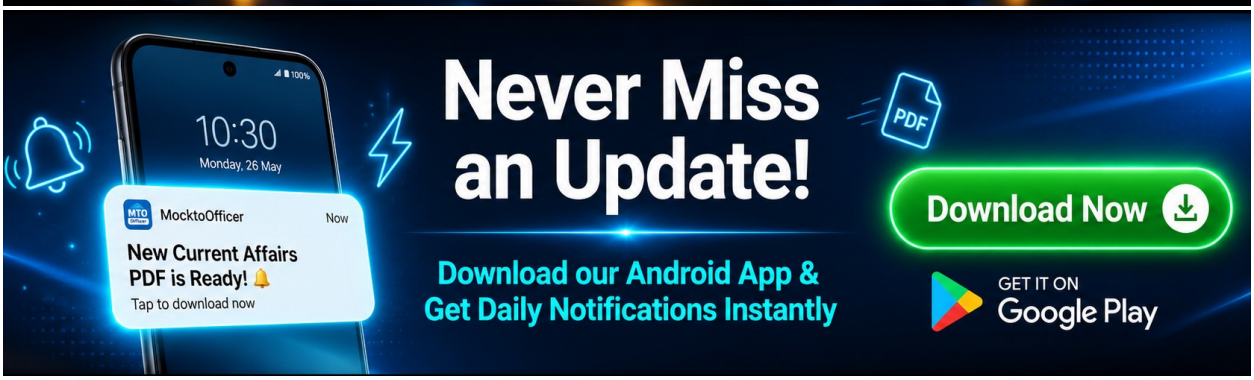
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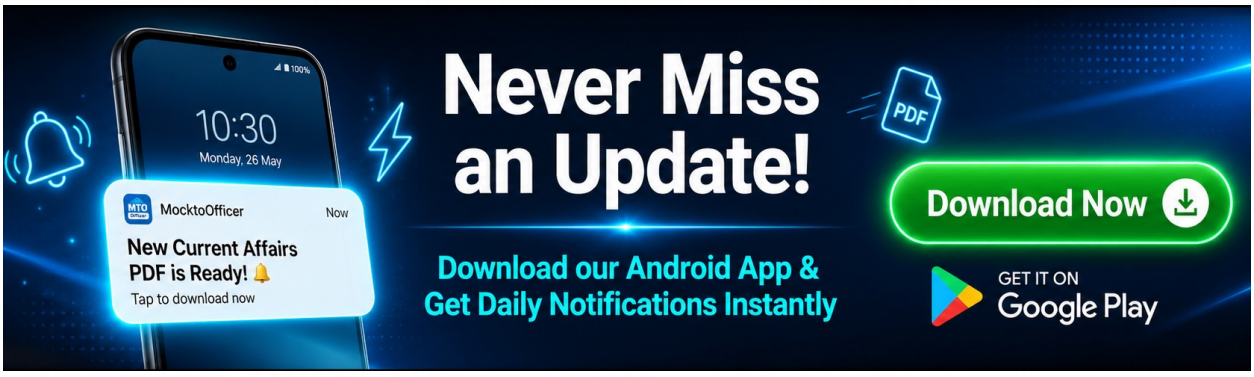
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Banking & Financial News

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

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%. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

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

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

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

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. *[02 June 2026]*

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

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. *[02 June 2026]*

5. Bank Credit Growth Remains Resilient at 16.2%

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. *[02 June 2026]*

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

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. *[02 June 2026]*

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

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. *[02 June 2026]*

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

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. *[02 June 2026]*

9. PM SVANidhi Lending Period Extended Till March 2030

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. *[03 June 2026]*

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

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). *[03 June 2026]*

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

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. *[04 June 2026]*

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

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. *[04 June 2026]*

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

NPCI International has collaborated with ACLEDA Bank to officially launch Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transaction acceptance in Cambodia through the national KHQR code system. *[05 June 2026]*

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

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. *[05 June 2026]*

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

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. *[05 June 2026]*

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

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

17. RBI MPC Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged at 5.25%

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. *[09 June 2026]*

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

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. *[09 June 2026]*

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

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. *[09 June 2026]*

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

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. *[10 June 2026]*

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

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. *[11 June 2026]*

22. ECLGS 5.0 Guarantees Cross the 1 Lakh Mark

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. *[12 June 2026]*

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

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. *[12 June 2026]*

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

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. *[12 June 2026]*

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

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. *[12 June 2026]*

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

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. *[12 June 2026]*

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

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. *[12 June 2026]*

28. India and Nepal Launch Cross-Border Remittance Mechanism

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

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

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

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

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. *[16 June 2026]*

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

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. *[17 June 2026]*

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

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. *[17 June 2026]*

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

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. *[17 June 2026]*

34. UPI Launched at Galeries Lafayette in Nice, France

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. *[18 June 2026]*

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

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. *[18 June 2026]*

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

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. *[18 June 2026]*

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

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. *[19 June 2026]*

38. SEBI Revises ETF Framework with Dynamic Price Bands

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. *[19 June 2026]*

39. RBI Publishes Minutes of the 61st MPC Meeting

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. *[23 June 2026]*

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

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. *[23 June 2026]*

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

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. *[24 June 2026]*

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

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. *[24 June 2026]*

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

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. *[24 June 2026]*

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

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). *[25 June 2026]*

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

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. *[25 June 2026]*

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

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. *[25 June 2026]*

47. SEBI Board Approves Key Regulatory Changes

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. *[25 June 2026]*

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

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. *[26 June 2026]*

49. RBI June 2026 Bulletin Flags Uneven Monetary Transmission

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. *[26 June 2026]*

50. RBI Issues Revised Customer Protection Directions for Digital Transactions

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

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

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

52. RBI Revises MSME Onboarding Process on TReDS Platforms

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

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

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

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

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. *[30 June 2026]*

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

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). *[30 June 2026]*

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

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. *[01 July 2026]*

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

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). *[01 July 2026]*

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

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. *[01 July 2026]*

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

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. *[02 July 2026]*

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

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. *[02 July 2026]*

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

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. *[02 July 2026]*

62. UPI Services Launched in Greece

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. *[03 July 2026]*

63. PFC and REC Boards Approve Merger Scheme

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. *[03 July 2026]*

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64. RBI Releases Financial Stability Report, June 2026

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. *[03 July 2026]*

65. RBI Constitutes Expert Working Group on Debenture Trusteeship Framework

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. *[03 July 2026]*

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

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. *[03 July 2026]*

67. Ravi Shankar Appointed Executive Director of RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Shri Ravi Shankar as its new Executive Director (ED) with effect from July 1, 2026. *[06 July 2026]*

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

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. *[06 July 2026]*

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

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. *[07 July 2026]*

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

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. *[07 July 2026]*

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

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. *[08 July 2026]*

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72. SEBI Notifies Rules to Reintroduce Open Market Share Buybacks

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. *[09 July 2026]*

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

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. *[10 July 2026]*

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

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. *[10 July 2026]*

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

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. *[10 July 2026]*

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

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

77. RBI Launches Three Household Surveys for Monetary Policy Inputs

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

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

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. *[15 July 2026]*

79. RBI Absorbs Over ₹1 Lakh Crore Surplus Liquidity

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. *[15 July 2026]*

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80. SEBI Allows Mutual Funds to Use Intraday Borrowing Framework

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. *[15 July 2026]*

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

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. *[15 July 2026]*

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

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. *[16 July 2026]*

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

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. *[17 July 2026]*

84. RBI Issues Draft Guidance on Data Governance

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). *[18–20 July 2026]*

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

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. *[21 July 2026]*

86. RBI Compounds FEMA Violations by Apothecon Pharmaceuticals

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. *[21 July 2026]*

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

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. *[21 July 2026]*

88. RBI Releases Financial Inclusion Index for March 2026

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. *[21 July 2026]*

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

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. *[22 July 2026]*

90. Centre Revisits NaBFID-IIFCL Merger Plan

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. *[22 July 2026]*

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

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. *[23 July 2026]*

92. Government and RBI Strengthen Fintech Regulation and Consumer Protection

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. *[23 July 2026]*

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

The Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) special foreign currency swap facility attracted $20.72 billion in foreign exchange inflows by July 17, 2026. *[23 July 2026]*

94. EPFO 3.0 Reforms Propose Flexible Universal Pension Scheme

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. *[23 July 2026]*

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

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. *[23 July 2026]*

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

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. *[24 July 2026]*

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

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. *[24 July 2026]*

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

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. *[24 July 2026]*

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

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana reached 58.63 crore accounts accumulating over ₹3 lakh crore in total deposits as of July 2026. *[25–27 July 2026]*

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

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. *[25–27 July 2026]*

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

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. *[28 July 2026]*

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

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. *[28 July 2026]*

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

Banks in India mobilized nearly 32 billion US dollars through special capital attraction measures according to the Reserve Bank of India. *[29 July 2026]*

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

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. *[30 July 2026]*

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105. US Keeps India Off Currency Monitoring List

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. *[30 July 2026]*

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

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. *[30 July 2026]*

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

Regional Rural Banks posted a record highest net profit of ₹10,177 crore during financial year 2025 2026. *[31 July 2026]*

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

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. *[31 July 2026]*

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

Asian Development Bank approved a 1 billion dollar loan to support the urban reform agenda and sustainable city growth in India. *[31 July 2026]*

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

Indian commercial banks collected ₹7,086 crore as penalties for failing to maintain minimum average balances during the financial year 2025 2026. *[31 July 2026]*

111. RBI Governor Affirms Rupee is Undervalued

Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that the Indian rupee remains undervalued relative to foreign currencies despite global market volatility. *[31 July 2026]*

112. RBI Initiates Winding-Up of Paytm Payments Bank

The Reserve Bank of India announced the winding up of Paytm Payments Bank Limited and appointed an official liquidator. *[31 July 2026]*

113. PM Vidyalaxmi: Collateral-Free Education Loans Highlighted

The PIB backgrounder highlighted key provisions of the PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme providing collateral-free and guarantor-free education loans for higher education. *[01–03 August 2026]*

114. IRDAI Tightens Intermediary Rules, Eases Insurer Investment Norms

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India revised intermediary operational guidelines while expanding investment allowances for insurance companies across infrastructure and private equity assets. *[04 August 2026]*

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115. Forex Reserves Rise to $682.35 Billion

The Reserve Bank of India reported that foreign exchange reserves rose by 6.12 billion dollars to reach 682.35 billion dollars. *[04 August 2026]*

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

Reserve Bank of India data revealed that annual bank credit growth to industry trebled to 19.2 per cent during June. *[04 August 2026]*

