa.

22–24 AUGUST 2026

39. Boxer Narender Berwal Selected for Arjuna Award

Quick Recap: International boxer Narender Berwal from Sorkhi village in Hansi, Haryana, who serves in the Indian Army, has been selected for the prestigious Arjuna Award for his sports achievements.

Must-Know Facts:

- 2013 year in which Narender Berwal joined the Indian Army.
- Sorkhi village (Hansi, Haryana) birthplace and native hometown of the awardee.
- Super-heavyweight (+92kg) weight category represented by the boxer.

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Defence News

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

1. 16th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue Held

Quick Recap: The sixteenth India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue was co-chaired by the Defence Secretary of India and the Permanent Secretary (Defence) of Singapore to enhance bilateral defence industry collaboration, military engagements, and cooperation in emerging technological domains.

Must-Know Facts:

- The sixteenth India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue, aimed at reinforcing bilateral strategic and military relations, was formally convened in Singapore on 28 May 2026.
- The high-level technical facility of the Singapore Armed Forces visited by the Indian Defence Secretary to explore warfare collaboration is the Digital Operations Technology Centre.
- The strategic dialogue specifically prioritized the preservation of a rule-based, inclusive, and open regional security architecture within the geo-strategically vital Indo-Pacific region.

03 JUNE 2026

2. Multilateral Exercise PRAGATI 2026 Concludes at Umroi, Meghalaya

Quick Recap: The inaugural edition of the multilateral military exercise PRAGATI 2026 successfully concluded at Umroi Military Station in Meghalaya, following a rigorous 72-hour validation phase aimed at sharpening joint counter-terrorism capabilities.

Must-Know Facts:

- The first-ever edition of Multilateral Exercise PRAGATI 2026 concluded its validation phase on May 30, 2026, in the state of Meghalaya.
- A total of 13 nations participated in the drills, pulling together more than 400 active troops to boost regional security in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The operational architecture focused primarily on joint counter-terrorism drills inside jungle and semi-mountainous landscapes.
- The domestic defense display during the event was jointly managed by the Army Design Bureau and FICCI to boost indigenous defense exports.

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04 JUNE 2026

3. DRDO and IAF Flight-Test Indigenous RudraM-II Air-to-Surface Missile

Quick Recap: The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired the indigenous RudraM-II air-to-surface missile from an airborne platform at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur.

Must-Know Facts:

- The RudraM-II belongs to a specialized lineage of indigenous new-generation anti-radiation and air-to-surface precision guided missiles designed for the Indian Air Force to destroy enemy air defense assets and radar installations.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) acts as a vital technical partner in weapon-to-aircraft software integration, ensuring the host aircraft's fire control radar safely and accurately passes initial tracking parameters to the missile prior to release.
- The Missile System Quality Assurance Agency (MSQAA) is the independent regulatory body responsible for verifying final quality standards, component reliability, and manufacturing tolerances before advanced missile systems proceed from the trial phase to active mass production.

12 JUNE 2026

4. MoD Signs ₹449 Crore Contract for 20 GNSS Jammers for Indian Navy

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract worth ₹449 crore with Accord Software and Systems Private Limited (ASSPL), Bengaluru, to procure 20 Enhanced Capability Global Navigation Satellite System (ECGNSS) Jammers for the Indian Navy.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial outlay earmarked for the procurement contract of the electronic warfare systems is ₹449 crore.
- The exact number of Enhanced Capability Global Navigation Satellite System (ECGNSS) Jammers ordered under the signed agreement is 20.
- The minimum percentage of indigenous content mandated by the Ministry of Defence under the domestic manufacturing terms is 75%.
- The formal domestic procurement agreement was executed between the government and the private defense contractor on 10 June 2026.

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19 JUNE 2026

5. Annual Defence Production Hits Record ₹1.78 Lakh Crore

Quick Recap: India's annual defence production has reached an all-time high of ₹1.78 lakh crore during the Financial Year (FY) 2025-26, registering a growth of 15.6 per cent over the previous fiscal year.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact percentage growth recorded in India's annual defence production during the Financial Year (FY) 2025-26 compared to the previous fiscal year is 15.6 per cent.
- The individual monetary value of the private sector contribution to the total defence production reached an all-time high of around ₹42,000 crore.
- The total value of record-breaking defence exports achieved by India in the Financial Year (FY) 2025-26 stands at ₹38,424 crore.

23 JUNE 2026

6. MoD Contract for Marine Gas Turbine Generators for Indian Navy

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract worth approximately ₹425 crore with Bharat Forge Limited, Pune, to acquire 12 sets of 1.25 Megawatt (MW) Marine Gas Turbine Generators for the Indian Navy.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial value of the defense contract signed between the ministry and Bharat Forge Limited stands at approximately ₹425 crore.
- The technical specification of each individual Marine Gas Turbine Generator being procured for the naval forces is rated at 1.25 Megawatt (MW).
- The defense procurement contract mandates that the manufacturing process must incorporate a minimum indigenous content threshold of 60 per cent.

25 JUNE 2026

7. PM Commissions Three Indigenous Naval Ships at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port

Quick Recap: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has commissioned three indigenously designed and constructed warships, namely Indian Naval Ship (INS) Agray, INS Dunagiri, and INS Sanshodhak, at the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP) in Kolkata, West Bengal.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Tri Commissioning ceremony of INS Agray, INS Dunagiri, and INS Sanshodhak was officially conducted on 21 June 2026.
- The defense exports of India have increased from approximately ₹700 crore prior to 2014 to nearly ₹40,000 crore, expanding its reach to more than 80 countries.
- The financial value of the incentive package announced by the government for the domestic shipping sector stands at ₹70,000 crore.

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25 JUNE 2026

8. US Notifies Sale of Support Services for India's Apache and M777A2 Howitzers

Quick Recap: The United States government has formally notified a proposed Foreign Military Sale (FMS) worth approximately $482.2 million to provide long-term sustainment support services, spare parts, and logistics for India’s fleet of AH-64E Apache attack helicopters and M777A2 Ultra-Light Howitzers.

Must-Know Facts:

- The cumulative value of the newly notified U.S.-India defense sustainment packages sits at an estimated total of $482.2 million.
- Under past agreements, India successfully procured and integrated 145 M777 Howitzers and 28 Apache attack helicopters into its armed forces.
- This logistics support deal acts as a continuation of deeper institutional security alignment, following a major 10-year defense framework signed between India and the U.S. late last year.

26 JUNE 2026

9. India and UK Frame Strategic Roadmap for Defence Cooperation

Quick Recap: India and the United Kingdom successfully concluded their 15th Executive Steering Group meeting, establishing a forward-looking roadmap to advance joint exercises, military interoperability, and niche technological sharing between their armies.

Must-Know Facts:

- The recent defense and strategic deliberations in London and Stevenage marked the formal 15th edition of the India-United Kingdom Executive Steering Group (ESG) framework.
- Earlier in June 2026, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with the British Foreign Secretary, Yvette Cooper, in New Delhi to solidify high-level consensus on the newly firmed-up comprehensive trade deal and parallel defense industry pathways.

26 JUNE 2026

10. INS Udaygiri and INS Kavaratti Arrive in Vietnam

Quick Recap: Indian Navy Eastern Fleet warships INS Udaygiri and INS Kavaratti docked at Nha Rong Port in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, establishing the first major naval presence since the two nations upgraded their bilateral ties.

Must-Know Facts:

- The bilateral port call at Nha Rong Port serves as a direct follow-up to the operational mandates established in the Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030.
- To honor regional history and historical ties, Rear Admiral Alok Ananda and the ship commanding officers participated in a formal wreath-laying ceremony at the statue of President Ho Chi Minh during the deployment.

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07 JULY 2026

11. DAC Approves ₹52,000 Crore Procurement Proposals

Quick Recap: The Defence Acquisition Council cleared capital acquisition proposals worth approximately Rs. 52,000 crore to procure advanced Akash-Tarang air defence systems, Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile systems, and related military hardware for the Armed Forces.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial valuation of the capital procurement proposals cleared by the central defense panel stands at approximately Rs. 52,000 crore.
- The specific indigenous air defence network model approved for procurement to enhance low-level airspace security is the Akash-Tarang system.
- The exact acronym utilized to designate the multi-layered surface-to-air missile defense units cleared for army deployment is MRSAM.
- The designated leader who officially chaired the high-level council meeting to clear the multi-crore military acquisitions is Rajnath Singh.

09 JULY 2026

12. India and Indonesia Sign BrahMos and Astra Pacts

Quick Recap: India and Indonesia have finalized in-principle agreements for Jakarta to procure an additional battery of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system and indigenous Astra Mk-1 beyond-visual-range air-to-air missiles.

Must-Know Facts:

- The amount of the landmark defence export contract signed between India and the Philippines in 2022 for the supply of BrahMos missiles stands at 375 million dollars.
- The specific fighter aircraft fleet of the Indonesian Air Force onto which Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) will integrate the newly procured Astra Mk-1 missiles is the Russian-origin Su-30.
- The precise month and year during which the Indonesian Defence Minister, Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin, visited India to conduct critical preparatory discussions for the BrahMos missile deal was November 2025.
- The core objective of the newly expanded military understandings is to facilitate the export of an additional BrahMos supersonic cruise missile battery and Astra Mk-1 air-to-air missiles to Indonesia.

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09 JULY 2026

13. Foundation Stone Laid for Adani Group Defence Manufacturing Unit in Madhya Pradesh

Quick Recap: Madhya Pradesh (MP) Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia laid the foundation stone for a 2,500 crore rupee integrated defence manufacturing facility being established by Adani Defence and Aerospace in Shivpuri district.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial capital investment allocated by Adani Defence and Aerospace specifically for establishing the Shivpuri defence manufacturing plant is ₹2,500 crore.
- The specific calendar date on which the foundation stone for the missile and ammunition manufacturing facility was officially laid in Madhya Pradesh is 5 July 2026.
- The targeted number of total jobs that the Adani Group aims to create across multiple industrial sectors in Madhya Pradesh by the year 2030 is 120,000.
- The cumulative monetary value of the regional development and infrastructure projects launched alongside the main defence plant ceremony is ₹211.29 crore.
- Watch the foundation-laying ceremony coverage to view the public launch event, the speeches delivered by the dignitaries, and the defence equipment on display.

10 JULY 2026

14. India-Rwanda Second Joint Defence Cooperation Committee Meeting Held

Quick Recap: India and Rwanda have agreed to broaden their strategic partnership across military training, joint exercises, medical cooperation, and defense industries during the second Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- The bilateral security deliberations conducted in the national capital marked the official convening of the 2nd India-Rwanda Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting.
- The foundational Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on defense cooperation between India and Rwanda was executed in July 2018.
- The high-profile defense delegation representing the Government of Rwanda was led by Brigadier General Louis Kanobayier.
- The official press brief detailing the outcomes of the strategic security meeting was published by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on Tuesday, 07 July 2026.

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11–13 JULY 2026

15. DRDO Conducts Maiden Flight Test of Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket

Quick Recap: The Defence Research and Development Organisation has successfully flight-tested the indigenous Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket at the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, hitting a target with precision at a minimum range of sixty kilometers.

Must-Know Facts:

- The user-defined minimum threshold distance validated during this specific long-range guided rocket test flight was exactly 60 kilometers.
- The advanced missile system was test-launched utilizing an in-service standard Pinaka mobile launcher setup to demonstrate operational compatibility.
- The major nodal laboratories primarily responsible for the core design of the long-range rocket are the ARDE and the HEMRL.
- The official government statement announcing the successful milestone flight test of the Pinaka LRGR variant was released on 08 July 2026.

14 JULY 2026

16. India-Australia Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation

Quick Recap: India and Australia issued a comprehensive Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation on 9 July 2026, aimed at accelerating their top-tier partnership to address strategic uncertainties in the Indo-Pacific region.

Must-Know Facts:

- The India-Australia Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation was officially posted by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on 9 July 2026.
- The Migration and Mobility Partnership Arrangement (MMPA), which forms the bedrock of ongoing anti-trafficking cooperation between the two nations, was originally signed in 2023.
- The maritime security and territorial architecture upheld by the joint declaration is strictly underpinned by adherence to the landmark 1982 international maritime convention.
- The primary strategic region targeted for the consultation, information sharing, and complex defence exercises outlined in the declaration is the Indo-Pacific.

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14 JULY 2026

17. India-Myanmar Border to be Fenced at a Cost of ₹31,000 Crore

Quick Recap: The Central Government of India is erecting a fence along the entire 1,610-kilometre stretch of the India–Myanmar border at an estimated expenditure of ₹31,000 crore to curb illegal infiltration and modernise national security infrastructure.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total length of the international frontier between India and Myanmar that the Central Government has committed to fence is 1,610 kilometres.
- The exact financial allocation sanctioned by the Central Government for the completion of the India–Myanmar border fencing project is ₹31,000 crore.
- The specific ministerial official who announced the border modernization plan and chaired the conference of superintendents of police was Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

15 JULY 2026

18. INS Mahendragiri Stealth Frigate Commissioned at Visakhapatnam

Quick Recap: The Indian Navy has formally commissioned INS Mahendragiri, the sixth indigenous Project 17A stealth frigate featuring over 75 per cent local components, into its Eastern Fleet at Visakhapatnam in the presence of Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact percentage of total indigenous content integrated into the construction of the advanced INS Mahendragiri stealth frigate is over 75 per cent.
- The total displacement weight of the freshly commissioned Project 17A combat warship is approximately 6,670 tonnes.
- The compressed timeline achieved by engineers from the launch stage to the final delivery of the vessel was cut down to 31 months.

