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**Tamil Nadu Centre-State Relations Committee (2025)**

- **Announcement:** On April 15, 2025, Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin** announced the committee in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.
- **Nature of the Committee:** It is a **three-member** high-level committee.
- **Chairperson:** Justice Kurian Joseph, former Supreme Court Judge.
- **Member:** \* **K. Ashok Vardhan Shetty** (Former IAS Officer).
  - **Prof. M. Naganathan** (former vice-chairman, State Planning Commission).
- **Main objective:** To **strengthen state autonomy and protect federalism** by studying center-state relations.
- **Report:** The report of this committee will come in two parts, the first part will be submitted before the 2026 assembly elections and the last part **will be submitted by April 2027**.
- **Historical Context:** This committee has been formed on the lines of the **Rajamannar Committee** in 1969.

**Terms of Reference of the Committee:**

- **Table of Contents:** To suggest measures to return to the States subjects such as education, forests and health, which have moved from the State List to the Concurrent List.
- **42nd Amendment:** To examine the impact of the 42nd Amendment of 1976 on the rights of the states.
- **Important Legislations and Policies:** To study the limitations on the autonomy of states due to NEET, NEP 2020 and GST.
- **Economic and Political Issues:** To examine the impact on state representation due to disparity in revenue distribution, the role of governors and future delimitation.

**Other Important Commissions related to Centre-State relations**

The following table gives information about the major committees set up so far to study Centre-State relations:

| Commission/Commission Committee         | Year of Establishment | head                           |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| First Administrative Reforms Commission | 1966                  | Morarji Desai                  |
| Rajamannar Committee (Tamil Nadu)       | 1969                  | Justice. P. V. Rajamannar      |
| Sarkaria Commission                     | 1983                  | Justice. R. S. Sarkaria        |
| Constitution Review Commission          | 2000                  | Justice. M. N. Venkatachalaiah |
| Punchhi Commission                      | 2007                  | न्या. मदन मोहन पंछी            |

**Digital Access: Fundamental Rights (April 2025)**

- **Supreme Court's Judgment:** In the case of **Association of Indian Universities vs. India (2025)**, the court delivered a significant judgment.
- **Constitutional Provision:** The Internet and **Digital Access were declared to be an integral part** of 'life and personal liberty' under Article 21.
- **Special Directives for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs):** Instructions have been given to further simplify the **digital KYC** process, so that persons with disabilities are not deprived of basic services due to technical difficulties.
- **Conclusion:** Digital literacy and accessibility are no longer just part of access but a **fundamental right**.

**Caste Census: Central Sanction**

- **Approval:** On April 30, 2025, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the caste census.
- **Census - Historical and Constitutional Facts:**
  - **First Census:** 1872 (Mayo); First Contemporary (Systematic) Census: **1881 (Ripon)**.
  - **Related Act:** Census Act, 1948.
  - **Constitutional Location:** Census is a Union List subject and **comes under Article 246**.
  - **जबाबदार संस्था:** Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.
- **History of Caste Census:**
  - **1931:** The last completed caste-wise census was conducted.
  - **After 1951:** Caste-wise information is **collected only for SC (Scheduled Caste) and ST (Scheduled Tribes)**.
  - **SECC 2011:** The Socio-Economic Caste Census was conducted in 2011, but its caste data was not published due to errors.
- **Challenges:** Fear of social division due to caste-based identity, impact on the 50% limit of reservation (Indira Sawhney Judgment), and different classifications of the same caste in different states (e.g. Meena caste is ST in Rajasthan and OBC in Madhya Pradesh).

**Dr. Ajay Kumar appointed as Chairman of UPSC**

- **Appointment:** On May 15, 2025, former Defence Secretary **Dr Ajay Kumar** took over as the Chairman of UPSC.
- **Powers of Appointment:** **The President** of India (Droupadi Murmu) made this appointment.
- **Tenure:** till October 2027 (the tenure of the UPSC Chairman is **6 years or 65 years of age**, whichever is earlier).
- **Background:** He is a 1985 batch Kerala cadre IAS officer who served as Defence Secretary under the aegis of 'Agniveer' policy.
- **Contribution in e-Governance:** He played a key role in launching the myGov platform, the Pragati system, and the Biometric Attendance System (BAS).

**Constitutional Provisions in UPSC:**

- **भाग:** १४ (Part XIV)
- **अनुच्छेद:** ३१५ ते ३२३
- **Form:** Independent Constitutional Body.