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

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. *[05 August 2026]*

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

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. *[05 August 2026]*

119. SEBI Restrains Zee Entertainment and Promoters Over Unauthorised Pledge

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. *[05 August 2026]*

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

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. *[06 August 2026]*

121. Supreme Court Mandates SOPs to Curb Digital Arrest Frauds

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. *[06 August 2026]*

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

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. *[06 August 2026]*

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

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%. *[07 August 2026]*

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

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. *[07 August 2026]*

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

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. *[07 August 2026]*

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

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. *[07 August 2026]*

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

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

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

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

129. SEBI Unveils FY27 Regulatory Roadmap Including SLB Revamp

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

130. RBI Draft Proposes Barring NBFCs from Revolving Credit Lines

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

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131. RBI Defers Revised Recovery Agent Guidelines to January 2027

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

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

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. *[11 August 2026]*

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

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. *[11 August 2026]*

134. Amit Shah Inaugurates NUCFDC Office in Mumbai

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. *[12 August 2026]*

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

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. *[12 August 2026]*

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

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. *[13 August 2026]*

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

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. *[13 August 2026]*

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

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. *[13 August 2026]*

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

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. *[14 August 2026]*

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

Unclaimed bank deposits transferred to the Reserve Bank of India Depositor Education and Awareness Fund reached ₹86,917 crore as of 30 June 2026. *[14 August 2026]*

141. Parliament Passes NCDC (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Parliament passed the National Co-operative Development Corporation Amendment Bill 2026 on 12 August to enable direct funding and expand activities into industrial goods. *[14 August 2026]*

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

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

143. PSB Confluence 2026 Held by Department of Financial Services

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. *[19 August 2026]*

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

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. *[19 August 2026]*

145. CBDT Notifies Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers Disclosure Scheme

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. *[19 August 2026]*

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

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. *[19 August 2026]*

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

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. *[20 August 2026]*

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

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. *[20 August 2026]*

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

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. *[21 August 2026]*

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

SEBI Chairperson Tuhin Kanta Pandey announced upcoming overhauls to the SME listing framework alongside mandatory AI accountability guidelines including human-in-the-loop safeguards. *[22–24 August 2026]*

151. SEBI to Pilot Corporate Bond Tokenisation

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. *[22–24 August 2026]*

152. UPI Completes 10 Years

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. *[26 August 2026]*

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

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. *[26 August 2026]*

154. RBI Special Swap Scheme Draws $72.85 Billion

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. *[26 August 2026]*

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

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. *[29–31 August 2026]*

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Economy & Industry

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

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

2. India and Russia Deepen Cooperation on Rare Earths

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

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

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. *[02 June 2026]*

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

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. *[02 June 2026]*

5. MoSPI Revises IIP Base Year to 2022-23

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. *[03 June 2026]*

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

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. *[03 June 2026]*

7. India-Oman CEPA Enters into Force

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. *[03 June 2026]*

8. Monthly Accounts of Government of India for April 2026

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. *[03 June 2026]*

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

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. *[03 June 2026]*

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

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. *[04 June 2026]*

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

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. *[04 June 2026]*

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

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. *[04 June 2026]*

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

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. *[04 June 2026]*

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

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. *[04 June 2026]*

15. India-Oman CEPA Boosts Textile and Apparel Exports

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. *[05 June 2026]*

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

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. *[05 June 2026]*

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17. OECD Raises India's FY27 Growth Forecast

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. *[05 June 2026]*

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

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

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

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

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

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

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

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. *[09 June 2026]*

22. High-Ethanol E85 Fuel Launched in New Delhi

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. *[09 June 2026]*

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

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. *[09 June 2026]*

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

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. *[10 June 2026]*

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25. Engineering Exports Rise to $122 Billion in FY26

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. *[10 June 2026]*

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

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. *[10 June 2026]*

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

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. *[10 June 2026]*

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

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. *[11 June 2026]*

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

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. *[11 June 2026]*

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

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. *[12 June 2026]*

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

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. *[12 June 2026]*

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

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

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

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

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

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

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

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

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

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. *[16 June 2026]*

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

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. *[16 June 2026]*

38. Retail Inflation Rises to 3.93% in May 2026

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. *[16 June 2026]*

39. PLFS Monthly Bulletin for May 2026 Released

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. *[17 June 2026]*

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

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. *[17 June 2026]*

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

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. *[17 June 2026]*

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

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. *[18 June 2026]*

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

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. *[18 June 2026]*

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

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. *[18 June 2026]*

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

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. *[19 June 2026]*

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

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. *[19 June 2026]*

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

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

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

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

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

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

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

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. *[23 June 2026]*

51. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Upgraded to Navratna Status

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. *[23 June 2026]*

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

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). *[23 June 2026]*

53. Index of Eight Core Industries for May 2026

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. *[24 June 2026]*

54. India Records Record Rooftop Solar Additions in Q1 2026

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. *[24 June 2026]*

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

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. *[24 June 2026]*

56. India-EU FTA to be Signed by December

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. *[25 June 2026]*

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

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). *[25 June 2026]*

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

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. *[26 June 2026]*

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

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. *[26 June 2026]*

60. Centre Raises SASCI Allocation to ₹2 Lakh Crore

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

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

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. *[30 June 2026]*

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

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. *[30 June 2026]*

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

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. *[30 June 2026]*

64. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Granted Navratna Status

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. *[30 June 2026]*

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

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. *[01 July 2026]*

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

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. *[01 July 2026]*

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

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. *[01 July 2026]*

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

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. *[02 July 2026]*

69. GST Completes Nine Years

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. *[02 July 2026]*

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

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. *[02 July 2026]*

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

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. *[02 July 2026]*

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

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. *[03 July 2026]*

73. Government Proposes Reforms to Modernise the SEZ Regime

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. *[03 July 2026]*

74. MECON Limited Granted Miniratna Category-I Status

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. *[06 July 2026]*

75. Manufacturing PMI Eases to 54.2 in June 2026

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. *[06 July 2026]*

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

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. *[07 July 2026]*

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

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. *[07 July 2026]*

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

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. *[07 July 2026]*

79. PM Inaugurates CG Semi OSAT Facility in Sanand

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. *[08 July 2026]*

80. India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement Enters into Force

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. *[08 July 2026]*

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

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. *[08 July 2026]*

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

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. *[14 July 2026]*

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

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. *[16 July 2026]*

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84. MoSPI Releases CPI Figures for June 2026

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. *[16 July 2026]*

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

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. *[16 July 2026]*

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

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. *[16 July 2026]*

87. WPI Provisional Estimates for June 2026

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. *[17 July 2026]*

88. Cabinet Approves National Investment Policy for Urea 2026

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. *[17 July 2026]*

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

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. *[18–20 July 2026]*

90. PLFS Monthly Bulletin for June 2026 Released

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. *[18–20 July 2026]*

91. Centre Revises Special Additional Excise Duty on Fuel Exports

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. *[18–20 July 2026]*

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

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. *[22 July 2026]*

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

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. *[23 July 2026]*

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

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. *[23 July 2026]*

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

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. *[24 July 2026]*

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

Net foreign direct investment turned negative in May with outward capital movements exceeding incoming financial flows by 74 million dollars. *[24 July 2026]*

97. 8th Pay Commission Deliberations Focus on Fitment Factor

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. *[25–27 July 2026]*

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

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved ₹3,030 crore for the Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan scheme to build three dedicated chemical parks. *[28 July 2026]*

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

The Government relaxed foreign direct investment norms to allow electronic commerce platforms to hold product inventory exclusively for export of Indian goods. *[28 July 2026]*

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

Index of Industrial Production in India grew by 7.3 per cent in June 2026 supported by robust growth in manufacturing and electricity sectors. *[31 July 2026]*

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

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal announced a 15 per cent growth in India merchandise exports during the current financial year. *[31 July 2026]*

102. Gross FDI Reaches Record $94.84 Billion in FY26

Gross foreign direct investment in India reached a record 94.84 billion US dollars in the financial year 2025 2026. *[31 July 2026]*

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

DoT signed an MoU with the Madhya Pradesh Government to set up India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) at Gwalior. *[01–03 August 2026]*

104. MoSPI Releases Second Trial Index of Services Production

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. *[01–03 August 2026]*

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

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. *[04 August 2026]*

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

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. *[04 August 2026]*

107. Cabinet Approves Revised Captive Waterfront Policy for Major Ports

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. *[04 August 2026]*

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

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. *[04 August 2026]*

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

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. *[05 August 2026]*

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

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. *[05 August 2026]*

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

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. *[05 August 2026]*

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

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. *[06 August 2026]*

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

Participating companies in the Production Linked Incentive scheme for specialty steel invested ₹26,320 crore as of June 30 2026. *[06 August 2026]*

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

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. *[06 August 2026]*

115. Six Commercial Coal Blocks Auctioned

The Ministry of Coal successfully auctioned six coal blocks under the 15th Round and 2nd Attempt of the 13th Round of commercial auctions. *[07 August 2026]*

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

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. *[07 August 2026]*

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

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

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

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

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

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. *[11 August 2026]*

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

Government e Marketplace crossed ₹20 trillion in cumulative procurement value with Micro and Small Enterprises fulfilling over 45.6 per cent of total orders. *[11 August 2026]*

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

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. *[12 August 2026]*

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

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. *[12 August 2026]*

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

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. *[13 August 2026]*

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

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. *[13 August 2026]*

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

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. *[13 August 2026]*

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

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. *[14 August 2026]*

127. Retail Inflation Rises to 4.45% in July 2026

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. *[14 August 2026]*

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

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

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

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

130. 30 KTPA Green Hydrogen Capacity Awarded to Four Refineries

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

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

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. *[18 August 2026]*

132. WPI Inflation Eases to 9.78% in July 2026

India's wholesale price inflation eased marginally to 9.78 per cent in July 2026 due to cooling food, fuel, and power prices. *[18 August 2026]*

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

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%. *[19 August 2026]*

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

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. *[20 August 2026]*

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

Government considers raising Foreign Direct Investment approval limit for Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs to ₹15,000 crore to expedite foreign capital inflows. *[20 August 2026]*

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

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. *[20 August 2026]*

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

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. *[21 August 2026]*

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

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. *[21 August 2026]*

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

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. *[22–24 August 2026]*

140. Duty-Free Import of 1 Million Tonnes of Raw Sugar Allowed Till 31 October

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. *[22–24 August 2026]*

141. Eight Core Industries Grow 5.4% in July 2026

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. *[22–24 August 2026]*

142. Rupee-Settled Export Receipts Get Full Foreign Trade Policy Benefits

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. *[25 August 2026]*

143. India Negotiating FTAs with Eight to Nine Trade Blocs

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. *[26 August 2026]*

144. DGFT Lifts Export Restrictions on Wheat and Wheat Products

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. *[26 August 2026]*

145. Gross FDI Hits 15-Year High of $30.7 Billion in Q1 FY27

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. *[29–31 August 2026]*

Government Schemes & Policies (PIB)