16 JULY 2026

19. 8th India-Japan Defence Policy Dialogue Held in Tokyo

Quick Recap: India and Japan successfully conducted their eighth Defence Policy Dialogue in Tokyo on 13 July 2026 to review bilateral defence cooperation and strengthen strategic ties.

Must-Know Facts:

- The eighth edition of the India-Japan Defence Policy Dialogue was held on the specific date of 13 July 2026.
- Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh served as the head of the Indian delegation in his capacity as the Defence Secretary of India.
- The bilateral dialogue was co-chaired by the Japanese Vice Minister of Defence for International Affairs, Mr. Kano Koji.
- The official venue of the eighth bilateral Defence Policy Dialogue was Tokyo, the capital city of Japan.

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22 JULY 2026

20. IAF Participates in Exercise Pitch Black 2026 in Darwin, Australia

Quick Recap: The Indian Air Force has deployed Rafale jets to participate in the Royal Australian Air Force's premier biennial multinational air combat exercise, "Pitch Black 2026," in Darwin.

Must-Know Facts:

- Exercise Name: Ex Pitch Black 2026.
- Participating IAF Aircraft: Rafale, C-17 Globemaster-III, and IL-78.
- Exercise Frequency: Biennial (held every two years)

24 JULY 2026

21. First Tri-Service All-Women Circumnavigation Expedition 'Samudra Pradakshina' Flagged In

Quick Recap: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged in Samudra Pradakshina as nine women officers completed a 314 day tri service circumnavigation covering 25500 nautical miles.

Must-Know Facts:

- The expedition covered a total distance of nearly 25,500 nautical miles over a period of 314 days.
- Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) Triveni served as the indigenously built 50 foot sailing vessel for the journey.
- The expedition team comprised exactly nine women officers representing the three Armed Services.
- Shri Rajnath Singh serves as the Raksha Mantri (Union Minister of Defence) of India.

24 JULY 2026

22. CABS Signs Two Major Contracts for AEW&C Mk II Programme

Quick Recap: Centre for Air Borne Systems signed two defense contracts with AI Engineering Services Limited and Adani Defence Systems and Technologies for the Airborne Early Warning and Control Mark Two programme in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- The contract covers the conversion of exactly six A321 commercial aircraft for the AEW&C Mark II project.
- Adani Defence Systems and Technologies serves as the official Development Cum Production Partner (DcPP) for the mission systems.
- Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh serves as the Defence Secretary and Secretary of the Department of Defence R&D in India.
- The contracts were formally signed in New Delhi on July 22 2026.

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25–27 JULY 2026

23. Indian Navy Commissions INS Malvan at Karwar

Quick Recap: The Indian Navy commissioned INS Malvan, the second indigenously built Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at Karwar Naval Base, Karnataka.

Must-Know Facts:

- Ship Class & Type: Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC).
- Indigenous Content: Exceeds 80%.
- Shipbuilder: Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).
- Armament/Sensors: RBU-6000 rockets, DRDO torpedoes, and sonar suite.

28 JULY 2026

24. DRDO Conducts Maiden Flight-Test of Long-Range SAM 'Kusha'

Quick Recap: DRDO successfully conducted the maiden flight-test of the indigenously designed ‘Kusha’ Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

Must-Know Facts:

- System Name: Kusha (Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile / LRSAM).
- Testing Hub: APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- Developer: DRDO laboratories in partnership with domestic Indian industry.

28 JULY 2026

25. India Develops First Indigenous 350 kg Thrust Expendable Turbojet Engine

Quick Recap: DRDO’s Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) and industry partner Azad Engineering successfully realized and delivered India's first indigenous 350 kg thrust class Expendable Turbo Jet Engine.

Must-Know Facts:

- Engine Specification: 350 kg thrust class Expendable Turbo Jet Engine.
- Designing Lab: Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE, Bengaluru).
- Manufacturing Partner: Azad Engineering, Hyderabad.

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01–03 AUGUST 2026

26. Seventh Mahe-Class ASW Shallow Water Craft 'Machilipatnam' Launched

Quick Recap: Cochin Shipyard launched Machilipatnam, the seventh Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft for the Indian Navy.

Must-Know Facts:

- Machilipatnam (BY 529) is the seventh vessel launched in the eight-ship ASW SWC project at Cochin Shipyard.
- Exceeding 80 per cent represents the level of indigenous content in the construction of the ship.
- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) serves as the primary shipbuilder constructing this class of naval craft.

01–03 AUGUST 2026

27. India's First Department of Military Medicine Inaugurated at Lucknow

Quick Recap: Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated the country's first dedicated Department of Military Medicine at Command Hospital (Central Command) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Must-Know Facts:

- Command Hospital (Central Command), Lucknow is the site hosting India's first Department of Military Medicine.
- Raksha Strategy Vision 2026–30 serves as the policy framework encompassing the proposed Global Military Medicine Centre.
- July 29, 2026 marks the official inauguration date of the Department of Military Medicine.

07 AUGUST 2026

28. Indigenous Long-Range Attack Drone 'KAL' Eyes Gulf Export Markets

Quick Recap: IG Defence positioned its indigenous long-range one-way attack drone KAL with a 1,000-km operational range for export to Gulf nations subject to government approvals.

Must-Know Facts:

- KAL is India's first indigenous long-range one-way attack drone with a 1,000-kilometer operational range.
- The platform features an endurance of 7 to 8 hours and a payload capacity of 50 kilograms.
- IG Defence developed the drone and is seeking export clearances to supply Gulf nations.

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08–10 AUGUST 2026

29. Agni-4 Medium-Range Ballistic Missile Successfully Test-Fired

Quick Recap: India successfully test-fired the medium-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile Agni-4 from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, Odisha, validating all technical parameters.

Must-Know Facts:

- Agni-4 was successfully test-fired under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command from Chandipur, Odisha.
- It is a two-stage solid-fueled missile with an operational range of up to 4,000 km.
- The test successfully validated all operational and technical flight parameters.

08–10 AUGUST 2026

30. France Submits ₹3.25 Lakh Crore Proposal for 114 Rafale Jets

Quick Recap: France formally submitted a detailed technical and commercial bid valued at ₹3.25 lakh crore to supply 114 Rafale fighter jets under India's Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft procurement.

Must-Know Facts:

- France submitted a 3.25 lakh crore rupee proposal for 114 Rafale jets under the IAF MRFA requirement.
- The proposal specifies 20 fly-away jets and 94 aircraft manufactured locally in India.
- The plan includes extensive Technology Transfer and integration of indigenous missiles like Astra and BrahMos-NG.

12 AUGUST 2026

31. 8th India-US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Exercise Begins at Kochi

Quick Recap: The Indian Navy and United States Navy commenced the 8th edition of their bilateral Explosive Ordnance Disposal exercise at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Southern Naval Command at Kochi hosted the bilateral EOD exercise.
- This bilateral engagement marks the 8th edition of the specialized Navy-to-Navy EOD series.
- The exercise focuses on interoperability in mine countermeasures, diving operations, and explosive disposal.

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13 AUGUST 2026

32. Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Visits Mauritius

Quick Recap: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan embarked on a four-day official visit to Mauritius from August 10 to 13, 2026, to bolster bilateral maritime cooperation and defence ties.

Must-Know Facts:

- Admiral Krishna Swaminathan is the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS).
- Visit duration: August 10 to 13, 2026.
- Joint operational initiatives include Joint EEZ Surveillance and Exercise AIKEYME.

14 AUGUST 2026

33. Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Shruti' Launched at GRSE

Quick Recap: The Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel named Shruti was launched at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited in Kolkata on 11 August 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The launched Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel Yard 3037 was officially named Shruti.
- The launch ceremony took place at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited in Kolkata on 11 August 2026.
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu attended the event in his capacity as Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition.

19 AUGUST 2026

34. MoD Signs ₹1,943 Crore Contract to Lease Two MQ-9B Aircraft

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,943-crore deal with General Atomics to lease two high-altitude long-endurance MQ-9B remotely piloted aircraft for 30 months.

Must-Know Facts:

- Contract Value: ₹1,943 crore.
- Lease Duration: 30 months.
- Platform Type: MQ-9B High-Altitude Long-Endurance (HALE) Aircraft.

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21 AUGUST 2026

35. Sixth Positive Indigenisation List of 405 Items Notified

Quick Recap: The Department of Defence Production under the Ministry of Defence notified the sixth Positive Indigenisation List covering 405 strategically important items with an estimated business potential of ₹3,070 crore.

Must-Know Facts:

- The sixth Positive Indigenisation List features 405 strategically important defence items.
- The total business potential for the newly notified indigenisation list stands at ₹3,070 crore.
- Details for all notified items are officially uploaded on the SRIJAN Defence Portal.

22–24 AUGUST 2026

36. India and Japan Sign Defence Agreement on Maritime Security

Quick Recap: Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and Japanese Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi signed a Memorandum of Agreement in New Delhi to deepen bilateral maritime security and defense equipment cooperation.

Must-Know Facts:

- 20 August 2026 date of the bilateral ministerial meeting in New Delhi.
- INS Chennai guided-missile destroyer visited by the Japanese Defense Minister at Western Naval Command.
- Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology framework utilized for joint manufacturing.

26 AUGUST 2026

37. IAF Concludes Exercises Pitch Black and Udara Shakti

Quick Recap: The Indian Air Force concluded its participation in multinational flight exercises Pitch Black in Australia and Udara Shakti in Malaysia during August 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The IAF deployed Rafale aircraft for Exercise Pitch Black 2026 in Australia.
- Exercise Pitch Black 2026 featured air forces from over 20 participating nations.
- Exercise Udara Shakti 2026 was conducted alongside the Royal Malaysian Air Force at Subang, Malaysia.

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26 AUGUST 2026

38. Cochin Shipyard Delivers ASW Shallow Water Craft 'Mangrol'

Quick Recap: Cochin Shipyard Limited delivered Mangrol the third indigenous Anti Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft to the Indian Navy on August 21 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Mangrol is the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft delivered by Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- The vessel features over 80 per cent indigenous content.
- The ship was officially delivered to the Indian Navy on August 21, 2026.

26 AUGUST 2026

39. Second Indigenous Diving Support Vessel 'Nipun' to be Commissioned

Quick Recap: The Indian Navy is set to commission its second indigenously designed and constructed Nistar class Diving Support Vessel (DSV), named Nipun, on 31 August 2026 at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Indian Navy will commission the second indigenous Diving Support Vessel (DSV) Nipun on 31 August 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- Nipun was indigenously designed and built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, and delivered on 30 July 2026.
- The specialized Nistar class platform is engineered to support deep-sea diving, underwater intervention, and submarine rescue operations.

26 AUGUST 2026

40. First Fully Indigenous AK-203 'Sher' Rifle Test-Fired

Quick Recap: Indo Russian Rifles Private Limited successfully manufactured and factory tested its first AK 203 Sher assault rifle made entirely from 100 per cent indigenous Indian components in Korwa Uttar Pradesh.

Must-Know Facts:

- The AK-203 Sher assault rifle achieved 100 per cent localization with all components sourced from domestic industry.
- Formal user trials by the Indian Army for the fully localized AK-203 Sher prototypes are scheduled for September 2026.
- The targeted manufacturing benchmark set by the company is producing one rifle every 100 seconds.

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29–31 AUGUST 2026

41. HAL and Safran Sign Contract for Indigenous 'Aravalli' Helicopter Engine

Quick Recap: State-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and France's Safran Helicopter Engines signed a contract through their SAFHAL joint venture to co-design and manufacture the high-power "Aravalli" engine in Karnataka for India's upcoming military helicopters.

Must-Know Facts:

- The new high-power helicopter engine class (3,500–4,000 shp) is named "Aravalli".
- Developed through a 50:50 joint venture (SAFHAL) between HAL and Safran Helicopter Engines.
- Designed to power India's 13-tonne IMRH and DBMRH military platforms to replace Mi-17s.

29–31 AUGUST 2026

42. India and UK to Co-Develop Electric Propulsion for Navy Warships

Quick Recap: India and the UK are set to sign an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) to jointly develop Integrated Full Electric Propulsion (IFEP) technology for four upcoming Landing Platform Docks (LPDs) for the Indian Navy.

Must-Know Facts:

- The India-UK IGA focuses on Integrated Full Electric Propulsion (IFEP) systems for four Landing Platform Docks (LPDs).
- GE Vernova and BHEL will set up India's first maritime Land-Based Testing Facility.
- The cooperation also includes procuring Lightweight Multirole Missiles (LMMs) for the Indian Army.