**Important Comparative Points (Quick Revision)**

| constituent               | Digital Rights | Ethnic Census  | UPSC Chairman     |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Related Articles          | Article 21     | Article 246    | अनुच्छेद ३१५-३२३  |
| Important Dates           | April 2025     | April 30, 2025 | May 15, 2025      |
| Key Persons/Organizations | supreme court  | Union Cabinet  | Dr. Ajay Kumar MD |

**Registration of Births and Deaths in India**

- **Principal Institution:** The Registrar General of India (RGI) is the apex body for registration of births and deaths in India.
- **Relevant Act:** Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969. The Act has undergone a major amendment in 2023 and registration is now absolutely **compulsory**.
- **Current Status of Registration:** Currently, about **90%** of registrations are in India, while 10% of registrations are still pending.
- **Officer Structure (in descending order):**
  1. Registrar General of India (National Level)
  2. Chief Registrar (State Level)
  3. District Registrar (District Level)
  4. Sub-Registrar (Spatial Level)
- **Digital System:** From October 2023, it is mandatory to make all the entries **digitally** through the Civil Registration System (CRS) portal.
- **Time Limit:** The general registration of a birth or death **must be done within 21 days**. Registration thereafter attracts late fee or penalty.
- **Registration abroad:** In case of birth/death of an Indian citizen abroad, it has to be registered with the Embassy of India **within 60 days** of its return to India.
- **Penalty:** The Registrar has the right to impose a fine of **up to Rs 1,000** for non-registration.

**Inclusion of I4C under PMLA Act**

- **संस्था:** Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C).
- **Ministry:** An initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs, but included under PMLA is **done by the Ministry of Finance**.
- **Legal provisions:** I4C has been inserted **under** Section 66 of PMLA, 2002.
- **Purpose:** To prevent international cyber fraud and track illegal money trails.
- **Result:** Now there will be more efficient exchange of information between the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and I4C.

**'Public Servant' - New Definition**

- **Reference:** The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Section 2(c)).
- **Judicial Finding:** If a person is associated with public service and receives commission or remuneration from the government, he **will be considered** a 'public servant'.
- **Scope:** Licensees and **stamp vendors** can also now be included as public servants.

**Andhra Pradesh: Sub-categorization of Scheduled Castes (SCs)**

- **Ordinance:** The Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes (Sub-Classification) Ordinance, 2025.
- **Commission:** Justice Ranjit Raj Mishra Commission.
- **Format:** Decision to sub-categorize **59 Scheduled Castes** into three categories.
- **Objective:** To extend the benefits of reservation to the sub-castes at the grassroots level in a more effective and equitable manner.

**Election: Minimum number of votes required for uncontested victory**

- **Supreme Court Judgment (April 2025):** If there is only one candidate in the election, then it is **mandatory to get** at least 10% to 15% of the votes to win.
- **Logic:** Democracy should not be based on mere absence, but **on majority**.
- **Act:** Parliament has the power to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (Section 53-2).

**Chip-based biometric e-passport**

- **Technology:** Use of **RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)** chip.
- **India:** Passport Seva Programme 2.0 will be implemented from April 2024.
- **Cities:** Facilities are available in Nagpur, Pune (other major cities including Nagpur), Chennai etc.
- **Benefit:** Strengthening border security and speeding up the immigration process.

**NALSA - National Legal Services Authority**

- **Chairperson:** Appointment of new Executive Chairman (former Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh) with effect from May 14, 2025.
- **Constitutional basis:** Article 39-A (free legal aid to the poor and underprivileged).
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi.
- **Activities:** Organization of Lok Adalats and dissemination of legal literacy.

### Historic record of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

On July 25, 2025, Narendra Modi broke Indira Gandhi's record and became the **second** longest-serving Prime Minister in a row.

#### Prime Minister's Comparative Period:

| S.No. | PM                   | Duration (consecutive) | Total days (approximately) |
|-------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| १     | Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru | १६ वर्षे २८६ दिवस      | 6,130                      |
| 2     | Narendra Modi        | 11 years 60 days+      | 4,078                      |
| 3     | Indira Gandhi        | ११ वर्षे ५९ दिवस       | 4,077                      |
| ४     | Manmohan Singh       | 10 years 4 days        | 3,656                      |

#### Special Notes:

- The first and only Prime Minister born after independence.
- The longest-serving **non-Congress** prime minister.
- The only leader to win **six consecutive elections** as chief minister and prime minister.

### Lokpal: New Motto (2025)

- **New motto:** "Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption".
- **Chairperson:** The present Chairman is **Justice Ajay Khanwilkar**. (First President: Pinaki Chandra Ghose).
- **Establishment:** 16 January 2014 (Act: Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013).
- **Composition:** 1 President + 8 Members (4 Judicial and 4 Non-Judicial).