1. IBC (Amendment) Act, 2026 Introduced to Transform Insolvency Framework

The Government of India has enacted the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Act, 2026, to introduce comprehensive structural reforms aimed at reducing procedural delays,

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enhancing creditor oversight, and improving recovery outcomes across the insolvency and liquidation ecosystem. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

2. Over ₹10,000 Crore Released to 12 States Under PMAY-Gramin

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

3. DARPG Launches National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2025 Portal

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

4. Amit Shah Launches ₹340 Crore Development Projects in Gandhinagar

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

5. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Completes 10 Years

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

6. NITI Aayog Releases Roadmap on Future of India's Semiconductor Industry

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. *[02 June 2026]*

7. Odisha, Intel and 3DGS Sign MoU to Bring Substrate Manufacturing to India

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. *[02 June 2026]*

8. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Crosses 90 Crore ABHA Accounts

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). *[03 June 2026]*

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9. Mission Senehjori Launched for Assam Muga Silk

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. *[04 June 2026]*

10. Reform-Linked MoUs Signed with Four States and One UT Under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0

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. *[04 June 2026]*

11. Jayant Chaudhary Launches 'Navachar Mantra' for Grassroots Innovators

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. *[05 June 2026]*

12. Cabinet Approves ₹10,000 Crore Aviation Fuel Price Stabilisation Support

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. *[05 June 2026]*

13. CCEA Approves National Highway Projects Worth Over ₹24,000 Crore in Four States

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. *[05 June 2026]*

14. ₹19,209 Crore Maritime Growth Agenda Outlined for West Bengal

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

15. MNRE Targets 75 Lakh Household Rooftop Solar Installations by December 2026

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

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16. APEDA: First Sea Shipment of Millet Functional Foods from Karnataka to New Zealand

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

17. APEDA: First Export of Fresh Mangoes from Jharkhand to the UK

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. *[10 June 2026]*

18. Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan Completes a Decade

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. *[10 June 2026]*

19. Centre Unveils New Rural Development Framework with Initial Funds

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. *[11 June 2026]*

20. Reform-Linked MoU Signed with Sikkim Under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0

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. *[11 June 2026]*

21. First Large-Scale Solar Power Project on Defence Land Approved at Sitapur, UP

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. *[11 June 2026]*

22. APEDA: First Export of GI-Tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam to Dubai

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. *[11 June 2026]*

23. ₹95,692 Crore Interim Package Rolled Out Under VB-G RAM G

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. *[11 June 2026]*

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24. 96 Companies Approved Under Round Three of Textile PLI Scheme

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. *[12 June 2026]*

25. Reform-Linked MoUs Signed with Manipur and Bihar Under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0

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. *[12 June 2026]*

26. Centre, Assam and Nagaland Sign Tripartite MoU on Oil Operations in Boundary Areas

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

27. DPIIT and ONDC Launch DigiDukaan to Digitise B2B Procurement for 1.4 Crore Kirana Stores

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. *[16 June 2026]*

28. India-France Atal Tinkering Lab Bridge Established

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. *[17 June 2026]*

29. Department of Pharmaceuticals Marks 12 Years of Growth in Affordable Healthcare

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. *[19 June 2026]*

30. Green Hydrogen Certification Portal of India Launched

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. *[19 June 2026]*

31. Rural Roads Construction Target Set for FY 2026-27

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

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32. Smart Warehousing System Launched for Foodgrain Storage

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

33. Twelve Years of Pension Reforms by the Government of India

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. *[23 June 2026]*

34. PM Disburses Incentives Under PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana

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. *[23 June 2026]*

35. Foundation Stone Laid for India's First Commercial Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project in Odisha

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. *[23 June 2026]*

36. APEDA: First Commercial Export of Dried Whole Egg Powder from Odisha to Austria

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. *[24 June 2026]*

37. PM Releases 23rd Instalment of PM-KISAN to Over 9 Crore Farmers

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. *[24 June 2026]*

38. India Becomes World's Leading Ship Recycling Nation in 2025

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). *[24 June 2026]*

39. Auctions Completed for 56 Critical Mineral Blocks and 11 Exploration Licence Blocks

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. *[26 June 2026]*

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40. Jan Vishwas Reforms Operationalised in Health Sector

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. *[30 June 2026]*

41. Digital India Programme Completes 11 Years

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. *[01 July 2026]*

42. APEDA: First Export of GI-Tagged Rewa Sundarja Mangoes from MP to UAE

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). *[01 July 2026]*

43. Cabinet Approves Additional ₹30,000 Crore for NIIF

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. *[01 July 2026]*

44. PIB Backgrounder on Kisan Sarathi Digital Agro-Advisory Platform

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. *[01 July 2026]*

45. PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana Completes Over 10 Years

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. *[02 July 2026]*

46. Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act Comes into Force

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. *[03 July 2026]*

47. Improved Quality Rice Approved for Supply Under PMGKAY

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. *[07 July 2026]*

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48. NITI Aayog Launches Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global

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. *[07 July 2026]*

49. Seventh National Water Awards Launched

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. *[08 July 2026]*

50. PM Launches Modified UDAN Scheme and New Terminal at Jodhpur Airport

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. *[08 July 2026]*

51. IIM Bangalore to Set Up International Campus in Indonesia

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. *[10 July 2026]*

52. Applications Invited Under Coal and Lignite Gasification Scheme

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

53. National Programme Launched for Letters of Authorisation for High Seas Fishing

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. *[14 July 2026]*

54. NITI Aayog Consultation to Finalise Operational Rules for SHANTI Act 2025

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. *[15 July 2026]*

55. Bharat Tex 2026, World's Largest Textiles Expo, Opens in New Delhi

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. *[16 July 2026]*

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56. CCI Penalises HP India and Resellers for Anti-Competitive Practices

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. *[16 July 2026]*

57. India Post Records Highest-Ever First Quarter Revenue in FY 2026-27

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. *[17 July 2026]*

58. Codex Alimentarius Commission Adopts Seven India-Led Food Standards

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. *[17 July 2026]*

59. Impact of Udyam Registration and Udyam Assist Platforms Highlighted

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. *[17 July 2026]*

60. Eighth Tranche of Critical and Strategic Minerals Auction Launched

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. *[17 July 2026]*

61. Union Cabinet Approves Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme

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. *[18–20 July 2026]*

62. Greenfield Shipbuilding Cluster at Porbandar and ₹1,570 Crore Ship Repair Facility at Vadinar Approved

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). *[18–20 July 2026]*

63. Online Portal Launched for Registration of Coal Exchanges

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. *[18–20 July 2026]*

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64. MoHUA Approves PARIVARTAN Scheme Guidelines to Replace Old Trucks and Buses in NCR

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). *[21 July 2026]*

65. NITI Aayog Launches 10-Year Roadmap for Bioeconomy by 2035

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. *[21 July 2026]*

66. Codex Adopts Three Global Standards for Spices

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. *[21 July 2026]*

67. Draft CAFE-III (2027) Norms Circulated for Consultation

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. *[21 July 2026]*

68. Strengthening Rural Credit for Inclusive Growth

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. *[21 July 2026]*

69. Self-Enumeration Begins in Tamil Nadu and Tripura Under Census 2027 Phase 1

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. *[22 July 2026]*

70. Modified UDAN Scheme Launched for 2026-2036

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. *[22 July 2026]*

71. National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 and Amendment Act, 2025 Enforced

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. *[22 July 2026]*

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72. APEDA: Maiden Export of J&K's Areko Cherries and Scentrose Plums to Singapore

APEDA has facilitated the first-ever export shipment of high-density Areko Cherries and Scentrose Plums from Jammu & Kashmir to Singapore. *[22 July 2026]*

73. India's 8th Trade Policy Review at WTO Scheduled for 21-23 July 2026

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal is leading India's delegation for its 8th Trade Policy Review (TPR) at the World Trade Organization in Geneva. *[23 July 2026]*

74. India Deposits Instrument of Acceptance for WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies

India has officially deposited its Instrument of Acceptance for the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, reinforcing global measures against illegal and unsustainable fishing practices. *[23 July 2026]*

75. APEDA: First Export of 24 Tonnes of Frozen French Fries from Uttarakhand to Iraq

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. *[23 July 2026]*

76. Social Security Expansion via e-Shram Portal

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. *[23 July 2026]*

77. SMILE Scheme Expanded to 295 Cities by FY 2030-31

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. *[23 July 2026]*

78. DoT Releases 6G Spectrum Roadmap and Expands Bharat 6G Alliance

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. *[24 July 2026]*

79. India's Installed Wind Power Capacity Reaches 57,443 MW

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. *[24 July 2026]*

80. Railways Electrifies 99.6% of Broad Gauge Network, Ranks Second Globally

The Ministry of Railways electrified 99.6 per cent of the Broad Gauge network, positioning India second globally behind Switzerland in rail electrification. *[24 July 2026]*

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81. India's Renewable Energy Capacity Reaches 288.58 GW

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy reported that India's renewable energy installed capacity increased nearly fourfold to reach 288.58 gigawatts. *[25–27 July 2026]*

82. 'Bharat Taxi' Cooperative Service Launched in Maharashtra

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. *[28 July 2026]*

83. PM Constitutes High-Powered Task Force on Examination Reforms Under Nandan Nilekani

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the constitution of a high-powered task force on examination reforms under the leadership of Nandan Nilekani. *[29 July 2026]*

84. FM Outlines '5Rs' of Responsive Tax Governance on 167th Income Tax Day

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the "5Rs" framework for responsive tax governance while addressing the 167th Income Tax Day celebrations in New Delhi. *[29 July 2026]*

85. Maharashtra First State to Qualify for Second RKVY Instalment

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. *[30 July 2026]*

86. Task Force for Toy Sector Targets 5% Global Market Share by 2032

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. *[30 July 2026]*

87. 33 State and UT Legislatures Sign MoUs to Implement National e-Vidhan Application

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). *[30 July 2026]*

88. Stock Holding Limits Imposed on Sugar Dealers

The Central Government imposed stock holding limits on sugar dealers nationwide to prevent hoarding and maintain retail price stability. *[31 July 2026]*

89. First Direct Commercial Container Freight Train to Nepal Under Revised Rail Transit Protocol

Indian Railways operated its first direct commercial container freight train carrying canola cargo from Kolkata Port to Biratnagar in Nepal. *[31 July 2026]*

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90. DAANVEER Platform Launched to Upgrade Gram Panchayat Digital Infrastructure