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Science & Technology

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

1. NASA Unveils Three-Phase $20 Billion Plan for Permanent Moon Base

Quick Recap: NASA has officially announced a comprehensive, three-phase, $20 billion roadmap to build a permanent human outpost near the lunar South Pole, scheduling three initial precursor robotic missions to launch later this year.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total projected financial investment allocated by NASA over the next seven years to build out the permanent lunar facility is $20 billion.
- The specific geographical target area designated for the construction of America's first long-duration extraterrestrial outpost is the lunar South Pole.
- The commercial aerospace vehicle selected by NASA to execute the initial "Moon Base-I" risk-reduction equipment landing is Blue Origin's Blue Moon Mark 1 Endurance lander.

02 JUNE 2026

2. Indian Scientist Leads Discovery of 12.6-Billion-Year-Old 'Loktak' Protocluster

Quick Recap: An international team of astronomers led by Manipuri astrophysicist Dr. Ronaldo Laishram has discovered a massive, ancient galaxy protocluster dating back 12.6 billion years and named it after Manipur's iconic Loktak Lake.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly discovered Loktak Protocluster dates back nearly 12.6 billion years, capturing a cosmic era when the universe was barely 9 per cent of its current age.
- The scientific data collected by the James Webb Space Telescope demonstrated that galaxies growing inside the dense protocluster environment were 1.4 times larger in optical wavelengths than isolated systems.
- The international space discovery was spearheaded by 30 year old Indian postdoctoral researcher Dr. Ronaldo Laishram, who originally hails from the Thoubal district of Manipur.

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03 JUNE 2026

3. Red Balloon Aerospace Launches India's First Stratospheric Super Pressure Balloon

Quick Recap: Vijayawada-based startup Red Balloon Aerospace has successfully launched Mission Sana, deploying India's first indigenous stratospheric super-pressure balloon platform (VISTA) carrying commercial payloads to an altitude of nearly 25 kilometers.

Must-Know Facts:

- The pioneering stratospheric mission launched by Red Balloon Aerospace is officially named Mission Sana, utilizing the VISTA balloon platform.
- The system reached an operational near-space altitude of 25 kilometers following its launch from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- The structural integrity of the high-altitude balloon envelope relies on specialized polymer nanocomposite materials to withstand harsh stratospheric environments.
- Red Balloon Aerospace is concurrently building HELIX, an autonomous stratospheric airship designed to provide non-terrestrial network connectivity to rural and tribal areas.

12 JUNE 2026

4. SIPRI: India Has 190 Nuclear Warheads, Widening Lead Over Pakistan

Quick Recap: According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) Yearbook 2026, India has expanded its nuclear arsenal to an estimated 190 warheads—surpassing Pakistan’s 170—and has operationally deployed nuclear warheads for the first time in a major strategic shift.

Must-Know Facts:

- The current total estimated number of nuclear warheads possessed by India as of January 2026 is 190 warheads.
- The estimated size of Pakistan's nuclear weapons stockpile, which remained unchanged over the last year according to the report, is 170 warheads.
- The exact number of nuclear warheads that SIPRI assesses India has operationally mated or deployed for the first time is 12 warheads.
- The total annual military expenditure deployed by India in 2025 to rank fifth globally is USD 92.1 billion (an 8.9 per cent increase).
- India's percentage share of total global arms imports during the 2021–25 baseline block is 8.2 per cent.
- The exact calendar date on which the comprehensive SIPRI Yearbook 2026 data was officially released to the public is 8 June 2026.

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17 JUNE 2026

5. India's Space Economy Poised to Reach $45 Billion in Next Decade

Quick Recap: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh announced at the RISE Conclave 2026 that India's space economy is projected to grow to 45 billion United States dollars over the next decade, propelled by institutional reforms and private sector innovation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The financial valuation of India's space economy is officially projected to scale up to 45 billion United States dollars over the next ten years.
- The dynamic space technology ecosystem in the country is currently being driven by more than 400 space startups.
- The high-level RISE Conclave 2026 witnessed the active participation and product showcases of more than 125 technology startups and innovators.
- The official press briefing regarding the strategic growth of the space sector was released by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on 14 June 2026.

17 JUNE 2026

6. IIT Madras Releases World's Most Detailed 3D Human Brainstem Atlas

Quick Recap: The Indian Institute of Technology Madras has developed and released the world's most detailed three-dimensional atlas of the human brainstem at cellular resolution to advance neuroscience research and clinical treatments for neurological conditions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official acronym of the newly released, cell-resolution three-dimensional human brainstem atlas developed by the Indian Institute of Technology Madras is ANCHOR.
- The total number of distinct brainstem nuclei and fibre tracts mapped and reconstructed by the researchers within the digital atlas is more than 200.
- The exact number of complementary chemical immunostains overlaid across the tissue sections to resolve specific neurochemical cell populations is eight.
- The total number of whole human brains that the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre aims to image and map across the human lifespan as its broader institutional mission is over 100.

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7. IIT Hyderabad to Set Up India's First Nuclear Engineering Design Centre

Quick Recap: The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT Hyderabad) has entered into a tripartite agreement to set up India's first dedicated Centre of Design Excellence in Nuclear Engineering (CODENE) at its campus in Telangana.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official name designated for India’s first Centre of Design Excellence in Nuclear Engineering to be established at the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT Hyderabad) is CODENE.
- The global innovation platform and international venue where the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was officially executed by the partnering organizations is Bharat Innovates 2026 in Nice, France.
- The long-term target capacity that the Government of India aims to achieve in national nuclear power generation by the benchmark year 2047 is 100 Gigawatts (GW).

23 JUNE 2026

8. Bharat Climate Observation Network Station Set Up in the Himalayan Region

Quick Recap: The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) to establish a long-term climate monitoring station under the Bharat Climate Observation Network (BCON).

Must-Know Facts:

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IITM and ARIES was formally executed on 18 June 2026 for a valid institutional duration of more than 50 years.
- The specialized long-term monitoring station under the national network will be set up at the high-altitude hilltop location of Devasthal.
- The high-accuracy datasets produced through the network will be used to validate India’s first indigenous Earth System Model, which is designated as the IITM ESM.

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24 JUNE 2026

9. Twelve Years of India's Space Sector Growth

Quick Recap: The Press Information Bureau (PIB) released a background report highlighting the landmark achievements, strategic capability enhancements, and commercial milestones of the Indian space ecosystem over the last 12 years.

Must-Know Facts:

- The revenue of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) witnessed significant growth, rising to ₹3,246.09 crore in the 2024-25 financial year from ₹321.77 crore in the 2021-22 financial year.
- The Union Cabinet approved an amount of ₹3,984.86 crore in January 2025 for the construction of a Third Launch Pad at Sriharikota to support next-generation launch vehicles and human spaceflight missions.
- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla traveled aboard the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft launched by a Falcon 9 rocket on 25 June 2025 to participate in the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).
- The Government of India has approved the Venus Orbiter Mission, which is targeted for launch in March 2028 to study the geology, atmosphere, and near-space environment of Venus.

25 JUNE 2026

10. X-Band Doppler Weather Radar Inaugurated at Mahabaleshwar Under Mission Mausam

Quick Recap: The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, has commissioned a state-of-the-art X-band Dual-Polarization Doppler Weather Radar at Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra, under the central 'Mission Mausam' initiative to enhance short-term extreme weather forecasting.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly commissioned X-band Dual-Polarization Doppler Weather Radar in Mahabaleshwar was inaugurated under the national Mission Mausam framework on April 24, 2026.
- The state-of-the-art solid-state system operates on a frequency of 9.45 GHz with an active coverage footprint spanning 170 km across the Western Ghats terrain.
- The system will provide high-frequency localized nowcasting warnings up to 3 hours in advance for major regional economic zones, including Pune, Satara, and Mumbai.

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26 JUNE 2026

11. INCOIS Launches Specialised El Niño Bulletins

Quick Recap: The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services launched its first specialized El Niño bulletin to warn maritime operators about rising sea surface temperatures, marine stress, and fluctuating sea states across India's coastal regions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The peak intensity of the current El Niño climate phenomenon is specifically projected to occur during the winter timeframe spanning from November 2026 to January 2027.
- The sea surface temperatures across the Indian Ocean are officially predicted to remain higher than normal until the specific months of April and May 2027.
- The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) released its inaugural specialized advisory bulletin on the exact date of June 22, 2026.
- The next edition of the specialized El Niño monitoring bulletin is scheduled to be formally issued during the second week of July 2026.

27–29 JUNE 2026

12. NHSRCL Begins Capability Assessment for Indigenous 350 kmph 'B35' Bullet Trains

Quick Recap: The National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has officially begun evaluating the capabilities of leading rolling stock manufacturers to design and produce the "B35"—India’s next-generation, home-grown bullet train engineered for a maximum speed of 350 kmph.

Must-Know Facts:

- The B35 platform is being engineered to run at a maximum design speed of 350 kmph and a steady operational speed of 320 kmph.
- The Indian government intends to deploy the B35 trainsets across seven newly proposed bullet train corridors, including high-profile routes like Mumbai-Pune, Pune-Hyderabad, Delhi-Varanasi, and Chennai-Bengaluru.
- The Ministry of Railways expects to debut the first commercial trial runs of the domestic B28 bullet train on the Surat-Vapi section by August 2027.

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30 JUNE 2026

13. World's First Hydrogen Production Facility Using Nuclear Heat Inaugurated

Quick Recap: The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has inaugurated the world's first hydrogen production facility based on the Copper–Chlorine (Cu–Cl) thermochemical cycle utilizing nuclear process heat from the Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) at Kalpakkam.

Must-Know Facts:

- The newly inaugurated facility marks a global milestone as the world's first hydrogen production plant based on the Copper–Chlorine (Cu–Cl) thermochemical cycle using nuclear heat from a fast breeder reactor.
- The official inauguration of the landmark clean energy facility at Kalpakkam was performed on the specific date of 26 June 2026.
- The Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR), which provided the essential technological foundation and nuclear process heat for this facility, has been operated by scientists for more than four decades.

30 JUNE 2026

14. C-DOT and IIT Hyderabad Launch Telecom Research Centre for 6G, AI and Quantum

Quick Recap: The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Hyderabad to establish a dedicated Centre of Excellence (CoE) focused on next-generation communication systems.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact date on which C-DOT and IIT Hyderabad officially signed the agreement to launch the next-generation Centre of Excellence was 24 June 2026.
- The total number of specialized Centres of Excellence established across various IITs by C-DOT reached exactly four following the addition of the Hyderabad facility.
- The prominent IIT Hyderabad-incubated telecom startup that maintains a running partnership with C-DOT for building indigenous 5G O-RAN systems is WISIG.

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02 JULY 2026

15. ISRO Conducts Hot Test of Semi-Cryogenic Engine Power Head

Quick Recap: The Indian Space Research Organisation has successfully completed a high-thrust hot test of its semi-cryogenic engine power head, reaching 175 tonnes of thrust at its dedicated propulsion complex in Tamil Nadu.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise performance thrust level achieved by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) during its latest semi-cryogenic power head hot test was 175 tonnes, representing 88 per cent of the ultimate target capacity.
- The specific calendar date on which the eighth developmental Power Head Test Article (PHTA) firing sequence was carried out at the Mahendragiri facility was 24 June 2026.
- The designation of the new 2,000 kilonewton-class liquid engine is the SE2000, which will drive the upcoming Semi-Cryogenic Propulsion Stage (SC120) to replace the L110 core stage of the Launch Vehicle Mark III (LVM3).
- The technical output pressures delivered by the main turbopumps during the high-thrust test sequence reached precise benchmarks of 400 bar and 500 bar.

08 JULY 2026

16. ISRO Conducts Integrated Parachute Tests for Gaganyaan

Quick Recap: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted crucial Integrated Parachute tests and the first ground static test of its new Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments (SOLVE) solid motor to validate the complex deceleration and recovery systems for the Gaganyaan crew module.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific indigenous space agency that executed the high-stakes validation trials for the crew module recovery sequence is ISRO.
- The accurate technical acronym assigned to the newly designed solid-motor-driven test rocket platform is SOLVE (Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments).
- The precise number of multi-stage parachutes deployed in series to systematically slow the Gaganyaan capsule during atmospheric descent is 10 parachutes.
- The launch vehicle configuration from which engineers adapted and modified the solid booster stage for the new SOLVE testing platform is the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).

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14 JULY 2026

17. BSNL Launches Satellite Phone for Emergency Communication

Quick Recap: The state-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched a specialized satellite phone priced at ₹1,34,166 to deliver encrypted voice and short message service (SMS) communication in areas completely devoid of conventional mobile networks.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact retail price fixed by the state-run operator for the purchase of the rugged satellite phone handset, inclusive of all taxes, is ₹1,34,166.
- The official date on which Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) formally announced the availability and pricing of the satellite communication device was 9 July 2026.
- The total number of fourth-generation (4G) terrestrial network sites successfully commissioned by the public sector enterprise under its nationwide rollout plan is 99,000 sites.

15 JULY 2026

18. Indigenous Kavach Commissioned on 149-km Solapur-Wadi Section

Quick Recap: The Solapur Division of Central Railway has successfully commissioned the indigenously developed Standard Kavach Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system on the 149.476-km Solapur–Wadi route to boost rail safety.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise total route length over which the Standard Kavach automatic protection system was successfully operationalized within the division is 149.476 kilometres.
- The exact number of automated Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) track tags programmed and installed throughout the Solapur–Wadi block sections is 1,234.
- The apex railway technical body whose rigorous testing parameters and compliance standards governed the safety field trials before commissioning is the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO).