#### Motto Comparative Chart

| Specifications   | Old information                | New Information (2025)                    |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Motto            | "मा गृधः कस्यस्विद्धनम्"       | "Empower citizens, expose corruption"     |
| Original Sources | Ishavasya Upanishad (Sanskrit) | Lokpal Full Bench                         |
| meaning          | Don't covet anyone's money     | Empowering Citizens to Prevent Corruption |

### 50 Years of Sikkim State (Suvarna Mahotsav)

- **Golden Jubilee:** On 16 May 2025, Sikkim completed 50 years of its formation.
- **Historical context:** Sikkim became the 22nd state of India on 16 May 1975.
- **Constitutional Amendment:** The 36th Amendment granted full statehood to Sikkim (the 35th Amendment was for 'Associate State').
- **Special Provisions:** Sikkim enjoys special status under **Article 371-F** of the Constitution.
- **Important Introduction:** India's first **100% organic** state.

### Department of Official Language and Constitutional Provisions

- **Founded:** 26 June 1975 (Ministry of Home Affairs). The Department completed 50 years in 2025.
- **Special Event:** On 11th July 2025, a program '**Dakshina Samvad**' was organized in Hyderabad.
- **Important Clauses:**
  - **Article 343 (1):** Hindi shall be the official language of India.
  - **Article 348:** The language of the Supreme Court and the High Courts shall be predominantly **English**.
  - **Section 351:** Directions for the development of Hindi language.

### POCSO Act and Supreme Court Directives

- **POCSO Act:** Implemented in 2012 (for the protection of children below 18 years).
- **New Directions (May 2025):** The Supreme Court has ordered the establishment of **separate POCSO courts** for speedy disposal of cases of child sexual offences.
- **First court** The first special POCSO court was started in Goa in 2013.

### National Emergency: A 50-year chronology (1975-2025)

- **Announcement:** June 25, 1975 (during the tenure of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi).
- **Completion of 50 years:** 25 June 2025. The Central Government has declared **25 June** as '**Constitution Assassination Day**'.
- **Article 352** (National Emergency - Cause: Internal Instability).
- **Key Changes:**
  - During the Emergency, the **42nd Constitutional Amendment** (1976) was made, which is called the '**Mini Constitution**'.
  - **44th Constitutional Amendment (1978):** The amendment changed the term 'internal instability' to '**armed rebellion**'.

### Golden Jubilee Years to Remember (2025):

1. **Formation of Sikkim State** - 50 years.
2. **Department of Official Language** - 50 years.
3. **National Emergency**: 50 years.

### PESA Act and Tribal Rights

- **पूर्ण नाव:** Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, १९९६.
- **Implemented:** w.e.f. 24 December 1996.

- **Objective:** To give special powers of self-government to the Gram Sabhas in the tribal areas of the **5th Schedule** of the Constitution.
- **Scope:** Applicable to 10 states in India.
- **Madhya Pradesh Special:** The state is at the forefront of implementing PESA and its effective implementation is going on in 88 blocks in 20 districts.

**Electoral Reform and Technology (2025)**

- **Bihar - New Initiatives:**
  - **E-Voting:** Bihar became the first state in the country to develop an Android app 'e-Voting SECBHR' with the help of C-DAC.
  - **Polling station reforms:** To reduce crowding at polling stations, the number of booths with less than 1,200 voters has been increased from 77,895 to 90,712.
  - **SIR (Special Intensive Re-verification):** The Supreme Court approved this special in-depth re-verification for voter eligibility verification.
- **NeVA (National e-Vidhan Application):**
  - The Puducherry Legislative Assembly became the 29th **NeVA-competent legislature** in the country on June 9, 2025.
  - First NeVA Legislative Assembly: **Nagaland (2022).**

**संसदेची अंदाज समिती (Estimates Committee)**

- **Occasion:** The committee completed 75 years on **April 10, 2025** (Golden Jubilee Conference held in Mumbai).
- **Founded:** 1950 (Recommendation: **John Mathai** Committee).
- **Composition:** A total of **30** members (all of whom are members of the Lok Sabha only, not represented in the Rajya Sabha).
- **President (2025-26):** Sanjay Jaiswal.
- **Other Appointments:** Public Undertakings Committee (PUC) Chairman - **Vaijayant Panda**.

**Judiciary and Legislative Decisions**

- **Digital access:** In the case of 'Amar Jain vs. Central Government', the Supreme Court **held that digital access is a fundamental right under Article 21.**
- **Judge Qualification:** A minimum of 3 years of legal practice **will now be mandatory** for the post of Junior Civil Judge.
- **Foreign Lawyers:** The Bar Council of India has allowed foreign lawyers to advise in India only on international law and arbitration (cannot practice in court).
- **COTPA Amendment (2025):** The age of purchase of tobacco has been increased from 18 to **20 years** and the penalty has been increased to ₹1,000.