Panchayati Raj Ministry Secretary Vivek Bharadwaj launched DAANVEER, a transparent digital contribution platform to bridge hardware gaps in Gram Panchayats. *[01–03 August 2026]*

91. APEDA: First Sea Shipment of Flavoured Makhana from Bihar to Canada

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. *[04 August 2026]*

92. PM-KISAN Extended Till FY 2030-31 with ₹3.15 Lakh Crore Outlay

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. *[04 August 2026]*

93. Social Security Coverage Crosses 101 Crore Citizens

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. *[05 August 2026]*

94. PM Launches 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan'

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. *[05 August 2026]*

95. Glaw Lake Becomes Arunachal's First Ramsar Site; India's Tally Reaches 101

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. *[06 August 2026]*

96. PM Surya Ghar Crosses 50 Lakh Rooftop Solar Installations

PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana achieved over 50 lakh rooftop solar installations across India, commissioning 14.8 GW of clean energy capacity. *[07 August 2026]*

97. Nationwide Survey Finds No Manual Scavengers; NAMASTE Focuses on Rehabilitation

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

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98. Cabinet Approves ₹23,731 Crore GOBARdhan Scheme for Compressed Biogas

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

99. MY Bharat Platform Crosses 2.46 Crore Youth Registrations

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. *[11 August 2026]*

100. APEDA: First Sea Export of GI-Tagged Mithila Makhana to Australia

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. *[12 August 2026]*

101. PMAY-Urban Crosses 1.25 Crore Sanctioned Houses

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. *[12 August 2026]*

102. NCERT Declared an Institution Deemed to be University

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. *[13 August 2026]*

103. Jal Jeevan Mission: 75% Rural Habitations Get Sujal Gaon IDs

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. *[18 August 2026]*

104. PM Vishwakarma 2.0 to Launch on 17 September 2026

The Union Government plans to launch Vishwakarma 2.0 on 17 September 2026 to deliver an enhanced credit push for traditional artisans and craftspeople. *[18 August 2026]*

105. 'Gramin Gyan Setu' App Launched to Link Rural Libraries

Union Minister Amit Shah launched the 'Gramin Gyan Setu' app to link 752 rural libraries across his Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency. *[18 August 2026]*

106. PM Announces AI Skilling for 1 Crore Youth and 100 GW Nuclear Target by 2047

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. *[19 August 2026]*

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107. Nationwide Talent Hunt for Children Aged 5-15 for 2036 Olympics

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. *[19 August 2026]*

108. PM-VBRY Completes First Year, Adds Over 72 Lakh First-Time Employees

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. *[19 August 2026]*

109. PM Unveils 'Sapta Dhara' Framework in 80th Independence Day Address

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. *[19 August 2026]*

110. New Target of 3 Crore More Lakhpati Didis

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. *[21 August 2026]*

National & State News

1. PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App Launched for SC Welfare Schemes

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

2. ₹1,427 Crore Approved for Four-Lane Thiruvarur Bypass in Tamil Nadu

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

3. Chhattisgarh to Launch Adarsh Shahar Samriddhi Yojana for Emerging Towns

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. *[02 June 2026]*

4. CCEA Approves ₹25,530 Crore SARTHAK-PDS Umbrella Scheme

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. *[02 June 2026]*

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5. Foodgrain Production Rises 5.3% to Record 376.56 Million Tonnes in 2025-26

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. *[02 June 2026]*

6. Centre Announces ₹583 Crore Package for Sikkim's Organic and Infrastructure Growth

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. *[03 June 2026]*

7. Two New Special Economic Zones Notified in Puducherry

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. *[03 June 2026]*

8. India's First 'SkyCast' System Inaugurated at IGI Airport, Delhi

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. *[03 June 2026]*

9. PM SVANidhi Completes Six Years, Credit to Over 75 Lakh Street Vendors

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. *[04 June 2026]*

10. India Confirms $629 Million BrahMos Export Deal with Vietnam

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. *[04 June 2026]*

11. ₹200 Crore MAHA Water Mission Launched for Startups and MSMEs

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. *[05 June 2026]*

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12. India Sends Formal Request to France for 114 Rafale Jets Worth ₹3.25 Lakh Crore

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

13. QR Code Tracking of Foodgrain Bags to be Expanded Under PDS

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). *[09 June 2026]*

14. India's First Flex-Fuel Passenger Vehicle Unveiled

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. *[10 June 2026]*

15. West Bengal Joins AB PM-JAY, Completing Nationwide Adoption

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. *[12 June 2026]*

16. India-US Energy Cooperation Key to $500 Billion Bilateral Trade Goal by 2030

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

17. Amit Shah Inaugurates Land Port Management System 'Vinimay'

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

18. India Releases First Tranche of Assistance to UNRWA for Palestine Refugees

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. *[16 June 2026]*

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19. Assam and Nagaland Sign MoU to Resume Border Oil Exploration

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. *[17 June 2026]*

20. Engineering Exports Jump 24% to $12.31 Billion in May: EEPC

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. *[18 June 2026]*

21. Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal (WT-MARUT) Launched

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. *[19 June 2026]*

22. Gujarat Signs ₹1 Lakh Crore Infrastructure Funding Agreement with HUDCO

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

23. Six States Agree to Sign MoU for Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

24. MHA Tightens FCRA Framework for NGOs and Revises Compounding Penalties

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. *[26 June 2026]*

25. CBI Conducts Nationwide Raids Under 'Operation Chakra-VI' Against Digital Arrest Fraud

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

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26. Jonnagiri, India's Largest Private Gold Mine, to Yield a Tonne of Gold Annually

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

27. Bangladesh Joins International Big Cat Alliance as 27th Member

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. *[30 June 2026]*

28. ₹236 Crore 'Mission Queen' Launched for Tripura Pineapple

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. *[02 July 2026]*

29. Four States Sign Agreement on Settling Narmada Tribunal Award Project Dues

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. *[10 July 2026]*

30. Uttarakhand Becomes India's Sixth Fully Literate State

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

31. PM Briefed on e-Zero FIR Initiative Against Cyber Crime

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

32. Kavach 4.0 Approved Across Key Routes of Northern Railway

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. *[14 July 2026]*

33. JPC Aims to Roll Out One Nation One Election by 2029

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. *[14 July 2026]*

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34. Ladakh Announces Autonomous Hill Development Councils for All Seven Districts

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. *[16 July 2026]*

35. Cabinet Approves ₹9,585 Crore 'Naya Safar Yojana' to Scrap Old Commercial Vehicles in Delhi-NCR

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. *[17 July 2026]*

36. Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 Introduced

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. *[23 July 2026]*

37. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Passes Uniform Civil Code Bill 2026

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. *[25–27 July 2026]*

38. Cabinet Approves Draft Law for Fast-Track Courts in Paper Leak Cases

The Union Cabinet approved a draft bill to establish fast-track courts and impose harsher penalties for examination paper leaks and test malpractices. *[28 July 2026]*

39. Parliament Passes Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Parliament passed the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Amendment Bill 2026 in the Rajya Sabha to punish disrespect toward Vande Mataram. *[31 July 2026]*

40. Lok Sabha Passes Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026

Lok Sabha passed the Public Examinations Prevention of Unfair Means Amendment Bill 2026 establishing stricter penalties and time bound trials for paper leaks. *[31 July 2026]*

41. Supreme Court Quashes Ex Post Facto Environmental Clearances

The Supreme Court quashed a 2021 Office Memorandum that allowed retrospective environmental clearances, holding that administrative instructions cannot alter statutory environmental protection regimes. *[01–03 August 2026]*

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42. Rajya Sabha Passes Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026

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. *[04 August 2026]*

43. Lok Sabha Passes Bill Raising Supreme Court Judges' Strength to 38

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). *[05 August 2026]*

44. Parliament Passes Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Parliament passed the Registration of Births and Deaths Amendment Bill 2026 to enforce stricter rules for delayed registration of vital events across India. *[06 August 2026]*

45. India Repatriated 274 Fugitives from 36 Countries Between 2019 and 2026

India successfully brought back 274 fugitive criminals from 36 countries between 2019 and 2026 under a dedicated national priority mission. *[07 August 2026]*

46. MHA Bars Renewable Energy Projects Within 1 km of Borders

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. *[12 August 2026]*

47. 11 More International Ports Notified for e-Visa Entry

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. *[13 August 2026]*

48. Parliament Passes Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026

Parliament passed the Tribunals Reforms Bill 2026 to establish a uniform tribunal ecosystem and set up a National Tribunals Commission for judicial administrative efficiency. *[13 August 2026]*

49. President Assents to Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Act, 2026

President Droupadi Murmu gave assent to the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Amendment Bill 2026 to criminalise intentional disruption of singing Vande Mataram. *[14 August 2026]*

50. Parliamentary Inquiry Committee Finds All Charges Proven Against Justice Yashwant Varma

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. *[14 August 2026]*

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51. Parliament Passes Bill to Rename Kerala as 'Keralam'

Rajya Sabha passed the Kerala Alteration of Name Bill 2026 on 12 August to officially rename the state as Keralam in constitutional records. *[14 August 2026]*

52. Monsoon Session 2026 Ends with 12 Bills Passed

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

53. Supreme Court Asks 19 States/UTs to Consider Making Cancer Notifiable

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

54. FCRA (Amendment) Bill, 2026 Referred to Joint Parliamentary Committee

Both Houses of Parliament approved referring the Foreign Contribution Regulation Amendment Bill 2026 to a Joint Parliamentary Committee for detailed examination. *[18 August 2026]*

55. 40 Questions Notified for Second Phase of Census 2027

The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India notified forty questions including caste and Covid nineteen vaccination details for Census 2027. *[18 August 2026]*

56. Cabinet Approves Ladakh Bench of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh

The Union Cabinet approved establishing a bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in the Union Territory of Ladakh. *[25 August 2026]*

57. Supreme Court Upholds Broad Definition of 'Industry' Under ID Act, 1947

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. *[25 August 2026]*

58. Heatwaves and Lightning Declared Notified Disasters

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. *[29–31 August 2026]*

International News

1. Canada-India Joint Statement at Trade and Investment Forum 2026

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. *[02 June 2026]*

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2. Russia and Kazakhstan Sign $16.5 Billion Deal for Central Asia's Largest Nuclear Plant

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. *[03 June 2026]*

3. US, UK and Australia Partner to Develop Advanced Underwater Drones

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. *[04 June 2026]*

4. India and South Africa to Scale Up Cooperation in Future Technologies

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. *[05 June 2026]*

5. US DFC Approves $1.5 Billion Platform for Energy Security and LNG in India and Southeast Asia

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

6. COP31 Hosts Propose 35% Global Electrification Target by 2035

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

7. Uzbekistan Joins New Development Bank, First Member from Central Asia

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

8. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands on Official Visit to India