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18–20 JULY 2026

19. NASA Astronaut Anil Menon Reaches International Space Station

Quick Recap: Indian-origin NASA astronaut Anil Menon, along with two Russian cosmonauts, successfully launched and docked at the International Space Station (ISS) aboard the Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft for an eight-month scientific mission.

Must-Know Facts:

- The designated operational timeframe scheduled for the Soyuz MS-29 expedition before the crew returns to Earth is approximately eight months (April 2027).
- Anil Menon has uniquely diverse credentials, serving as an emergency medicine physician and a U.S. Space Force Colonel prior to his selection as a NASA astronaut candidate in December 2021.
- Space exploration is a family affair; Anil Menon’s wife, Anna Wilhelm, is also an astronaut who travelled to space in September 2024 as part of the private Polaris Dawn mission operated by SpaceX.
- Before joining the active NASA astronaut corps, Menon served as SpaceX's first medical director, where he established the company's medical program and supported initial human spaceflight launches.

21 JULY 2026

20. PM Flags Off India's First Hydrogen-Powered Train from Jind, Haryana

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off India's first indigenously developed hydrogen-powered train connecting Jind and Sonipat in Haryana, marking a historic milestone under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total carrying capacity of the newly launched 10-coach hydrogen fuel cell trainset is around 2,600 passengers.
- The maximum design speed of India's first hydrogen-powered train is 110 kmph, though it will initially run at an operational speed of 75 kmph due to current track limits.
- The core objective of the new locomotive launch is to establish an integrated green transportation ecosystem that supports the National Green Hydrogen Mission and advances the long-term net-zero goals of India.

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22 JULY 2026

21. Vikram-1 Launch Marks Milestone for India's Private Space Sector

Quick Recap: Skyroot Aerospace has successfully launched Vikram-1, India’s first privately developed orbital launch vehicle, cementing India's position in the global commercial space economy.

Must-Know Facts:

- Rocket Name: Vikram-1.
- Payload Capacity: 350 kg to Low Earth Orbit (LEO)
- Key Technological First: 100% 3D-printed liquid engine & all-carbon composite rocket.
- Target Space Economy Size: USD 44 Billion over the next decade.

22 JULY 2026

22. White Rabbit Technology-Based IST Dissemination Network Commissioned in Bengaluru

Quick Recap: Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has commissioned the White Rabbit Technology-based Indian Standard Time (IST) Dissemination Demonstration Network at RRSL, Bengaluru, to bolster national precision timing.

Must-Know Facts:

- Key Technology Used: Precision Time Protocol (PTP)-based White Rabbit Technology.
- Location of Demonstration Network: Regional Reference Standard Laboratory (RRSL), Bengaluru.
- Primary Beneficiary Sectors: Banking/Finance, Telecom, Power Grids, Transport, and Digital Governance.

24 JULY 2026

23. Government Targets Five Indigenous Small Modular Reactors by 2033

Quick Recap: Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy Dr Jitendra Singh announced that India intends to bring at least five indigenous small modular nuclear reactors into operation by 2033.

Must-Know Facts:

- Target date of 2033 set for operationalising five indigenous small modular nuclear reactors.
- Enactment of the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Act, 2025, enabling private entity participation in the nuclear energy sector.
- Long-term nuclear energy target fixed at 100 Gigawatts by the year 2047.

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25–27 JULY 2026

24. CDSCO Approves Qdenga as India's First Dengue Vaccine

Quick Recap: Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation granted marketing authorization for Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine Qdenga as the first dengue vaccine approved in India.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation approved Qdenga as the first dengue vaccine in India for individuals aged four to 60 years.
- Immunization requires two doses of 0.5 milliliters administered at an interval of three months.
- The live, attenuated tetravalent vaccine uses a dengue virus type-2 backbone produced in Vero cells.

28 JULY 2026

25. Private Space Sector Investment Crosses $618 Million

Quick Recap: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh informed Parliament that private investment in India's space sector has surpassed $618.5 million, with 105 authorizations granted to Non-Government Entities (NGEs).

Must-Know Facts:

- Total Private Investment: Surpassed $618.5 million.
- NGE Authorizations: 105 authorizations issued as of mid-2026.
- Regulatory Authority: IN-SPACe (developing new Safety & Security Guidelines).

01–03 AUGUST 2026

26. Himalayan Chandra Telescope at Hanle Completes 25 Years

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Science & Technology commemorated 25 years of operational excellence of the 2-metre Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT) located at Hanle, Ladakh.

Must-Know Facts:

- 4,517 metres represents the elevation above sea level of the Indian Astronomical Observatory site at Hanle, Ladakh.
- 2 metres serves as the mirror diameter of the optical-infrared Himalayan Chandra Telescope.
- 13.7 metres represents the aperture size of the proposed National Large Optical-infrared Telescope (NLOT) planned for Hanle.

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01–03 AUGUST 2026

27. Trial Run of India's First Vande Bharat Freight EMU Begins

Quick Recap: Indian Railways commenced the trial run of the prototype Vande Bharat Freight EMU train, touching speeds up to 145 km/h on the Kota-Nagda-Sawai Madhopur corridor.

Must-Know Facts:

- 145 km/h represents the top speed recorded during the initial technical trial runs in the Kota division.
- 397 tonnes stands as the total payload capacity of the 16-coach Vande Bharat cargo rake.
- Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai built the indigenous freight EMU prototype.

07 AUGUST 2026

28. ICAR Develops First Fully Annotated Reference Genome of Pigeonpea

Quick Recap: The Indian Council of Agricultural Research developed India's first fully annotated telomere-to-telomere reference genome of the pigeonpea variety Asha.

Must-Know Facts:

- The breakthrough sequence was conducted on the popular pigeonpea variety named 'Asha'.
- The genome assembly was approved and adopted as the global reference genome for pigeonpea by international sequence repositories.
- The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses spans from financial year 2025–26 to 2030–31.

07 AUGUST 2026

29. ICAR Releases India's First Indigenous African Swine Fever Vaccine

Quick Recap: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan dedicated India's first indigenous MA-104 cell line-based live attenuated African Swine Fever vaccine to the nation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The vaccine was developed using the non-proprietary MA-104 cell line to ensure low manufacturing costs and large-scale domestic production.
- The vaccine is recommended for healthy pigs above eight weeks of age with a 14-day interval booster.
- The vaccine was officially dedicated to the nation on ICAR Foundation Day.

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11 AUGUST 2026

30. IT Rules Amended: Platforms Must Remove Sensitive Content Within Two Hours

Quick Recap: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology reduced the deadline for social media platforms to remove sensitive online content to two hours.

Must-Know Facts:

- Social media intermediaries must remove sensitive content involving nudity or impersonation within a two-hour deadline.
- Government or court take-down orders for unlawful material require compliance within three hours.
- General user grievance complaints must receive resolution within 36 hours under the revised rules.

12 AUGUST 2026

31. ISRO Plans 300 Satellite Launches in Six Years and Space Station by 2035

Quick Recap: The Indian Space Research Organisation announced plans to launch at least 300 satellites over six years and establish an Indian space station by 2035.

Must-Know Facts:

- 300 satellites targeted for launch over the next five to six years.
- 2035 target year for establishing the Indian space station.
- ₹986 crore project cost for the Small Satellite Launch Complex transfer.

14 AUGUST 2026

32. NASA Invites ISRO to Join its Moon Base Programme

Quick Recap: National Aeronautics and Space Administration invited Indian Space Research Organisation to participate in its Moon Base programme during the ninth civil space working group meeting in Bengaluru.

Must-Know Facts:

- The venue of the ninth India-United States Civil Space Joint Working Group meeting was Bengaluru.
- The targeted location for the proposed human outpost on the lunar surface is the lunar South Pole.
- The bilateral technology framework supporting the space dialogue is the Transforming the Relationship Utilising Strategic Technology initiative.

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14 AUGUST 2026

33. Kavach 4.0 Approved for 660 Route km in Izzatnagar Division

Quick Recap: Ministry of Railways sanctioned ₹295 crore to deploy Kavach Version 4.0 across 660 route kilometres of Izzatnagar Division.

Must-Know Facts:

- The sanctioned budget for the Kavach 4.0 installation project is ₹295 crore.
- The total distance covered under the approved safety project is 660 route kilometres.
- The total number of railway stations covered under the Izzatnagar Division project is 53.

15–17 AUGUST 2026

34. BSNL's Indigenous 4G Rollout Crosses 98,500 Sites

Quick Recap: State-run BSNL has installed 98,557 indigenous 4G towers across India, with 97,213 operational, putting the operator close to its 100,000-site target.

Must-Know Facts:

- BSNL has installed 98,557 indigenous 4G sites, with 97,213 on-air toward a 1-lakh site target.
- Technology Consortium: C-DOT, TCS, and Tejas Networks.
- Supported by government revival packages amounting to ₹3.22 lakh crore.

25 AUGUST 2026

35. Draft SHANTI Act Rules Propose Five-Year Review of Nuclear Liability Caps

Quick Recap: The Department of Atomic Energy released draft rules under the SHANTI Act proposing a five-year periodic review of graded civil liability caps for nuclear plant operators by an expert group.

Must-Know Facts:

- Five years is the designated frequency for reviewing nuclear operator liability caps under draft Rule 78.
- ₹3,000 crore is the highest liability cap prescribed for nuclear installations above 3,600 MWe.
- Rule 78 is the specific draft rule governing the constitution of the expert review panel.

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26 AUGUST 2026

36. ISRO to Transfer Launch Vehicle Manufacturing to Private Sector

Quick Recap: The Indian Space Research Organisation announced a major policy pivot to transfer the complete end to end manufacturing of operational launch vehicles to domestic private industry consortia.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation [ISRO] decided to transfer complete manufacturing operations of rockets like the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle [PSLV] and Launch Vehicle Mark-3 [LVM3] to private consortia.
- NewSpace India Limited [NSIL] handles the commercial procurement and distribution operations for private vehicle manufacturing.
- The manufacturing shift allows the Indian Space Research Organisation [ISRO] to dedicate internal resources exclusively to advanced space research and deep space exploration.

Sports

02 JUNE 2026

1. India to Host 2027 Asian Relays and 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships

Quick Recap: The Asian Athletics Association (AAA) has officially awarded India the hosting rights for two major upcoming continental events: the 2027 Asian Relay Championships in Chandigarh and the 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships in Bhubaneswar.

Must-Know Facts:

- 2027 Asian Relays Host: Chandigarh, India (Third edition of the championship).
- 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships Host: Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.
- World Athletics Executive Leadership: The announcement and confirmation were verified by World Athletics Vice-President Adille Sumariwalla.

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04 JUNE 2026

2. RCB Beat Gujarat Titans to Win Second Straight IPL Title

Quick Recap: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) successfully defended their Indian Premier League (IPL) crown at the Narendra Modi Stadium, chasing down 156 against the Gujarat Titans in 18 overs behind a masterclass 75* from Virat Kohli.

Must-Know Facts:

- Virat Kohli's match-winning 75 off 42 balls* maintained a remarkable strike rate of 178.57 during the high-pressure championship chase.
- This victory marks RCB's second successive IPL title under the leadership of Rajat Patidar, following their long-awaited maiden tournament championship captured during the 2025 season.
- Gujarat Titans' solitary IPL title victory remains their debut campaign in 2022 under Hardik Pandya, having now lost two subsequent finals (2023 and 2026).

05 JUNE 2026

3. Indian Women Wrestlers Win 10 Medals at U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships

Quick Recap: India's under-seventeen women's wrestling team has secured a total of ten medals, comprising seven gold, two silver, and one bronze, at the Under-Seventeen Asian Wrestling Championships held in Da Nang, Vietnam.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of medals won by the Indian women's wrestling team at the Under-Seventeen Asian Wrestling Championships is ten.
- The specific breakdown of the medals secured by the Indian under-seventeen women wrestlers consists of seven gold, two silver, and one bronze.
- The host city and country where the continental junior wrestling championship event was successfully staged is Da Nang, Vietnam.

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06–08 JUNE 2026

4. India Finishes Second at Asian U-20 Athletics Championships 2026

Quick Recap: The Indian sports contingent matched its historic tournament best by winning 19 medals to secure the runner-up position in the final medal standings at the twenty-second edition of the Asian Under-20 Athletics Championships held in Hong Kong.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of medals won by the 48 member Indian athletics contingent during the continental meet stands at exactly 19 medals.
- The gold medal tally accumulated by the Indian junior sports athletes at the twenty-second edition of the championships was ten.
- The new official junior national record distance registered by discus thrower Nishchay Phogat to claim his silver medal was 60.10 metres.
- The time logged by the gold-winning Indian women's four by 400 metre relay team to rewrite the tournament record was three minutes and 38.07 seconds.

10 JUNE 2026

5. Praggnanandhaa and Bibisara Assaubayeva Win Norway Chess 2026 Titles

Quick Recap: Indian Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu and Kazakhstan's Bibisara Assaubayeva secured the open and women's titles respectively at the prestigious Norway Chess 2026 tournament held in Oslo.