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

9. China's LineShine Tops TOP500 List as World's Fastest Supercomputer

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. *[30 June 2026]*

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10. India Signs US-Led AI Supply Chain Initiative at Pax Silica Summit

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. *[01 July 2026]*

11. India and Japan Eye LNG Stockpiling Partnership

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. *[03 July 2026]*

12. India-Japan Joint Statement on Cooperation in Artificial Intelligence

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. *[07 July 2026]*

13. India and France Co-Chair Economic and Financial Dialogue in Aix-en-Provence

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. *[08 July 2026]*

14. PM Congratulates Keiko Fujimori on Winning Peru's Presidential Election

The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, extended his formal congratulations to Ms. Keiko Fujimori following her victory in the Peruvian presidential election. *[08 July 2026]*

15. PM Modi Embarks on Three-Nation Tour Under Act East Ocean Diplomacy

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. *[08 July 2026]*

16. PM Holds Bilateral Talks with Indonesian President in Jakarta; MoUs Exchanged

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. *[09 July 2026]*

17. India and Maldives Commit to Accelerate BIT and FTA

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. *[10 July 2026]*

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18. India and Australia Sign Pacts on Uranium Supply and Critical Minerals Corridor

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

19. New Zealand: Over Half of Exports to India to Get Zero Tariffs

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

20. World Bank Approves Financing for India's National Rooftop Solar Programme

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. *[14 July 2026]*

21. India and New Zealand Elevate Ties to Strategic Partnership

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. *[15 July 2026]*

22. WHO Redesignates L V Prasad Eye Institute as Collaborating Centre Until 2030

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. *[15 July 2026]*

23. National Mourning on 13 July for Former Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani

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. *[15 July 2026]*

24. India Reaffirms Support for Palestine's Full UN Membership and Two-State Solution

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. *[16 July 2026]*

25. First Round of India-Maldives FTA Negotiations Held

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. *[17 July 2026]*

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26. India and Belgium Launch Strategic Dialogue

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. *[18–20 July 2026]*

27. President Murmu Holds Talks with Moldovan President Maia Sandu in Chișinău

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. *[22 July 2026]*

28. President Murmu Begins First-Ever Visit to North Macedonia

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. *[23 July 2026]*

29. President Murmu Holds Bilateral Talks with Romanian President in Bucharest

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. *[28 July 2026]*

30. India and Israel Conclude Second Round of FTA Negotiations

India and Israel concluded the second round of negotiations in New Delhi for a comprehensive and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement. *[28 July 2026]*

31. US Imposes 10% Tariff on Indian Goods Under Section 301 Investigation

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. *[28 July 2026]*

32. 45% of India's Exports to US Remain Exempt from New Tariffs

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. *[29 July 2026]*

33. India and Uzbekistan Aim to Double Bilateral Trade to $3 Billion

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. *[06 August 2026]*

34. India Invites Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman to 18th BRICS Summit

India invited Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to the upcoming eighteenth Brazil Russia India China South Africa summit in New Delhi. *[06 August 2026]*

35. India Escorts 60 Vessels Through the Strait of Hormuz

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. *[11 August 2026]*

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36. US Senate Passes Bill Allowing 100% Tariffs on Buyers of Russian Oil

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. *[12 August 2026]*

37. India and SACU Sign Terms of Reference for Preferential Trade Agreement

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

38. India and Nepal Sign MoUs for Eight Development Projects Worth NPR 803 Million

India and Nepal signed Memorandums of Understanding for eight development projects valued at NPR 803 million spanning education, health, and agriculture in Nepal. *[15–17 August 2026]*

39. Legal Scrubbing of India-EU FTA Completed; Signing Expected by Year-End

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. *[22–24 August 2026]*

40. Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir Elected 23rd President of Bangladesh

Senior Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was elected as the twenty-third President of Bangladesh following a parliamentary vote in Dhaka. *[25 August 2026]*

41. India and Singapore Sign Agreements at Fourth Ministerial Roundtable

India and Singapore signed bilateral agreements in telecommunications and food safety while reviewing strategic cooperation in semiconductors, space, and cybersecurity during the ministerial roundtable. *[25 August 2026]*

42. India and GCC Review FTA Negotiations in Riyadh

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. *[26 August 2026]*

43. India and Morocco Plan a Preferential Trade Agreement

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. *[26 August 2026]*

44. 27th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission Session Held in Moscow

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. *[26 August 2026]*

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45. India and China Reach Eight-Point Consensus at 25th Special Representatives Talks

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). *[29–31 August 2026]*

Summits & Conferences

1. 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum Concludes in New Delhi

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'. *[16 June 2026]*

2. 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting Concludes in Indore

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. *[17 June 2026]*

3. India to Host BRICS Security Conclave

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. *[25 June 2026]*

4. Outcomes of the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit

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. *[07 July 2026]*

5. India to Host BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting in Guwahati

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. *[08 July 2026]*

6. BRICS Women's Working Group Meeting Begins in Kochi

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. *[09 July 2026]*

7. India to Host Third BRICS Transport Ministers' Meeting in Nagpur

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. *[10 July 2026]*

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8. 13th AITIGA Joint Committee Meeting Hosted by India

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

9. BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting Commences in Kochi

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

10. Third India-Australia Annual Summit: Joint Statement

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. *[14 July 2026]*

11. BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting Concludes in Kochi

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. *[14 July 2026]*

12. India to Host 12th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting in Hyderabad

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. *[17 July 2026]*

13. Fifth BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs' Meeting Held in New Delhi

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. *[21 July 2026]*

14. 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting Concludes in Chandigarh

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. *[28 July 2026]*

15. Third BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction Held in New Delhi

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. *[29 July 2026]*

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16. India to Host 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on 12-13 September

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. *[01–03 August 2026]*

17. India Hosts Meeting of Heads of BRICS National Statistical Offices

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. *[06 August 2026]*

18. 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting Held in Bhubaneswar

Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi will participate in the 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting scheduled from August 5–7 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. *[07 August 2026]*

19. Second BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting Held in Hyderabad

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

20. 10th BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting Concludes in Jaipur

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. *[11 August 2026]*

21. India Opposes Common Currency Proposal at BRICS Trade Ministers' Meeting

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced that India opposes introducing a common currency for trade among member nations of the economic grouping. *[11 August 2026]*

22. BRICS WAVES Bazaar Held in Mumbai

The two-day BRICS WAVES Bazaar commenced in Mumbai with participation from over 500 delegates representing 21 member and partner nations. *[11 August 2026]*

23. 11th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting Adopts Bhopal Declaration

The 11th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting concluded in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, with member nations adopting the joint Bhopal Declaration to strengthen cultural cooperation. *[12 August 2026]*

24. CCI Hosts Meeting of BRICS Heads of Competition Authorities

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. *[12 August 2026]*

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25. Iranian President Pezeshkian to Attend 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi

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. *[19 August 2026]*

26. 7th BRICS ICT Working Group Meeting Held in Pune

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. *[20 August 2026]*

27. 12th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting Launches Knowledge Products

India hosted the Twelfth BRICS Environment Ministers Meeting under its 2026 Chairship and launched major compendiums on sustainable lifestyles, wildfire management, and circular economy. *[21 August 2026]*

28. 12th BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting Held Under India's Chairship

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. *[25 August 2026]*

29. BRICS Sports Ministers Adopt Joint Declaration at Visakhapatnam

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. *[26 August 2026]*

30. BRICS Youth Ministers' Meeting Concludes in Visakhapatnam

Youth Ministers from BRICS nations adopted a Joint Statement in Visakhapatnam to enhance youth participation, skill development, and cross-border innovation across member states. *[26 August 2026]*

Reports & Indices

1. India Unveils Port Performance Index and Maritime Digital Reforms

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. *[02 June 2026]*

2. Forbes Billionaires Ranking June 2026: Elon Musk at the Top

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

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10 billionaires to nearly 2.9 trillion United States Dollars, with Elon Musk securely leading the global list. *[05 June 2026]*

3. India Ranks 4th in AI Performance and 5th in Digital Economy

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

4. WEF: Earth Observation Can Add $263 Billion in Annual Economic Value

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. *[12 June 2026]*

5. JNPA India's Top Container Port, Ranks 22nd Globally: World Bank

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

6. Global Peace Index 2026: India Slips to 127th

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. *[17 June 2026]*

7. CAG: All 28 States Posted Deficits in FY25

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. *[19 June 2026]*

8. QS World University Rankings 2027: IIT Delhi Top in India, MIT Retains No. 1

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. *[23 June 2026]*

9. Bengaluru Enters Global Top 10 for Startup Performance

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. *[23 June 2026]*

10. WEF Energy Transition Index: India Climbs to 70th

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. *[24 June 2026]*

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11. MoSPI to Launch India's First Index of Services Production

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

12. MAHE Achieves Top Global Rankings in THE Impact Rankings 2026

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. *[01 July 2026]*

13. NSO: Unemployment Rate Declines; Urban Female Joblessness Worsens

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. *[03 July 2026]*

14. VisaGuide Passport Index: India Ranked 125th

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. *[06 July 2026]*

15. Performance Grading Index 2.0 for States/UTs and PGI-District 2025-26 Released

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. *[10 July 2026]*

16. MoSPI Million-Plus Cities Survey Highlights Urban Unemployment Disparities

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. *[10 July 2026]*

17. IMF Revises India's FY27 GDP Growth Projection to 6.4%

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. *[10 July 2026]*

18. AISHE Combined Reports Released

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

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19. IMF World Economic Outlook Update Released

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. *[14 July 2026]*

20. WII Report: Great Indian Bustard Population Stable in Thar Desert

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. *[14 July 2026]*

21. MeitY Releases Second Digital Threat Report 2025-26 for BFSI Sector

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. *[16 July 2026]*

22. IRENA: Renewables Supplied 31.7% of Global Electricity in 2024

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. *[16 July 2026]*

23. Unemployment Rate Unchanged in June; Female LFPR Falls to 12-Month Low

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%. *[17 July 2026]*

24. India's Balance of Payments for May 2026

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. *[18–20 July 2026]*

25. India Brings Over One Billion Citizens Under Social Protection

India has accomplished a historic landmark by successfully expanding the national social protection framework to cover more than 1 billion citizens across the country. *[21 July 2026]*

26. NITI Aayog Releases First Investment Friendliness Index Report

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. *[22 July 2026]*

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27. Odisha Ranks 5th in NITI Aayog's Investment Friendliness Index 2026

Odisha has secured the fifth rank nationally and fourth among large states in NITI Aayog's Investment Friendliness Index 2026, scoring 52.4 points. *[22 July 2026]*