Must-Know Facts:

- Indian Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu won the open title at Norway Chess 2026 with a final score of 18 points, becoming the first Indian player to win the tournament.
- Kazakhstan's Bibisara Assaubayeva secured the women's division title with 16.5 points, clinching the championship a round early.
- The tournament concluded with notable podium finishes, as Wesley So took second place in the open field with 17 points, while Zhu Jiner finished as the runner-up in the women's field with 16 points.

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11 JUNE 2026

6. India Beat Bangladesh to Win SAFF Women's Championship for Record Sixth Time

Quick Recap: The Indian Women’s Football Team defeated defending champions Bangladesh 3–1 in the final at Margao, Goa, to win a record-extending sixth SAFF Women’s Championship title and end a seven-year drought.

Must-Know Facts:

- India won the SAFF Women's Championship 2026 title by registering a final scoreline of 3–1 against Bangladesh on 6 June 2026.
- This victory marks India's 6th title in the history of the competition, having previously won the first five consecutive editions (2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2019).
- The list of final goalscorers for the Indian team includes Pyari Xaxa, Sanfida Nongrum, and Lynda Kom Serto.

12 JUNE 2026

7. India Win Men's Gold and Women's Bronze at U-18 Hockey Asia Cup 2026

Quick Recap: The Indian Under-18 Men's Hockey team was crowned continental champions after defeating hosts Japan 4-1, while the Women's U-18 squad secured the bronze medal with a 3-0 victory over South Korea at Kakamigahara, Japan.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final scoreline by which the Indian Under-18 men's hockey team defeated hosts Japan to claim the 2026 continental crown is 4-1.
- The exact number of total individual goals scored by forward Ashish Tani Purti to finish as the men's tournament top scorer is 13 goals.
- The scoreline by which the Indian women's U-18 team defeated South Korea to lock down the tournament bronze medal is 3-0.
- The total number of individual goals scored by forward Nausheen Naz to secure top-scoring honors in the women's tournament is 12 goals.
- The specific calendar date on which the men's final and women's bronze medal campaigns officially concluded in Japan was 5 June 2026 (with additional bronze matches concluding on 6 June 2026).

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17 JUNE 2026

8. Kane Williamson Retires from International Cricket

Quick Recap: New Zealand's batting maestro and former skipper Kane Williamson has called time on his illustrious 16-year international cricket career with immediate effect.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact age at which the iconic Kiwi batsman Kane Williamson announced his retirement from the international game is 35 years old.
- The total number of international centuries scored by the prolific run-scorer across his entire multi-format career for New Zealand is 48.
- The historic year in which Kane Williamson led the Black Caps to secure the maiden ICC World Test Championship mace by defeating India was 2021.
- The record number of times Williamson won the prestigious Sir Richard Hadlee Medal during his playing career is four.

18 JUNE 2026

9. Lewis Hamilton Wins First F1 Race for Ferrari at Barcelona Grand Prix

Quick Recap: British racing driver Lewis Hamilton won the Barcelona Grand Prix to claim his first-ever Formula One victory for Scuderia Ferrari amidst tactical pit stops and late-race retirements.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of career Grand Prix race victories accumulated by British driver Lewis Hamilton following his latest sporting triumph reached exactly 106.
- The official time advantage maintained by Lewis Hamilton over the second-place finisher George Russell at the conclusion of the Barcelona Grand Prix was exactly 19.5 seconds.
- The direct championship points margin separating leader Kimi Antonelli and second-placed Lewis Hamilton in the updated standings settled at exactly 41 points.

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24 JUNE 2026

10. Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins FIH Nations Cup, Earns Pro League Promotion

Quick Recap: The Indian women hockey team defeated host nation New Zealand with a two zero scoreline in the final match in Auckland to win the International Hockey Federation Women Nations Cup and secure a promotion back to the Pro League.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Indian women hockey team defeated New Zealand in the final match with a definitive scoreline of 2-0.
- The prominent forward Deepika finished the tournament as the joint-highest goal scorer by registering a total of six goals.
- The national team earned direct promotion to the elite FIH Hockey Pro League as a reward for winning the championship title.

24 JUNE 2026

11. Neeraj Chopra Finishes Fourth at Doha Diamond League 2026

Quick Recap: The Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra registered a fourth-place finish with a best throw of 85.69 metres at the Doha Diamond League 2026, successfully sealing his qualification for the upcoming Commonwealth Games.

Must-Know Facts:

- The maximum distance achieved by the star Indian javelin thrower during his competitive comeback event in Doha was 85.69 metres.
- The minimum qualification distance standard fixed by the national athletic council for confirming entry into the multi-sport squad stood at 82.61 metres.
- The elite international javelin throw competition was won by the rising Sri Lankan athlete Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage with an impressive distance of 88.68 metres.

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26 JUNE 2026

12. India Win 16 Medals, Finish Second at Asian Boxing Championships 2026

Quick Recap: India concluded its highly successful campaign at the 2026 Asian Boxing Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, with an impressive haul of 16 medals, finishing second on the leaderboard behind Kazakhstan while recording the highest total medal count across divisions.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Indian national squad finished the 2026 edition with 16 medals, claiming the highest overall aggregate medal count among all participating Asian countries.
- Vishvanath Suresh ended a five-year gold medal drought for Indian men at the elite continental level by winning the 50kg final.
- The highly successful women's squad secured four out of India's five total gold medals at the tournament, highlighting their absolute dominance on the continental stage.
- The high-stakes tournament served as an automatic qualifying gateway, with all gold and silver medalists obtaining direct entry into major international tournaments.

01 JULY 2026

13. Indian Shooters Top ISSF Junior World Championship 2026 with 25 Medals

Quick Recap: India topped the final medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2026 in Suhl, Germany, wrapping up an elite campaign with 25 medals—including four podium finishes on the final day of competition.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total final medal count that secured India the top spot in the 2026 Junior World Championship standings is exactly 25 medals (7 gold, 8 silver, and 10 bronze).
- The young Indian shooter who won the individual silver medal in the women's 50m pistol event after missing gold by a single inner-ten shot is Aishwarya Ravichandra Balehosur.
- The total size of the Indian athlete delegation sent to compete across the 70 participating federations in Germany was 84 members.

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02 JULY 2026

14. Ben Stokes Retires from International Cricket

Quick Recap: England Men’s Test captain Ben Stokes has officially announced his retirement from international cricket, bringing the curtain down on a highly decorated fifteen-year career at the end of the third Test against New Zealand.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific opponent against whom England captain Ben Stokes played his final international cricket match before entering total retirement from the international game was New Zealand.
- The total number of individual Test matches played by the iconic all-rounder across his illustrious international career spanning from 2011 to 2026 reached exactly 122 matches.
- The targeted fourth-innings runs chase set by New Zealand that marked Ben Stokes' final technical tactical deployment on the field as England's Test captain was 373 runs.
- The specific month and year in which Ben Stokes originally took over full-time leadership as the formal captain of the England Men's Test cricket team was April 2022.

06 JULY 2026

15. Harry Kane Overtakes Pelé's World Cup Goal Record

Quick Recap: England captain Harry Kane scored a late match-winning brace against the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo) to secure a 2-1 victory, advancing England to the round of 16 while surpassing Pelé's historic FIFA World Cup goal tally.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of career FIFA World Cup goals scored by Harry Kane after his latest record-breaking performance stands at 13.
- The historical milestone of World Cup goals achieved by the Brazilian legend Pelé that was overtaken during this round of 32 match was 12.
- The designated venue and scheduled date for England's round of 16 clash against tournament co-hosts Mexico is Estadio Azteca on July 5, 2026.
- The total international goal tally reached by Harry Kane for his country across 118 appearances is 84 goals.

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15 JULY 2026

16. Sarvesh Becomes First Indian High Jumper to Finish in Diamond League Top Three

Quick Recap: National record holder Sarvesh Kushare scripted history in Monaco by becoming the first-ever Indian high jumper to secure a podium finish at a Diamond League meet.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific European venue where Sarvesh Kushare made his dream Diamond League debut and secured a historic podium finish is Monaco (Stade Louis II).
- The exact height successfully cleared by Kushare to clinch the bronze medal position among the elite global field is 2.26 meters.
- The current Indian national record in men's high jump, which was set by Sarvesh Kushare in June 2026, stands at 2.31 meters.

16 JULY 2026

17. Indian Women's Cricket Team Wins Historic Test Against England at Lord's

Quick Recap: The Indian women's cricket team achieved a historic 270-run victory over England on the final morning of the one-off Test match at Lord's Cricket Ground.

Must-Know Facts:

- The comprehensive victory margin by which the Indian national team defeated England to register the historic Test match win stands at 270 runs.
- The mammoth fourth-innings target set by India that England failed to chase down before being bowled out for 186 runs on the final day was 457 runs.
- The total number of dot balls played out by England's number 11 batter Lauren Filer before registering her first run of the morning was 20.
- The specific time at which the final English wicket fell to spark off the dynamic on-field victory celebrations for the Indian squad was 12.35 p.m.

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16 JULY 2026

18. Jannik Sinner Beats Alexander Zverev to Retain Wimbledon Men's Singles Title

Quick Recap: Top-ranked Jannik Sinner successfully defended his Wimbledon gentlemen's singles title at the All England Club by dismantling Germany's Alexander Zverev in a four-set battle, extending his winning streak over the German to ten matches.

Must-Know Facts:

- The final match scoreline through which Jannik Sinner defeated Alexander Zverev to retain his crown was 6-7(7), 7-6(2), 6-3, 6-4.
- The total career Grand Slam singles titles accumulated by the Italian champion following his back-to-back triumph at SW19 stands at five.
- The four elite male players who have successfully defended a Wimbledon singles title over the last 25 years are Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Carlos Alcaraz, and Jannik Sinner.
- The women's singles player who clinched her maiden Grand Slam trophy over Karolina Muchova at the 2026 Championships was Linda Noskova.

22 JULY 2026

19. PV Sindhu Wins Japan Open 2026

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated ace shuttler PV Sindhu on her historic victory at the Japan Open 2026, marking her as the first Indian to achieve this feat.

Must-Know Facts:

- Winner: PV Sindhu.
- Tournament: Japan Open 2026.
- Milestone: First Indian to win the Japan Open title.

28 JULY 2026

20. Viswanathan Anand Becomes Interim President of FIDE

Quick Recap: Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand assumed the position of Interim President of the International Chess Federation following European Union sanctions against Arkady Dvorkovich.

Must-Know Facts:

- Viswanathan Anand assumed executive leadership as Interim President under the provisions of the FIDE Charter.
- Arkady Dvorkovich suspended his duties following the public announcement of European Union sanctions.
- Anand had served as Deputy President of the International Chess Federation since 2022.

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29 JULY 2026

21. Mirabai Chanu Wins Gold in 48 kg at Commonwealth Games 2026

Quick Recap: Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu secured the Gold medal in the women's 48 kg category at the Commonwealth Games 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Mirabai Chanu won the Gold medal in the 48 kg weight category at CWG 2026.
- This win secured her fourth career Commonwealth Games medal.
- The victory marks back-to-back Commonwealth Games Gold medals for Mirabai Chanu.

29 JULY 2026

22. Rishikanta Singh Chanambam Wins Silver at Commonwealth Games 2026

Quick Recap: Indian weightlifter Rishikanta Singh Chanambam won the Silver medal while achieving a personal best performance at the Commonwealth Games 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Rishikanta Singh Chanambam won a Silver medal at the Commonwealth Games 2026.
- He achieved a personal best lift performance during the competition.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued an official congratulatory message praising his achievement.

29 JULY 2026

23. Anahat Singh Wins World Junior Squash Championship

Quick Recap: Eighteen-year-old Indian squash player Anahat Singh won her first World Junior Squash Championship title after defeating Egypt's Ruqaiyya Salem in the final in Ontario.

Must-Know Facts:

- Anahat Singh won the World Junior Squash Championship in Ontario, Canada.
- Saurav Ghosal served as mentor and coach for Anahat Singh during the championship.
- The championship final ended in three straight sets with scores of 11-3, 11-7, 11-9.

30 JULY 2026

24. Raja Muthupandi Wins Weightlifting Silver at Glasgow CWG 2026

Quick Recap: Indian weightlifter Raja Muthupandi won the silver medal in the Men's 65 kg category at the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow.

Must-Know Facts:

- Raja Muthupandi won the silver medal in the Men's 65 kg weightlifting event.
- The event took place at the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi commended the weightlifter's international success.

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30 JULY 2026

25. Gyaneshwari Yadav Wins Weightlifting Silver at Glasgow CWG 2026

Quick Recap: Gyaneshwari Yadav claimed the silver medal in women's weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2026 after setting a new personal best score.

Must-Know Facts:

- Gyaneshwari Yadav won the silver medal in weightlifting at the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.
- She set a personal best performance during the silver medal winning event.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued a national commendation acknowledging her achievement.

30 JULY 2026

26. Sarvesh Kushare Wins High Jump Silver at Commonwealth Games 2026

Quick Recap: Union Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya congratulated Indian high jumper Sarvesh Kushare for winning the silver medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- Sarvesh Kushare won the silver medal in the men's high jump with a 2.25-metre jump.
- He became the first Indian to win a silver medal in high jump at the Commonwealth Games.
- Union Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya issued a national commendation celebrating the performance.

01–03 AUGUST 2026

27. Gulveer Singh Wins Historic Silver in Men's 10,000 m at CWG 2026

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised distance runner Gulveer Singh for winning a historic silver medal in the men's 10,000 metres event at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Must-Know Facts:

- Gulveer Singh secured the silver medal in the men's 10,000 metres event at the CWG 2026.
- 27:49.78 stands as the official time recorded by Gulveer Singh to win silver in Glasgow.

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04 AUGUST 2026

28. Dilip Mahadu Gavit Wins Gold in Men's 100 m T47 at CWG 2026

Quick Recap: Dilip Mahadu Gavit clinched the Gold medal in the Men's 100m T47 event at the Commonwealth Games 2026, setting a new Games record.

Must-Know Facts:

- Dilip Mahadu Gavit secured the Gold medal in the Men's 100m T47 classification at the 2026 Commonwealth Games.
- New Games Record and Season Best were achieved by Gavit during his gold-medal sprint performance.
- T47 represents the parasport classification for track events involving upper limb impairment.

04 AUGUST 2026

29. Murali Sreeshankar Wins Long Jump Silver at CWG 2026

Quick Recap: Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar secured the Silver medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026 with a season-best jump.

Must-Know Facts:

- Glasgow served as the host city for the 2026 Commonwealth Games track and field events.
- Murali Sreeshankar secured the Silver medal in the men's long jump discipline.
- Season-best leap was achieved by Sreeshankar to secure his podium finish.

05 AUGUST 2026

30. India Finish Fourth at CWG 2026 with 39 Medals

Quick Recap: India concluded its Commonwealth Games 2026 campaign in Glasgow, Scotland, in fourth position on the medal table with 39 medals comprising 13 gold, 17 silver, and 9 bronze.

Must-Know Facts:

- India won 39 total medals: 13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 9 Bronze.
- India finished in 4th place on the medal tally (Australia topped with 171 medals).
- Boxing was India's top sport with 7 gold and 10 total medals.

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06 AUGUST 2026

31. Harshita Jakhar First Indian Woman at Tour de France Femmes

Quick Recap: Nineteen-year-old cyclist Harshita Jakhar became the first Indian woman cyclist to participate in the Tour de France Femmes event in Switzerland.

Must-Know Facts:

- Nineteen-year-old Harshita Jakhar represents India in international road cycling competitions.
- The Tour de France Femmes event took place in Switzerland.
- The participating international squad featured athletes from seven developing cycling nations.

06 AUGUST 2026

32. Para Shuttler Biri Takar Wins Two Medals at BWF Para World Circuit

Quick Recap: Arunachal Pradesh para-shuttler Biri Takar won two medals at the Badminton World Federation Para Badminton World Circuit event.

Must-Know Facts:

- Biri Takar achieved a double medal finish at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Para Badminton World Circuit tournament.
- Biri Takar represents the state of Arunachal Pradesh in national sports competitions.
- The tournament operated under the administrative jurisdiction of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

11 AUGUST 2026

33. India Win High Jump Silver and Long Jump Bronze at World Athletics U20 Championships

Quick Recap: Indian athletes Basant Kumar Meghwal and Shahnavaz Khan won historic silver and bronze medals in high jump and long jump respectively at the World Athletics U20 Championships in Eugene.

Must-Know Facts:

- Basant Kumar Meghwal achieved a personal best jump of 2.21 meters to secure the silver medal.
- Shahnavaz Khan recorded a jump of 7.84 meters to win the bronze medal in long jump.
- Basant Kumar Meghwal became the first Indian high jumper to win a medal at the World Athletics U20 Championships.

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12 AUGUST 2026

34. Ashish Yadav Wins Javelin Silver at World Athletics U20 Championships

Quick Recap: 19 year old javelin thrower Ashish Yadav won silver at the World Athletics Under 20 Championships in Eugene, United States of America, with a 74.09 metre throw.

Must-Know Facts:

- 74.09 metres distance achieved on the silver medal winning throw.
- Third attempt on which the medal winning performance occurred.
- Eugene, United States of America (USA) as the host venue for the World Athletics Under 20 Championships.

12 AUGUST 2026

35. Ashmita Chaliha Wins Korea Masters, Her First BWF World Tour Title

Quick Recap: Indian badminton player Ashmita Chaliha defeated Han Qian Xi of China to win the Korea Masters 2026 women singles title, securing her first Badminton World Federation World Tour crown.

Must-Know Facts:

- Ashmita Chaliha was the women singles title winner at Korea Masters 2026.
- Han Qian Xi of China as the runner-up in the women's singles final.
- 53 minutes duration of the championship final match.

20 AUGUST 2026

36. Rishabh Pant Becomes Fastest to 100 Test Sixes

Quick Recap: Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant created history on Day Four of the First Test against Sri Lanka at Galle by becoming the fastest player in world cricket to hit 100 sixes in Test matches.

Must-Know Facts:

- Rishabh Pant became the fastest player in world cricket to reach 100 Test sixes in 89 innings.
- The achievement required 4,918 deliveries faced across his Test career.
- He stands as the fourth cricketer globally and the first Indian player to reach the 106 mark in Test cricket.

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21 AUGUST 2026

37. Ayush Shetty Stuns World No. 1 Shi Yuqi at BWF World Championships

Quick Recap: 21-year-old Indian shuttler Ayush Shetty pulled off a massive upset by defeating top seed and World Number One Shi Yuqi in the first round of the BWF World Championships in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- Player Milestone: Ayush Shetty defeated World Number One Shi Yuqi (21-14, 13-21, 21-19).
- Match Duration: 73 minutes in the round of 64.
- Tournament Venue: BWF World Championships 2026 held in New Delhi, India.

21 AUGUST 2026

38. India Beat Pakistan 5-3 at FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026

Quick Recap: India defeated Pakistan 5-3 in a Pool D thriller at the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026 in Amstelveen to advance to Round 2.

Must-Know Facts:

- Final Match Score: India 5 – 3 Pakistan.
- Multiple Goal Scorers for India: Harmanpreet Singh (2 goals) and Abhishek (2 goals).
- Tournament Impact: India advanced to Round 2 of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026.

25 AUGUST 2026

39. Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand Win Bronze at BWF World Championships 2026

Quick Recap: Indian women's doubles pair Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand clinched a historic bronze medal at the BWF Badminton World Championships 2026 in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand are the players who won the historic women's doubles bronze medal.
- Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi served as the host venue for the BWF Badminton World Championships 2026.
- The year 2011 was the previous time India secured a women's doubles medal at the World Championships.

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26 AUGUST 2026

40. East Bengal Beat Mohun Bagan to Win Record-Equalling 17th Durand Cup

Quick Recap: East Bengal FC defeated arch rivals Mohun Bagan Super Giant 4-1 in the final at Salt Lake Stadium Kolkata to win the Durand Cup for a record equalling seventeenth time.

Must-Know Facts:

- East Bengal FC won the Durand Cup 2026 title by defeating Mohun Bagan Super Giant 4-1 in the final.
- East Bengal FC achieved a record-equalling seventeenth Durand Cup title win.
- Edmund Lalrindika scored a first-half hat-trick during the final match.

Important Days

03 JUNE 2026

1. World No Tobacco Day 2026 (31 May)

Quick Recap: Observed globally on May 31, World No Tobacco Day 2026 centers on the theme "Unmasking the Appeal: Countering Nicotine and Tobacco Addiction," shedding light on how the modern tobacco industry uses innovative product engineering and digital marketing to hook younger generations.

Must-Know Facts:

- World No Tobacco Day is globally recognized and marked each year on May 31.
- The designated theme for the 2026 public health framework focuses on unmasking product appeal and countering nicotine addiction.
- Globally, approximately 8 million annual deaths are directly attributed to tobacco usage, identifying it as the leading preventable cause of death.
- In regional trends, the WHO European Region registers the highest global average of adolescent e-cigarette use, marking a prevalence rate of 14.3 per cent.

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05 JUNE 2026

2. World Bicycle Day (3 June)

Quick Recap: World Bicycle Day 2026 was observed globally on Wednesday, June 3, under the central operational theme of "Cycling for a Greener Future" to promote health benefits, environmental protection, and low-cost urban mobility.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific global calendar date officially designated every year for the international celebration of World Bicycle Day is June 3.
- The central promotional theme officially chosen to guide the public awareness campaigns for World Bicycle Day 2026 is "Cycling for a Greener Future".
- The specific year in which the United Nations General Assembly formally approved and adopted the resolution to establish this global day is 2018.
- The key sociology professor and cycling advocate who initiated the successful grassroots academic campaign to establish the event is Professor Leszek Sibilski.

09 JUNE 2026

3. World Environment Day 2026 (5 June)

Quick Recap: World Environment Day 2026 was observed on 5 June 2026 under the official theme 'Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future.' to highlight the critical connection between environmental sustainability and public health.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact date on which World Environment Day 2026 was observed globally to promote international environmental awareness and sustainable lifestyles is 5 June 2026.
- The official theme designated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for the annual environmental campaign of this year is 'Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future.'
- The global welfare network and public health system emphasizes that sustainable nutrition is required to ensure long-term health security for a rapidly growing human population.

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10 JUNE 2026

4. World Oceans Day 2026 (8 June)

Quick Recap: The Geneva Environment Network has spotlighted key mobilization and diplomatic efforts for World Oceans Day 2026, centering on the UN-designated theme "Reimagine" to catalyze global marine conservation and framework implementation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official UN theme for World Oceans Day 2026 is "Reimagine", focusing heavily on treating the ocean as a vital, foundational piece of Earth's infrastructure of life.
- This year represents a landmark milestone as the first World Oceans Day observed following the formal entry into force of the historic BBNJ Agreement.
- Diplomatic discussions led by bodies like the ISA and IUCN remain actively centered on balancing national resource interests with strict environmental safeguards, deep-sea scientific research, and ocean equity.

11 JUNE 2026

5. World Food Safety Day 2026 (7 June)

Quick Recap: The 8th annual World Food Safety Day was observed globally on June 7, 2026, under the institutional theme "From Burden to Solutions: Safe Food Everywhere" to emphasize evidence-based practices and multisectoral cooperation in securing global agrifood systems.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official international theme chosen to steer World Food Safety Day 2026 is "From Burden to Solutions: Safe Food Everywhere."
- The global baseline tracking metrics provided by the WHO indicate that young children under the age of five and low-income populations remain the most vulnerable demographic groups impacted by foodborne pathogens.
- According to international statistics released for the 2026 campaign, investing in standard-driven food systems has reduced the global illness ratio from 1-in-5 individuals in 2000 to 1-in-9 individuals today.

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12 JUNE 2026

6. World Accreditation Day 2026 (9 June)

Quick Recap: World Accreditation Day (#WAD2026) was celebrated globally on 9 June 2026 under the theme "Innovation, Trust and Sustainability: The Power of Accreditation" to emphasize how independent validation underpins modern technical and environmental advancements.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific global calendar date designated annually to celebrate and promote World Accreditation Day across the globe is 9 June.
- The exact year in which the IAF and ILAC originally passed the joint resolution to create this dedicated international day is 2007.
- The name of the newly consolidated global organization that officially serves as the overarching organizer for the international event is Global ACI.
- The official alphanumeric social media hashtag designated by the global steering committee to unify the 2026 awareness campaigns is #WAD2026.

16 JUNE 2026

7. World Day Against Child Labour 2026 (12 June)

Quick Recap: Observed globally on June 12, World Day Against Child Labour 2026 calls for urgent, accelerated action toward eliminating child exploitation, highlighted by the theme emphasizing fair play for children and decent work for adults.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific calendar date designated annually by the United Nations and the ILO to mark the World Day Against Child Labour is June 12.
- The foundational launch year when the International Labour Organization first established and observed this global awareness day at its headquarters is 2002.
- The exact wording of the 2026 theme designated to mobilize communities and international supply chains is "Red Card to Child Labour: Fair Play for Children, Decent Work for Adults."
- The global framework agreement providing the practical roadmap for policy acceleration highlighted during the 2026 campaign is the Marrakech Global Framework for Action.

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17 JUNE 2026

8. Global Wind Day 2026 (15 June)

Quick Recap: Global Wind Day 2026 was observed on 15 June 2026 as the 18th annual event to promote wind energy as a renewable power source, with India hosting the official conference in Goa.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official location where India hosted the Global Wind Day 2026 Conference on 15 June 2026 was Goa.
- The global ranking held by India in terms of total installed wind power capacity is fourth.
- The total cumulative installed wind power capacity achieved by India as of March 2026 was 56.09 Gigawatts (GW).
- The global theme designated for the 18th annual observance of Global Wind Day in 2026 was "Our wind, our community".

19 JUNE 2026

9. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (17 June)

Quick Recap: The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought was observed globally on June 17, 2026, focusing on a dedicated campaign to protect, respect, and restore degraded rangeland ecosystems.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific calendar date on which the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed globally each year to drive awareness regarding land degradation is June 17.
- The exact three-word core directive driving the official theme for the global observance campaign is "Recognise. Respect. Restore.".
- The estimated total proportion of the Earth’s land surface area covered by rangeland ecosystems stands at more than half.