28. WTO Report: India Aims for 10% Global Merchandise Export Share by 2047

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. *[25–27 July 2026]*

29. Individuals Reporting ₹100 Crore-Plus Income Rise to 576 in AY 2025-26

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. *[30 July 2026]*

30. Cyber Fraud Cases Tripled Between 2020 and 2024; Telangana Highest

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. *[31 July 2026]*

31. India Rises to 57th in Global Structural and Pro-Competitive Reform Rankings

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. *[04 August 2026]*

32. CREA: Solar Met Over 20% of Peak Power Demand in June Quarter

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. *[04 August 2026]*

33. World Bank: Extreme Heat Costs South Asia 31 Million Jobs a Year

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. *[05 August 2026]*

34. NITI Aayog Report on Reimagining Care and Empowering Caregivers

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

35. Punjab Tops NITI Aayog School Education Quality Index 2026

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. *[11 August 2026]*

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Appointments

1. P. Jawahar Assumes Charge as MPEDA Chairman

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

2. Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar Takes Charge as 48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff

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. *[02 June 2026]*

3. RBI Extends Fino Payments Bank Interim CEO Ketan Merchant's Term by Three Months

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. *[02 June 2026]*

4. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai Appointed Chief Justice of Patna High Court

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. *[04 June 2026]*

5. Bangladesh FM Khalilur Rahman Elected President of 81st UNGA

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

6. RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan Janakiraman Reappointed for Two Years

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. *[09 June 2026]*

7. D. K. Shivakumar Sworn In as 25th Chief Minister of Karnataka

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. *[09 June 2026]*

8. Neelkanth Mishra Appointed India's Executive Director at World Bank

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. *[10 June 2026]*

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9. Dinesh Pant and Girija Subramanian Appointed IRDAI Members

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. *[16 June 2026]*

10. DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya Nominated to RBI Central Board

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. *[17 June 2026]*

11. ACC Approves Chairperson and Members of National Statistical Commission

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). *[19 June 2026]*

12. Vivek Aggarwal Becomes First Indian Vice-President of FATF

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. *[23 June 2026]*

13. Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi Appointed CMD of General Insurance Corporation of India

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). *[23 June 2026]*

14. Kunal Shah Named WhatsApp CEO

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. *[26 June 2026]*

15. Noel Tata to Step Down as Trent Chairman

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

16. Mahesh Dixit Appointed Intelligence Bureau Chief

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. *[01 July 2026]*

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17. General Dhiraj Seth Takes Over as 31st Chief of the Army Staff

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. *[02 July 2026]*

18. Lt Gen Sandeep Jain Appointed Vice Chief of the Army Staff

Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain assumed the appointment of the Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS) on 1 July 2026. *[06 July 2026]*

19. Air Marshal Tejinder Singh Appointed Chief of Integrated Defence Staff

Air Marshal Tejinder Singh assumed charge as the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) on 1 July 2026. *[06 July 2026]*

20. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff

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. *[06 July 2026]*

21. Anupam Misra Takes Charge as CMD of Hindustan Copper

Shri Anupam Misra officially assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) on 1 July 2026. *[06 July 2026]*

22. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri Gets One-Year Extension Till July 2027

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. *[06 July 2026]*

23. Prof. Umesh Waghmare Appointed Secretary, Department of Science and Technology

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). *[07 July 2026]*

24. ACC Names New Chiefs for BPR&D and NCRB

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. *[09 July 2026]*

25. RBI Approves Mahesh Muralidhar Pai as MD & CEO of South Indian Bank

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. *[10 July 2026]*

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26. SBI Appoints Sunil Ramgopal Agrawal as CFO

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. *[18–20 July 2026]*

27. Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala Appointed Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences

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). *[21 July 2026]*

28. Harjit Singh Grewal Takes Charge as Chairman, National Commission for Minorities

Harjit Singh Grewal assumed office as Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities to promote welfare and socio-economic empowerment of minority communities. *[25–27 July 2026]*

29. Dr. K. Srikar Reddy Appointed India's Ambassador to Qatar

The Ministry of External Affairs appointed Doctor K Srikar Reddy as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar. *[28 July 2026]*

30. Pralhad Joshi Takes Charge as Union Minister of Education

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi officially assumed charge of the Ministry of Education at Kartavya Bhavan and held a comprehensive review meeting on ongoing schemes. *[29 July 2026]*

31. Keshav Chandra Takes Charge as Secretary, Ministry of Mines

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. *[30 July 2026]*

32. Varsha Ashok Aglawe Becomes First Woman DG of Geological Survey of India

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. *[05 August 2026]*

33. Monisha Chakraborty Appointed Executive Director of RBI

The Reserve Bank of India appointed Smt. Monisha Chakraborty as Executive Director with effect from August 3, 2026. *[06 August 2026]*

34. Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan and Home Secretary Govind Mohan Get One-Year Extension

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. *[07 August 2026]*

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35. Prasanta Mahapatra Takes Charge as SEBI Executive Director

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. *[07 August 2026]*

36. ED Director Rahul Navin Gets One-Year Extension Till August 2027

Central Government granted a one-year extension to Enforcement Directorate Director Rahul Navin, extending his tenure until August 13, 2027. *[13 August 2026]*

37. Deepti Gaur Mukerjee Takes Charge as Secretary, Department of Higher Education

Senior bureaucrat Deepti Gaur Mukerjee assumed charge as Secretary of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education. *[13 August 2026]*

38. Former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath Appointed to RBI Central Board

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. *[22–24 August 2026]*

39. Anand Mahindra Re-Appointed to RBI Central Board

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. *[25 August 2026]*

40. Janmejaya Sinha, Syed Akbaruddin and Annie George Mathew Appointed to RBI Central Board

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. *[26 August 2026]*

Awards & Honours

1. Deendayal Port, Kandla Wins Sagar Aankalan Award for Best Performing Port

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). *[05 June 2026]*

2. 17 National Awards for e-Governance 2026 Announced

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

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3. Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming Wins 2026 Food Planet Prize

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

4. Panchayat Advancement Index Wins Gold at National e-Governance Awards 2026

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. *[09 June 2026]*

5. Lionel Messi First Footballer to Win Princess of Asturias Award for Sports

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. *[09 June 2026]*

6. President Confers 51 Gallantry Awards at Defence Investiture Ceremony

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. *[10 June 2026]*

7. India Tops Inaugural World Yogasana Championships with 114 Medals

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. *[12 June 2026]*

8. Sangeet Natak Akademi Names 7 Fellows, Honours 108 Artistes for 2024-25

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. *[16 June 2026]*

9. 11 Traditional Products of Jharkhand Get GI Tags

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. *[18 June 2026]*

10. Sudarsan Pattnaik First Indian to Win Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026

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. *[18 June 2026]*

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11. PM Modi Conferred Slovakia's Highest National Honour, His 33rd International Award

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. *[19 June 2026]*

12. Lt Vishal Kumar Wins Sword of Honour and President's Gold Medal

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. *[19 June 2026]*

13. Smriti Mandhana Only Indian in Inaugural TIME100 Sports List

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. *[19 June 2026]*

14. 'Tripura Sarinda' Musical Instrument Gets GI Tag

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

15. Neeraj Chopra and Parul Chaudhary Win Inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025

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. *[24 June 2026]*

16. Jainendra K. Jain Wins Wolf Prize in Physics

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. *[24 June 2026]*

17. President Confers 66 Padma Awards 2026; Posthumous Padma Vibhushan to Dharmendra and N. Rajam

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. *[26 June 2026]*

18. Dr. Florence Rabier to Receive WMO's Highest Scientific Honour

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). *[01 July 2026]*

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19. Parveen Shaikh and Dr. Barkha Subba Win 2026 Whitley Awards

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. *[02 July 2026]*

20. Sourav Ganguly Inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

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. *[10 July 2026]*

21. DoT's Samriddh Gram Project Wins WSIS Prizes 2026 Global Award

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

22. NABARD Supports GI Registration for Four Traditional Products of Karnataka

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

23. India Joint World No. 1 at 56th International Physics Olympiad 2026

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. *[15 July 2026]*

24. 72nd National Film Awards: '70' Named Best Feature Film

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. *[22 July 2026]*

25. India Wins 1 Gold and 3 Silver at 37th International Biology Olympiad 2026

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. *[22 July 2026]*

26. Ravi Raj Murmu's 'Angen' Wins First National Film Award for Santhali

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. *[25–27 July 2026]*

27. Sarnath Inscribed as India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site

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. *[29 July 2026]*

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28. NSA Ajit Doval Conferred Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026

Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026 to National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in Pune, Maharashtra. *[05 August 2026]*

29. Annapurni Subramaniam Awarded COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026

Indian Institute of Astrophysics Director Professor Annapurni Subramaniam was awarded the prestigious COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal for 2026 at Florence, Italy. *[06 August 2026]*

30. Sant Kabir and National Handloom Awards Conferred on National Handloom Day

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. *[07 August 2026]*

31. WHO Designates Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission a Regional Centre of Excellence

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

32. Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak Conferred on 12 Rat Miners of Silkyara Rescue

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

33. Prof. Deepak Dhar Awarded 2026 Dirac Medal (ICTP)

Renowned Indian physicist Deepak Dhar was awarded the 2026 Dirac Medal by ICTP for his groundbreaking contributions to equilibrium and non-equilibrium statistical mechanics. *[13 August 2026]*

34. President Confers Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Awards for 2024 and 2025

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

35. 9th National Anubhav Awards 2026 Conferred on 15 Awardees

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. *[20 August 2026]*

36. Over 200 Indian Peacekeepers in South Sudan Awarded UN Medals

Over 200 Indian peacekeepers serving under the United Nations Mission in South Sudan received UN Medals in Juba for distinguished service. *[20 August 2026]*

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37. National Sports Awards 2025 Announced

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. *[21 August 2026]*

38. Army Chief Gen Dhiraj Seth Conferred Honorary Rank of General of Nepali Army

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. *[21 August 2026]*

39. Boxer Narender Berwal Selected for Arjuna Award

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. *[22–24 August 2026]*

Defence News

1. 16th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue Held

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

2. Multilateral Exercise PRAGATI 2026 Concludes at Umroi, Meghalaya

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. *[03 June 2026]*

3. DRDO and IAF Flight-Test Indigenous RudraM-II Air-to-Surface Missile

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. *[04 June 2026]*

4. MoD Signs ₹449 Crore Contract for 20 GNSS Jammers for Indian Navy

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. *[12 June 2026]*

5. Annual Defence Production Hits Record ₹1.78 Lakh Crore

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. *[19 June 2026]*

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6. MoD Contract for Marine Gas Turbine Generators for Indian Navy