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20–22 JUNE 2026

10. International Day of Family Remittances 2026 (16 June)

Quick Recap: The United Nations observed the International Day of Family Remittances on 16 June 2026, launching a global campaign to leverage the nearly $700 billion annual remittance flow to low- and middle-income nations to boost rural resilience, entrepreneurship, and employment.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official global date designated annually by the United Nations to recognize the financial contributions of migrant workers is 16 June.
- The estimated total volume of financial remittances channeled specifically into low- and middle-income nations each year is nearly $700 billion.
- The proportion of global family remittances that is estimated to directly reach rural households and agricultural communities is around one-third (33%).
- The UN leader who highlighted that maximizing diaspora investments can paradoxically reduce economic migration pressures is IFAD President Álvaro Lario.

23 JUNE 2026

11. World Sickle Cell Day 2026 (19 June)

Quick Recap: On World Sickle Cell Day (June 19, 2026), PACE Hospitals highlighted the critical role of early diagnostic testing, public awareness, and equitable healthcare access under the global theme "Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Disease."

Must-Know Facts:

- World Sickle Cell Day is observed globally every year on June 19.
- The designated global theme for the year 2026 is "Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Disease".
- Normal, healthy red blood cells have an average lifespan of 120 days, whereas abnormal sickle cells collapse and die within a brief window of 10 to 20 days.
- When both parents carry the sickle cell trait, any child they conceive faces a 25 per cent risk of inheriting full sickle cell disease.

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24 JUNE 2026

12. 12th International Day of Yoga (21 June); National Event in Kolkata

Quick Recap: The twelfth edition of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) is being observed on 21 June 2026 with the theme of Yoga for Healthy Ageing, featuring the main national celebration in Kolkata.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official theme designated for the twelfth edition of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) in 2026 is Yoga for Healthy Ageing.
- The city of Kolkata has been selected to host the principal national celebration for the International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21 June 2026.
- The special nationwide live yoga session conducted on 14 June 2026 achieved a new Guinness World Record by securing the simultaneous participation of more than 4 lakh people.
- The formal countdown for the 2026 celebrations commenced with a hundred-day countdown event held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on 13 March 2026.

25 JUNE 2026

13. UN Public Service Day 2026 (23 June)

Quick Recap: Observed globally on June 23, the United Nations Public Service Day 2026 celebrates the vital contributions of public servants and emphasizes the ongoing transformation of public institutions through innovation, participation, and ethical digital integration.

Must-Know Facts:

- United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated globally on June 23 every year.
- The host nation selected to anchor the flagship 2026 UN Public Service Forum and its high-level ministerial roundtables is Georgia.
- The core objectives of the day are to celebrate the value of service to the community, highlight the public sector's role in the development process, and actively encourage young people to pursue diverse careers within the public sector.

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25 JUNE 2026

14. International Widows' Day 2026 (23 June)

Quick Recap: Observed globally on June 23, International Widows' Day 2026 highlights the economic, legal, and social hardships faced by over 258 million widows worldwide, calling for urgent structural reforms in inheritance laws, social inclusion, and gender equality.

Must-Know Facts:

- International Widows' Day is celebrated every year on June 23, coinciding globally with UN Public Service Day.
- Current global estimates indicate that out of the roughly 258 million widows worldwide, nearly one in ten lives in conditions of extreme poverty.
- Human rights campaigns for 2026 utilize the international digital outreach hashtags #23June, #widowhood, and #Widowsday to challenge traditional biases and mainstream legal updates.

30 JUNE 2026

15. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (26 June)

Quick Recap: The global community unites on 26 June to observe World Drug Day, focusing on collaborative and innovative solutions to counter escalating synthetic drug markets and digital trafficking networks.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official calendar date designated by the UN General Assembly to observe the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is 26 June.
- The key executive agency responsible for compiling the data-driven World Drug Report and spearheading international drug control policies is the UNODC.
- The definitive year in which the United Nations General Assembly officially adopted Resolution 42/112 to establish this global observance was 1987.

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01 JULY 2026

16. National Statistics Day 2026 (29 June)

Quick Recap: India observed its 20th National Statistics Day on 29 June 2026 to celebrate the legacy of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) centring events around using administrative data for real-time governance.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact calendar date on which National Statistics Day is celebrated annually in India is 29 June.
- The official theme announced by MoSPI for the 2026 National Statistics Day celebrations is "Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data".
- The key historical institution established by Professor P.C. Mahalanobis in 1931 to pioneer large-scale statistical testing in India is the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI).

02 JULY 2026

17. International Asteroid Day (30 June)

Quick Recap: The United Nations General Assembly has established June 30 as International Asteroid Day to educate the public on near-Earth object impact hazards and commemorate the historic 1908 Tunguska impact over Siberia.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise date designated annually by the United Nations to observe International Asteroid Day and educate the public on near-Earth object impact hazards is 30 June.
- The safe flyby distance of the asteroid 99942 Apophis above the surface of the Earth on 13 April 2029 is estimated to be approximately 32,000 kilometers.
- The total number of unique Near Earth Asteroids discovered and registered according to the official tracking records maintained by the Center for NEO Studies of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) exceeds 36,000.
- The specific calendar year declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2024 to serve as the International Year of Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence is 2029.

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31 JULY 2026

18. International Tiger Day 2026 (29 July)

Quick Recap: India reaffirmed its global leadership in wildlife conservation while harbouring nearly 70 per cent of the worldwide wild tiger population on International Tiger Day.

Must-Know Facts:

- July 29 marks the annual global observance date of International Tiger Day.
- 70 per cent represents the approximate share of the global wild tiger population currently residing within India.
- 2010 marks the year when the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit originally established the global observance day.

05 AUGUST 2026

19. 16th Indian Organ Donation Day Observed

Quick Recap: Union Minister of State for Health Smt. Anupriya Patel addressed the 16th Indian Organ Donation Day ceremony, urging nationwide participation to eliminate organ shortages.

Must-Know Facts:

- 2026 marked the 16th edition of Indian Organ Donation Day.
- Government reforms removed the upper age cap of 65 years and abolished state domicile requirements for organ recipient registration.
- NOTTO functions as the central registry for organ allocation and policy coordination across India.

13 AUGUST 2026

20. World Lion Day: Asiatic Lion Population Reaches 891

Quick Recap: Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav announced on World Lion Day 2026 that India's Asiatic Lion population grew to 891 in 2025 from 523 in 2015.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Asiatic Lion population increased to 891 in 2025 from 523 in 2015.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi officially announced Project Lion on August 15, 2020.
- The total habitat range of the Asiatic Lion expanded to nearly 35,000 square kilometres from 30,000 square kilometres in 2020.

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14 AUGUST 2026

21. World Elephant Day: India Home to Over 60% of Wild Asian Elephants

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked World Elephant Day by highlighting that India shelters over 60 per cent of the world's wild Asian elephants across 33 reserves.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total proportion of the world's wild Asian elephants hosted in India exceeds 60 per cent.
- The total number of designated Elephant Reserves established across India is 33.
- The total number of scientifically validated elephant corridors established across 14 states is 150.

26 AUGUST 2026

22. National Space Day (23 August) Observed

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings to the nation on National Space Day while calling for bigger dreams and new frontiers in space innovation.

Must-Know Facts:

- The Prime Minister extended greetings on the occasion of National Space Day.
- The message emphasized dreaming bigger, innovating more, and pushing newer frontiers in innovation.
- The official communication was released through the social media platform X.

Books & Authors

02 JUNE 2026

1. IOA President Releases Book on India's First Olympic Hockey Gold

Quick Recap: Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President P.T. Usha officially released a historical sports book titled "India's First Olympic Gold," authored by noted hockey historian K. Arumugam, to mark the anniversary of India's landmark 1928 Amsterdam Olympic victory.

Must-Know Facts:

- The title of the hockey history book released by Indian Olympic Association President P.T. Usha is India's First Olympic Gold.
- The historical volume has been written and researched by well-known Indian hockey historian K. Arumugam.
- The core subject of the book centers on the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics, where India secured its first-ever Olympic gold medal on May 26, 1928.

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03 JUNE 2026

2. Shyam Srinivasan's Debut Book 'Better Never Stops' Launched

Quick Recap: Shyam Srinivasan, the former Managing Director and CEO of Federal Bank, has launched his debut leadership-and-memoir-style book titled "Better Never Stops: Leadership Insights from Life's Unscripted Moments."

Must-Know Facts:

- The debut leadership book launched by former commercial banker Shyam Srinivasan is titled "Better Never Stops".
- The author was at the helm of Federal Bank as its MD and CEO for 14 years, steering its growth and digitalization from 2010 through 2024.
- Celebrated Indian cricket icon Kapil Dev headlined the official book release ceremony held in Chennai.
- The volume has drawn strong high-profile endorsements from prominent corporate figures, including former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant and Marico Founder & Chairman Harsh Mariwala.

09 JUNE 2026

3. Vice-President Releases 'When Audit Matters: CAG Interventions That Made a Difference'

Quick Recap: The Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, formally released a new book titled 'When Audit Matters: CAG Interventions That Made a Difference', which is edited by the former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Vinod Rai, during a special event hosted at Uprashtrapati Bhawan.

Must-Know Facts:

- The high-level dignitary who formally released the publication at Uprashtrapati Bhawan was the Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan.
- The former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India who served as the primary editor for this newly released book is Vinod Rai.
- The specific academic institution that spearheaded the research project examining governance and accountability in South Asia is the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore (NUS).

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19 JUNE 2026

4. Vice-President Releases Book 'Agatthiyar – The Unifier'

Quick Recap: The Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, officially released a book titled Agatthiyar – The Unifier during a formal ceremony held at the Uprashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- The official title of the historical and cultural book released by the Vice President of India at the ceremony is Agatthiyar – The Unifier.
- The name of the dedicated monthly publication house and magazine that published the newly released book is Kalaimagal.
- The prominent classical scholar cited by the Vice President for his lifelong historical contributions to the systematic preservation of ancient Tamil literature is U. Ve. Swaminatha Iyer.

27–29 JUNE 2026

5. Vice-President Releases Book 'VIP Culture in India'

Quick Recap: Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book titled "VIP Culture in India: Power, Privilege and the Distance from Democracy" at Uprashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific venue where the Vice-President officially released the newly published literary work on public administration and democratic values was Uprashtrapati Bhavan.
- The high-level national competitive examination whose student aspirants were protected from traffic delays by a Prime Ministerial directive is the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET).
- The former Prime Minister whose legendary simple lifestyle and public service ethos were specifically appreciated and highlighted within the text of the new book was Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.
- The prominent ancient Indian collection of interrelated animal fables cited by the authors to enrich their political and social analysis is the Panchatantra.

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10 JULY 2026

6. New India Foundation Announces Translation Fellowships 2026

Quick Recap: The New India Foundation has awarded its 2026 Translation Fellowships to four scholars—Jayasree Kalathil, Mini Chandran, Murali Ranganathan, and Shefali Jha—providing a ₹6 lakh grant each to translate historic non-fiction works from Malayalam, Hindi, and Urdu into English.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total financial package allocated by the foundation to each individual selected translation fellow is exactly ₹6 lakh.
- The operational duration designated for the completion of the sponsored translation manuscripts under this fellowship is six months.
- The 2026 fellowship program targets the translation of non-fiction works originally produced in 10 major Indian languages into English.
- The official statement listing the winners of the third round of the translation fellowship was released by the trust on Tuesday, 07 July 2026.

17 JULY 2026

7. Vice-President Releases 'The Voice of Justice: Justice Gavai Speaks'

Quick Recap: The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, released a book compiling the speeches and lectures of former Chief Justice of India, Justice B. R. Gavai, at Uprashtrapati Bhavan.

Must-Know Facts:

- The precise title of the book released by the Vice-President at Uprashtrapati Bhavan is “The Voice of Justice: Justice Gavai Speaks”.
- The prominent legal academic who edited the compiled volume of judicial reflections is Professor Doctor S. Sivakumar.
- The specific milestone duration highlighted by the Vice-President regarding the structural evolution of the Indian Constitution is 75 years.

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22 JULY 2026

8. Vice-President Releases Book 'RSS @100: A Century of Service, Unity & Sacrifice'

Quick Recap: Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan released a new book titled "RSS @100: A Century of Service, Unity & Sacrifice", authored by Shyam Jaju and Anupam Trivedi, at Uprashtrapati Bhavan.

Must-Know Facts:

- Book Title: “RSS @100: A Century of Service, Unity & Sacrifice”
- Authors: Shyam Jaju and Anupam Trivedi.
- Venue of Release: Uprashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

15–17 AUGUST 2026

9. PM Releases Autobiography of Former President Ram Nath Kovind

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi officially released the autobiography of former President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind at an event in New Delhi on 12 August 2026.

Must-Know Facts:

- The autobiography released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi belongs to former President Shri Ram Nath Kovind.
- Shri Ram Nath Kovind served as India's 14th President from 2017 to 2022.
- The formal book release event took place on 12 August 2026.

Obituaries

30 MAY – 01 JUNE 2026

1. Olympian Archer and Arjuna Awardee Shyam Lal Meena Passes Away

Quick Recap: Pioneering Indian archer Shyam Lal Meena, who competed as a member of the nation's first-ever Olympic archery contingent at the 1988 Seoul Games, passed away at the age of 61 following a prolonged illness.

Must-Know Facts:

- The age of pioneering Olympic archer Shyam Lal Meena at the time of his passing on Sunday night was 61 years old.
- The specific Olympic Games where the Indian national squad made its historical all-time archery competitive debut was the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics.
- The domestic region where Meena spent his post-competitive career mentoring young grassroots athletes as a coach was the Banswara district in Rajasthan.

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02 JUNE 2026

2. Five-Time Olympian Raja Randhir Singh Passes Away at 79

Quick Recap: Legend of Indian shooting and former President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), Raja Randhir Singh, has passed away at the age of 79 following a prolonged illness.

Must-Know Facts:

- Raja Randhir Singh represented India as a trap shooter in exactly five Olympic Games over his distinguished active athletic career.
- In September 2024, Singh script history by becoming the first Indian national to be elected to the position of President of the Olympic Council of Asia.
- He held the record of being the first-ever Indian shooter to claim an individual gold medal at the Asian Games during the 1978 edition held in Bangkok.

03 JUNE 2026

3. Dhanendra Kumar, First Chairperson of CCI, Passes Away

Quick Recap: Former bureaucrat and founding chairman of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), Dhanendra Kumar, passed away at the age of 80 due to smoke inhalation following a suspected air-conditioner (AC) blast at his south Delhi residence.

Must-Know Facts:

- The pioneering first chairman of the Competition Commission of India, Dhanendra Kumar, passed away on May 27, 2026, at age 80.
- The fatal house fire at his Hauz Khas residence is suspected to have originated from a blast in a split AC indoor unit.
- Beyond his core central roles, Kumar left a lasting legacy in Haryana, having served as the Principal Secretary to the Haryana Chief Minister and head of the state industrial body, HSIDC.
- In his post-retirement years, he remained deeply involved in national corporate policy, serving as a chief mentor at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA).

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4. Urdu Poet Bashir Badr Passes Away at 91

Quick Recap: Renowned Urdu poet, ghazal maestro, and Padma Shri awardee Dr. Bashir Badr passed away at his residence in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, following a prolonged battle with dementia.

Must-Know Facts:

- Dr. Bashir Badr passed away on May 28, 2026, at the age of 91 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- In recognition of his monumental contributions to literature, he was honored with the Padma Shri in 1999 and won the Sahitya Akademi Award the same year for his poetry collection Aas.
- He served as the Chairman of the Bihar Urdu Academy and was awarded the prestigious UP Urdu Academy award four times.
- Beyond standard collections, he published his popular anthology Ujale Apni Yaadon Ke in the Devanagari script to intentionally bridge linguistic divides and reach millions of Hindi readers.

04 JUNE 2026

5. Playback Singer Suman Kalyanpur Passes Away at 89

Quick Recap: Legendary Indian playback singer and Padma Bhushan awardee Suman Kalyanpur, renowned for her golden classical voice and iconic melodies throughout the 1960s and 70s, has passed away at the age of 89.

Must-Know Facts:

- Suman Kalyanpur was honored with the Padma Bhushan award in the field of Art in the year 2023.
- Her iconic track "Aajkal Tere Mere Pyar Ke Charche" from the film Brahmachari (1968) remains one of the most culturally recognizable and enduring retro-pop tracks in the history of Bollywood.
- While internationally celebrated for her Hindi cinema discography, her contribution to Marathi non-film music (Bhavgeet) and devotional songs holds an equally legendary, foundational status in Western India.

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11 JUNE 2026

6. Malayalam Actor Salim Kumar Passes Away at 57

Quick Recap: Acclaimed Indian actor, comedian, and director Salim Kumar passed away at a private hospital in Kochi due to a cardiac arrest following a period of critical health complications.

Must-Know Facts:

- The brilliant multi-genre veteran actor and filmmaker Salim Kumar passed away at the age of 57 on 6 June 2026.
- He achieved his historic pinnacle by winning the National Film Award for Best Actor in 2010 for his exceptional lead performance in the movie Adaminte Makan Abu.
- His outstanding career portfolio spanned approximately 300 to 350 feature films across multiple regional languages.

13–15 JUNE 2026

7. Tamil Filmmaker Bharathiraja Passes Away at 84

Quick Recap: The veteran Tamil filmmaker Bharathiraja has passed away at the age of 84 at his residence in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, following prolonged age-related ailments.

Must-Know Facts:

- The veteran filmmaker Bharathiraja passed away at the specific age of 84 years following prolonged respiratory complications.
- The exact date on which the legendary director breathed his last at his Chennai residence was 10 June 2026.
- The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) who paid formal respects to the deceased filmmaker was C. Joseph Vijay.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu honored the monumental contributions of the filmmaker by conducting his final rites with full State honours.

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17 JUNE 2026

8. Shooting Coach Jaspal Rana Passes Away at 49

Quick Recap: The prominent Indian shooting great and high-performance coach Jaspal Rana has passed away at the age of 49 at a hospital in Delhi following a sudden illness.

Must-Know Facts:

- The total number of medals won by the decorated shooter Jaspal Rana across his career appearances at the Commonwealth Games (CWG) was fifteen, which included a haul of nine gold medals.
- The precise calendar month and year in which the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) appointed the veteran trainer to the post of high-performance coach for the 25 metre pistol discipline was February 2025.
- The specific age at which the rising shooting star secured his first major milestone by winning the gold medal in the 25 metre Centre Fire Pistol event at the 1994 Asian Games was eighteen.
- The historic international competition where the veteran coach successfully guided his student Manu Bhaker to win a historic double bronze medal was the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

23 JUNE 2026

9. Buddhist Scholar Robert Thurman Passes Away at 84

Quick Recap: Renowned American scholar of Tibetan Buddhism and Padma Shri awardee Professor Robert A.F. Thurman passed away at the age of 84 in Woodstock, New York.

Must-Know Facts:

- Professor Robert A.F. Thurman passed away at the age of 84 in Woodstock, New York, with the official announcement made on June 17, 2026.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held an official bilateral meeting with Professor Thurman in New York in June 2023 to discuss global Buddhist heritage.
- Professor Thurman was honored by the Government of India with the Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian awards, for his exceptional contributions to Indo-Tibetan studies.
- In the year 1997, the prominent scholar was formally named among the 25 most influential Americans for his widespread cultural and philosophical impact.

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25 JUNE 2026

10. Photojournalist Raghu Rai Passes Away at 83

Quick Recap: Widely regarded as the pioneer of modern photojournalism in India, veteran Magnum photographer and Padma Shri awardee Raghu Rai has passed away at the age of 83 following a two-year battle with prostate cancer.

Must-Know Facts:

- Raghu Rai passed away on April 26, 2026, leaving behind a massive visual archive spanning more than 50 published books.
- He holds the historic distinction of being the first-ever Indian member of the elite global photography agency, Magnum Photos.
- Rai's powerful, award-winning coverage of the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War and its refugees earned him the Padma Shri civilian honor at the young age of 30.

01 JULY 2026

11. Tamil Actor-Director K. Bhagyaraj Passes Away at 73

Quick Recap: Legendary Tamil filmmaker, actor, and screenwriter K. Bhagyaraj passed away in Chennai at the age of 73 following a sudden cardiac arrest, prompting widespread mourning across the Indian film industry and an announcement of a state funeral.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact age at which the legendary Tamil filmmaker, actor, and screenwriter K. Bhagyaraj passed away in Chennai is 73.
- The distinctive industry title earned by Bhagyaraj due to his absolute mastery over natural dialogue, sharp humor, and multi-dimensional plot construction is the "Screenplay King."
- The exact name of the popular weekly Tamil magazine that Bhagyaraj edited and published alongside his mainstream cinematic career is Bhagya.

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08 JULY 2026

12. Pandavani Singer Teejan Bai Passes Away at 70

Quick Recap: Celebrated folk icon Teejan Bai, who broke rigid gender barriers to take Chhattisgarh's traditional Mahabharata-narrating art form, Pandavani, from rural courtyards to prestigious global stages, passed away at AIIMS Raipur following a prolonged illness.

Must-Know Facts:

- The specific state-level traditional performing art form that the legendary Teejan Bai globally popularized throughout her life is Pandavani.
- The elite cultural figure and Urdu playwright who integrated her into the Naya Theatre group during the 1970s was Habib Tanvir.
- The highest civilian award bestowed upon her by the Government of India in 2019 to honor her lifelong devotion to folklore preservation is the Padma Vibhushan (She also received the Padma Shri in 1988 and the Padma Bhushan in 2003).
- The signature traditional stringed musical instrument she held over her shoulder on stage to depict various weapons during her epic narrations is the Ektara (or Tambura).

09 JULY 2026

13. Girish Bharadwaj, Architect of Hanging Foot Bridges, Passes Away

Quick Recap: Girish Bharadwaj, the prominent mechanical engineer popularly known as the Bridge Man of India who built over 140 low-cost hanging foot bridges for rural connectivity, passed away at the age of 76 in Sullia.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact number of hanging foot bridges that Girish Bharadwaj successfully constructed across different parts of India to improve rural connectivity and tourism is over 140.
- The specific calendar year in which the Government of India formally conferred the prestigious Padma Shri civilian honor upon the engineer was 2017.
- The historical calendar date on which the first innovative suspension foot bridge was completed by the engineer in his native village of Amboor is 1989.
- The total number of children who survive the late bridge architect following his demise at a private hospital in Sullia is three.

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15 JULY 2026

14. Legendary Playback Singer S. Janaki Passes Away

Quick Recap: Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep grief over the passing of the distinguished and multi-lingual playback singer S. Janaki Amma, terming her demise an irreparable loss to the world of Indian music and culture.

Must-Know Facts:

- The exact date on which the Press Information Bureau (PIB) issued the official condolence message from the Prime Minister regarding the singer's demise was 12 July 2026.
- The specific social media platform utilized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to share his personal text tribute and express condolences to the music fraternity was X (formerly Twitter).
- The official administrative identity code assigned by the government framework to this specific national press release is Release ID: 2283800.

05 AUGUST 2026

15. Justice M.S. Liberhan, Head of Babri Masjid Inquiry Commission, Passes Away

Quick Recap: Former Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh and Madras High Courts Justice Manmohan Singh (M.S.) Liberhan, who headed the 1992 Babri Masjid Demolition Inquiry Commission, passed away in Chandigarh at age 87.

Must-Know Facts:

- Justice M.S. Liberhan headed the one-man Liberhan Commission of Inquiry constituted in December 1992.
- He served as Chief Justice of both the Andhra Pradesh High Court and Madras High Court.
- The Liberhan Commission report was submitted in June 2009 after nearly 17 years.

13 AUGUST 2026

16. Nuclear Scientist Dr. M. P. Parameswaran Passes Away at 91

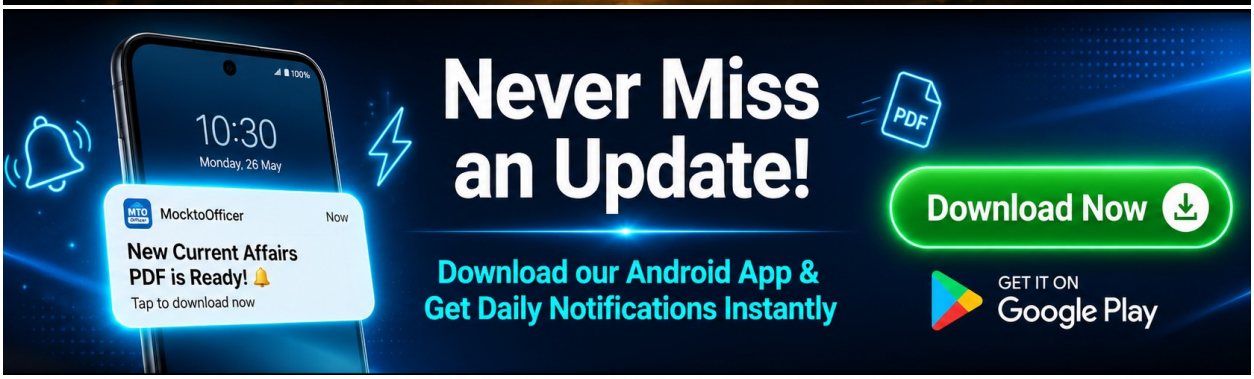
Quick Recap: Eminent nuclear scientist, author, and Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad pioneer Doctor M P Parameswaran passed away at age 91 in Thrissur Kerala.

Must-Know Facts:

- Dr M P Parameswaran served as a nuclear scientist at BARC from 1957 to 1975.
- He led KSSP campaigns that helped Ernakulam become the first totally literate district in India in 1990.
- Parameswaran authored the book "Fourth World: Dream and Reality" outlining decentralized development models.
- He served as convenor for the Bharat Jan Vigyan Jatha and co-founded the All India People's Science Network.

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