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. *[23 June 2026]*

7. PM Commissions Three Indigenous Naval Ships at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port

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. *[25 June 2026]*

8. US Notifies Sale of Support Services for India's Apache and M777A2 Howitzers

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. *[25 June 2026]*

9. India and UK Frame Strategic Roadmap for Defence Cooperation

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. *[26 June 2026]*

10. INS Udaygiri and INS Kavaratti Arrive in Vietnam

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. *[26 June 2026]*

11. DAC Approves ₹52,000 Crore Procurement Proposals

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. *[07 July 2026]*

12. India and Indonesia Sign BrahMos and Astra Pacts

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. *[09 July 2026]*

13. Foundation Stone Laid for Adani Group Defence Manufacturing Unit in Madhya Pradesh

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. *[09 July 2026]*

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14. India-Rwanda Second Joint Defence Cooperation Committee Meeting Held

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. *[10 July 2026]*

15. DRDO Conducts Maiden Flight Test of Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket

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. *[11–13 July 2026]*

16. India-Australia Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation

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. *[14 July 2026]*

17. India-Myanmar Border to be Fenced at a Cost of ₹31,000 Crore

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. *[14 July 2026]*

18. INS Mahendragiri Stealth Frigate Commissioned at Visakhapatnam

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. *[15 July 2026]*

19. 8th India-Japan Defence Policy Dialogue Held in Tokyo

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. *[16 July 2026]*

20. IAF Participates in Exercise Pitch Black 2026 in Darwin, Australia

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. *[22 July 2026]*

21. First Tri-Service All-Women Circumnavigation Expedition 'Samudra Pradakshina' Flagged In

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged in Samudra Pradakshina as nine women officers completed a 314 day tri service circumnavigation covering 25500 nautical miles. *[24 July 2026]*

22. CABS Signs Two Major Contracts for AEW&C Mk II Programme

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. *[24 July 2026]*

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23. Indian Navy Commissions INS Malvan at Karwar

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. *[25–27 July 2026]*

24. DRDO Conducts Maiden Flight-Test of Long-Range SAM 'Kusha'

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. *[28 July 2026]*

25. India Develops First Indigenous 350 kg Thrust Expendable Turbojet Engine

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. *[28 July 2026]*

26. Seventh Mahe-Class ASW Shallow Water Craft 'Machilipatnam' Launched

Cochin Shipyard launched Machilipatnam, the seventh Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft for the Indian Navy. *[01–03 August 2026]*

27. India's First Department of Military Medicine Inaugurated at Lucknow

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated the country's first dedicated Department of Military Medicine at Command Hospital (Central Command) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. *[01–03 August 2026]*

28. Indigenous Long-Range Attack Drone 'KAL' Eyes Gulf Export Markets

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. *[07 August 2026]*

29. Agni-4 Medium-Range Ballistic Missile Successfully Test-Fired

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

30. France Submits ₹3.25 Lakh Crore Proposal for 114 Rafale Jets

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. *[08–10 August 2026]*

31. 8th India-US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Exercise Begins at Kochi

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. *[12 August 2026]*

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32. Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Visits Mauritius

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. *[13 August 2026]*

33. Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Shruti' Launched at GRSE

The Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel named Shruti was launched at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited in Kolkata on 11 August 2026. *[14 August 2026]*

34. MoD Signs ₹1,943 Crore Contract to Lease Two MQ-9B Aircraft

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. *[19 August 2026]*

35. Sixth Positive Indigenisation List of 405 Items Notified

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. *[21 August 2026]*

36. India and Japan Sign Defence Agreement on Maritime Security

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. *[22–24 August 2026]*

37. IAF Concludes Exercises Pitch Black and Udara Shakti

The Indian Air Force concluded its participation in multinational flight exercises Pitch Black in Australia and Udara Shakti in Malaysia during August 2026. *[26 August 2026]*

38. Cochin Shipyard Delivers ASW Shallow Water Craft 'Mangrol'

Cochin Shipyard Limited delivered Mangrol the third indigenous Anti Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft to the Indian Navy on August 21 2026. *[26 August 2026]*

39. Second Indigenous Diving Support Vessel 'Nipun' to be Commissioned

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. *[26 August 2026]*

40. First Fully Indigenous AK-203 'Sher' Rifle Test-Fired

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. *[26 August 2026]*

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41. HAL and Safran Sign Contract for Indigenous 'Aravalli' Helicopter Engine

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. *[29–31 August 2026]*

42. India and UK to Co-Develop Electric Propulsion for Navy Warships

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. *[29–31 August 2026]*

Science & Technology

1. NASA Unveils Three-Phase $20 Billion Plan for Permanent Moon Base

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

2. Indian Scientist Leads Discovery of 12.6-Billion-Year-Old 'Loktak' Protocluster

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. *[02 June 2026]*

3. Red Balloon Aerospace Launches India's First Stratospheric Super Pressure Balloon

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. *[03 June 2026]*

4. SIPRI: India Has 190 Nuclear Warheads, Widening Lead Over Pakistan

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. *[12 June 2026]*

5. India's Space Economy Poised to Reach $45 Billion in Next Decade

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. *[17 June 2026]*

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6. IIT Madras Releases World's Most Detailed 3D Human Brainstem Atlas

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. *[17 June 2026]*

7. IIT Hyderabad to Set Up India's First Nuclear Engineering Design Centre

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. *[19 June 2026]*

8. Bharat Climate Observation Network Station Set Up in the Himalayan Region

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). *[23 June 2026]*

9. Twelve Years of India's Space Sector Growth

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. *[24 June 2026]*

10. X-Band Doppler Weather Radar Inaugurated at Mahabaleshwar Under Mission Mausam

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. *[25 June 2026]*

11. INCOIS Launches Specialised El Niño Bulletins

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. *[26 June 2026]*

12. NHSRCL Begins Capability Assessment for Indigenous 350 kmph 'B35' Bullet Trains

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

13. World's First Hydrogen Production Facility Using Nuclear Heat Inaugurated

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. *[30 June 2026]*

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14. C-DOT and IIT Hyderabad Launch Telecom Research Centre for 6G, AI and Quantum

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. *[30 June 2026]*

15. ISRO Conducts Hot Test of Semi-Cryogenic Engine Power Head

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. *[02 July 2026]*

16. ISRO Conducts Integrated Parachute Tests for Gaganyaan

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. *[08 July 2026]*

17. BSNL Launches Satellite Phone for Emergency Communication

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. *[14 July 2026]*

18. Indigenous Kavach Commissioned on 149-km Solapur-Wadi Section

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. *[15 July 2026]*

19. NASA Astronaut Anil Menon Reaches International Space Station

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. *[18–20 July 2026]*

20. PM Flags Off India's First Hydrogen-Powered Train from Jind, Haryana

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. *[21 July 2026]*

21. Vikram-1 Launch Marks Milestone for India's Private Space Sector

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. *[22 July 2026]*

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22. White Rabbit Technology-Based IST Dissemination Network Commissioned in Bengaluru

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. *[22 July 2026]*

23. Government Targets Five Indigenous Small Modular Reactors by 2033

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. *[24 July 2026]*

24. CDSCO Approves Qdenga as India's First Dengue Vaccine

Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation granted marketing authorization for Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine Qdenga as the first dengue vaccine approved in India. *[25–27 July 2026]*

25. Private Space Sector Investment Crosses $618 Million

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). *[28 July 2026]*

26. Himalayan Chandra Telescope at Hanle Completes 25 Years

The Ministry of Science & Technology commemorated 25 years of operational excellence of the 2-metre Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT) located at Hanle, Ladakh. *[01–03 August 2026]*

27. Trial Run of India's First Vande Bharat Freight EMU Begins

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. *[01–03 August 2026]*

28. ICAR Develops First Fully Annotated Reference Genome of Pigeonpea

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research developed India's first fully annotated telomere-to-telomere reference genome of the pigeonpea variety Asha. *[07 August 2026]*

29. ICAR Releases India's First Indigenous African Swine Fever Vaccine

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. *[07 August 2026]*

30. IT Rules Amended: Platforms Must Remove Sensitive Content Within Two Hours

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology reduced the deadline for social media platforms to remove sensitive online content to two hours. *[11 August 2026]*

31. ISRO Plans 300 Satellite Launches in Six Years and Space Station by 2035

The Indian Space Research Organisation announced plans to launch at least 300 satellites over six years and establish an Indian space station by 2035. *[12 August 2026]*

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32. NASA Invites ISRO to Join its Moon Base Programme

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. *[14 August 2026]*

33. Kavach 4.0 Approved for 660 Route km in Izzatnagar Division

Ministry of Railways sanctioned ₹295 crore to deploy Kavach Version 4.0 across 660 route kilometres of Izzatnagar Division. *[14 August 2026]*

34. BSNL's Indigenous 4G Rollout Crosses 98,500 Sites

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

35. Draft SHANTI Act Rules Propose Five-Year Review of Nuclear Liability Caps

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. *[25 August 2026]*

36. ISRO to Transfer Launch Vehicle Manufacturing to Private Sector

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. *[26 August 2026]*

Sports

1. India to Host 2027 Asian Relays and 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships

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. *[02 June 2026]*

2. RCB Beat Gujarat Titans to Win Second Straight IPL Title

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. *[04 June 2026]*

3. Indian Women Wrestlers Win 10 Medals at U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships

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. *[05 June 2026]*

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4. India Finishes Second at Asian U-20 Athletics Championships 2026

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. *[06–08 June 2026]*

5. Praggnanandhaa and Bibisara Assaubayeva Win Norway Chess 2026 Titles

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. *[10 June 2026]*

6. India Beat Bangladesh to Win SAFF Women's Championship for Record Sixth Time

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. *[11 June 2026]*

7. India Win Men's Gold and Women's Bronze at U-18 Hockey Asia Cup 2026

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. *[12 June 2026]*

8. Kane Williamson Retires from International Cricket

New Zealand's batting maestro and former skipper Kane Williamson has called time on his illustrious 16-year international cricket career with immediate effect. *[17 June 2026]*

9. Lewis Hamilton Wins First F1 Race for Ferrari at Barcelona Grand Prix

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. *[18 June 2026]*

10. Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins FIH Nations Cup, Earns Pro League Promotion

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. *[24 June 2026]*

11. Neeraj Chopra Finishes Fourth at Doha Diamond League 2026

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. *[24 June 2026]*

12. India Win 16 Medals, Finish Second at Asian Boxing Championships 2026

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

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leaderboard behind Kazakhstan while recording the highest total medal count across divisions. *[26 June 2026]*

13. Indian Shooters Top ISSF Junior World Championship 2026 with 25 Medals

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. *[01 July 2026]*

14. Ben Stokes Retires from International Cricket

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. *[02 July 2026]*

15. Harry Kane Overtakes Pelé's World Cup Goal Record

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. *[06 July 2026]*

16. Sarvesh Becomes First Indian High Jumper to Finish in Diamond League Top Three

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. *[15 July 2026]*

17. Indian Women's Cricket Team Wins Historic Test Against England at Lord's

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. *[16 July 2026]*

18. Jannik Sinner Beats Alexander Zverev to Retain Wimbledon Men's Singles Title

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. *[16 July 2026]*

19. PV Sindhu Wins Japan Open 2026

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. *[22 July 2026]*

20. Viswanathan Anand Becomes Interim President of FIDE

Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand assumed the position of Interim President of the International Chess Federation following European Union sanctions against Arkady Dvorkovich. *[28 July 2026]*

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21. Mirabai Chanu Wins Gold in 48 kg at Commonwealth Games 2026

Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu secured the Gold medal in the women's 48 kg category at the Commonwealth Games 2026. *[29 July 2026]*

22. Rishikanta Singh Chanambam Wins Silver at Commonwealth Games 2026

Indian weightlifter Rishikanta Singh Chanambam won the Silver medal while achieving a personal best performance at the Commonwealth Games 2026. *[29 July 2026]*

23. Anahat Singh Wins World Junior Squash Championship

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. *[29 July 2026]*

24. Raja Muthupandi Wins Weightlifting Silver at Glasgow CWG 2026

Indian weightlifter Raja Muthupandi won the silver medal in the Men's 65 kg category at the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow. *[30 July 2026]*

25. Gyaneshwari Yadav Wins Weightlifting Silver at Glasgow CWG 2026

Gyaneshwari Yadav claimed the silver medal in women's weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2026 after setting a new personal best score. *[30 July 2026]*

26. Sarvesh Kushare Wins High Jump Silver at Commonwealth Games 2026

Union Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya congratulated Indian high jumper Sarvesh Kushare for winning the silver medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026. *[30 July 2026]*

27. Gulveer Singh Wins Historic Silver in Men's 10,000 m at CWG 2026

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. *[01–03 August 2026]*

28. Dilip Mahadu Gavit Wins Gold in Men's 100 m T47 at CWG 2026

Dilip Mahadu Gavit clinched the Gold medal in the Men's 100m T47 event at the Commonwealth Games 2026, setting a new Games record. *[04 August 2026]*

29. Murali Sreeshankar Wins Long Jump Silver at CWG 2026

Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar secured the Silver medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026 with a season-best jump. *[04 August 2026]*

30. India Finish Fourth at CWG 2026 with 39 Medals

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. *[05 August 2026]*

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31. Harshita Jakhar First Indian Woman at Tour de France Femmes

Nineteen-year-old cyclist Harshita Jakhar became the first Indian woman cyclist to participate in the Tour de France Femmes event in Switzerland. *[06 August 2026]*

32. Para Shuttler Biri Takar Wins Two Medals at BWF Para World Circuit

Arunachal Pradesh para-shuttler Biri Takar won two medals at the Badminton World Federation Para Badminton World Circuit event. *[06 August 2026]*

33. India Win High Jump Silver and Long Jump Bronze at World Athletics U20 Championships

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. *[11 August 2026]*

34. Ashish Yadav Wins Javelin Silver at World Athletics U20 Championships

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. *[12 August 2026]*

35. Ashmita Chaliha Wins Korea Masters, Her First BWF World Tour Title

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. *[12 August 2026]*

36. Rishabh Pant Becomes Fastest to 100 Test Sixes

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. *[20 August 2026]*

37. Ayush Shetty Stuns World No. 1 Shi Yuqi at BWF World Championships

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. *[21 August 2026]*

38. India Beat Pakistan 5-3 at FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026

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. *[21 August 2026]*

39. Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand Win Bronze at BWF World Championships 2026

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. *[25 August 2026]*

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40. East Bengal Beat Mohun Bagan to Win Record-Equalling 17th Durand Cup

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. *[26 August 2026]*

Important Days

1. World No Tobacco Day 2026 (31 May)

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. *[03 June 2026]*

2. World Bicycle Day (3 June)

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. *[05 June 2026]*

3. World Environment Day 2026 (5 June)

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. *[09 June 2026]*

4. World Oceans Day 2026 (8 June)

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. *[10 June 2026]*

5. World Food Safety Day 2026 (7 June)

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. *[11 June 2026]*

6. World Accreditation Day 2026 (9 June)

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. *[12 June 2026]*

7. World Day Against Child Labour 2026 (12 June)

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. *[16 June 2026]*

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8. Global Wind Day 2026 (15 June)

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. *[17 June 2026]*

9. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (17 June)

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. *[19 June 2026]*

10. International Day of Family Remittances 2026 (16 June)

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. *[20–22 June 2026]*

11. World Sickle Cell Day 2026 (19 June)

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." *[23 June 2026]*

12. 12th International Day of Yoga (21 June); National Event in Kolkata

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. *[24 June 2026]*

13. UN Public Service Day 2026 (23 June)

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. *[25 June 2026]*

14. International Widows' Day 2026 (23 June)

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. *[25 June 2026]*

15. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (26 June)

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. *[30 June 2026]*

16. National Statistics Day 2026 (29 June)

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

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Implementation (MoSPI) centring events around using administrative data for real-time governance. *[01 July 2026]*

17. International Asteroid Day (30 June)

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. *[02 July 2026]*

18. International Tiger Day 2026 (29 July)

India reaffirmed its global leadership in wildlife conservation while harbouring nearly 70 per cent of the worldwide wild tiger population on International Tiger Day. *[31 July 2026]*

19. 16th Indian Organ Donation Day Observed

Union Minister of State for Health Smt. Anupriya Patel addressed the 16th Indian Organ Donation Day ceremony, urging nationwide participation to eliminate organ shortages. *[05 August 2026]*

20. World Lion Day: Asiatic Lion Population Reaches 891

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. *[13 August 2026]*

21. World Elephant Day: India Home to Over 60% of Wild Asian Elephants

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. *[14 August 2026]*

22. National Space Day (23 August) Observed

Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings to the nation on National Space Day while calling for bigger dreams and new frontiers in space innovation. *[26 August 2026]*

Books & Authors

1. IOA President Releases Book on India's First Olympic Hockey Gold

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. *[02 June 2026]*

2. Shyam Srinivasan's Debut Book 'Better Never Stops' Launched

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." *[03 June 2026]*

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3. Vice-President Releases 'When Audit Matters: CAG Interventions That Made a Difference'

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. *[09 June 2026]*

4. Vice-President Releases Book 'Agatthiyar – The Unifier'

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. *[19 June 2026]*

5. Vice-President Releases Book 'VIP Culture in India'

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. *[27–29 June 2026]*

6. New India Foundation Announces Translation Fellowships 2026

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. *[10 July 2026]*

7. Vice-President Releases 'The Voice of Justice: Justice Gavai Speaks'

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. *[17 July 2026]*

8. Vice-President Releases Book 'RSS @100: A Century of Service, Unity & Sacrifice'

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. *[22 July 2026]*

9. PM Releases Autobiography of Former President Ram Nath Kovind

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. *[15–17 August 2026]*

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Obituaries

1. Olympian Archer and Arjuna Awardee Shyam Lal Meena Passes Away

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. *[30 May – 01 June 2026]*

2. Five-Time Olympian Raja Randhir Singh Passes Away at 79

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. *[02 June 2026]*

3. Dhanendra Kumar, First Chairperson of CCI, Passes Away

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. *[03 June 2026]*

4. Urdu Poet Bashir Badr Passes Away at 91

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. *[03 June 2026]*

5. Playback Singer Suman Kalyanpur Passes Away at 89

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. *[04 June 2026]*

6. Malayalam Actor Salim Kumar Passes Away at 57

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. *[11 June 2026]*

7. Tamil Filmmaker Bharathiraja Passes Away at 84

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. *[13–15 June 2026]*

8. Shooting Coach Jaspal Rana Passes Away at 49

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. *[17 June 2026]*

9. Buddhist Scholar Robert Thurman Passes Away at 84

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. *[23 June 2026]*

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10. Photojournalist Raghu Rai Passes Away at 83

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. *[25 June 2026]*

11. Tamil Actor-Director K. Bhagyaraj Passes Away at 73

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. *[01 July 2026]*

12. Pandavani Singer Teejan Bai Passes Away at 70

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. *[08 July 2026]*

13. Girish Bharadwaj, Architect of Hanging Foot Bridges, Passes Away

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. *[09 July 2026]*

14. Legendary Playback Singer S. Janaki Passes Away

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. *[15 July 2026]*

15. Justice M.S. Liberhan, Head of Babri Masjid Inquiry Commission, Passes Away

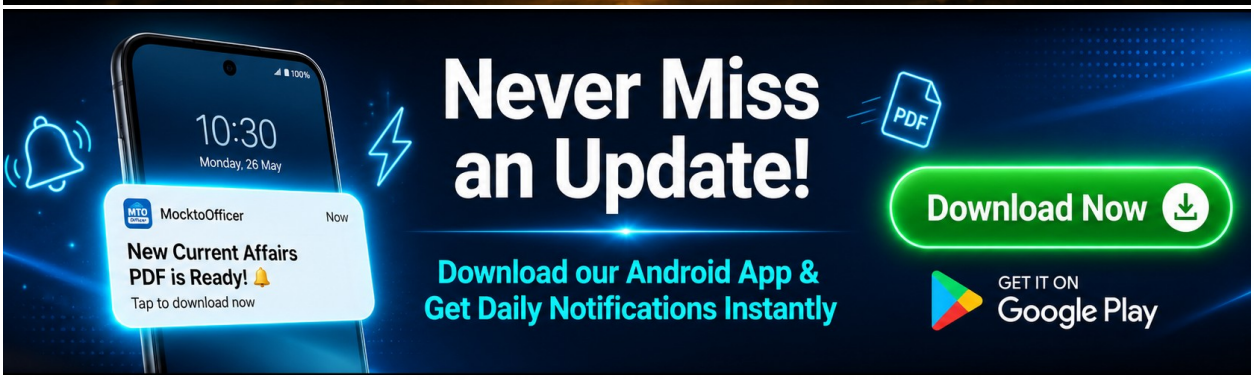
Former Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh and Madras High Courts Justice Manmohan Singh (M.S.) Liberhan, who headed the 1992 Babri Masjid Demolition Inquiry Commission, passed away in Chandigarh at age 87. *[05 August 2026]*

16. Nuclear Scientist Dr. M. P. Parameswaran Passes Away at 91

Eminent nuclear scientist, author, and Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad pioneer Doctor M P Parameswaran passed away at age 91 in Thrissur Kerala. *[13 August 2026]*

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