**New Rules and Administrative Changes for Ladakh (2025)**

5 new rules came into force under **Article 240** for the Union Territory of Ladakh:

1. **Recruitment Rules:** Domicile-based reservation in government jobs.
2. **Reservation:** EWS increased to 10% and caste-based reservation to 85%.
3. **Women's Reservation:** 1/3rd reservation is mandatory for women in **LAHDC**.
4. **Official languages:** English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti and Purgi are recognised.

**Maharashtra and other Important Appointments**

- **Maharashtra Scheduled Tribes Commission:** The state cabinet approved an independent statutory commission (1 chairman + 4 members).
- **Chhagan Bhujbal** returns as food and civil supplies minister This is his 9th time as a minister since 1991 .
- **Solar Energy:** **The Delhi Assembly** was the first fully solar-powered assembly in India (Capacity: 500 kW).

**New Chief Justice of High Courts (2025)**

| high court     | Chief Justice                      |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Rajasthan      | Justice. K.R. Sriram               |
| Madras         | Justice. Maninder Mohan Srivastava |
| Madhya Pradesh | Justice. Sanjeev Sachdev           |
| Karnataka      | Justice. Vibhu Bakhru              |

**Economic Developments**

**India's Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**

India has entered into several important trade agreements, both bilaterally and multilaterally:

- **Countries:** Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan, Australia, UAE, Mauritius.
- **Group:** \* ASEAN: (10 Southeast Asian countries).
  - EFTA: (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland - Important Agreement in 2024).

**Maharashtra Economy: GDP and Investment**

- **Goal:** Aim for a **\$1 trillion** economy by 2030.
- **Current Status:**
  - **GDP:** \$536 billion (number one among Indian states).
  - **Global Comparison:** Maharashtra's GDP is equal to that of Singapore and ranks 28th in the world.
- **Lead in FDI:** Maharashtra has the highest share of 39.2% (\$19.6 billion) in the **total foreign direct investment (FDI)** in the country.

Sector-wise GDP share of Maharashtra:

- **Services Sector:** 64.3% (highest)
- **Industry sector:** 22.5%
- **Agriculture Sector:** 13.2%

**World Investment Report 2025**

- **संस्था:** UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development).
- **Theme:** "International Investment in the Digital Economy".
- **Global Trends:** The United States is the country that receives the highest FDI and outflows (**outflows**).
- **India's Position:** India ranks 15th in the world in **FDI** receipts.

**Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India - 2024-25**

- **Total inflows:** \$81.04 billion in 2024-25 (14% increase over the previous year).
- **Major Countries to Invest in:**
  1. **Singapore (30%)** - Highest investment.
  2. Mauritius (17%).
  3. The United States (11%).

**Indian states receiving the highest FDI (2024-25)**

| kingdom     | Investment (\$) | Share (%) |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Maharashtra | \$19.6 billion  | 31%       |
| Karnataka   | \$6.62 billion  | 20%       |
| Delhi       | \$6.0 billion   | 12%       |
| गुजरात      | \$5.71 billion  | 11%       |

**Sector-wise FDI share**

Services continue to dominate investment in India:

- **Service Sector:** 19% (YoY growth of 40.77%).
- **Computer Software & Hardware:** 16%
- **Trading:** 8%.

**Important 'Static' References for the Exam:**

- **About UNCTAD:** Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland.
- **FDI Limits:** **Changed** FDI limits in sectors such as defence, insurance, and railways should be the backbone for the exam.
- **Maharashtra:** Maharashtra is the second largest exporter of the country after Gujarat.

**NITI Aayog: 10th Governing Council Meeting (2025)**

- **Date:** May 24, 2025 | **Venue:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- **Theme:** "Developed States for Developed India @2047".
- **Participants:** Representatives from 24 States and 7 Union Territories.
- **Important announcement:** India has overtaken Japan to become the fourth largest economy in the world.

NITI Aayog – Strategic Institution (Static Context)

- **Established:** 1 January 2015 (in place of Planning Commission).
- **Format:** Strategic 'Think Tank' of the Government of India (based on cooperative federalism).
- **Key Positions:**
  - **Chairperson:** Prime Minister (Narendra Modi).
  - **Vice-President:** Suman Berry.
  - **CEO:** B. V. R. Subramanian.

**RBI Monetary Policy (MPC) – June 2025**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cut the repo rate by 50 basis points to **keep inflation under control and boost economic growth**.

**RBI's New Policy Rates:**

| Name of the Rate         | Rate (%) | Result (reduction)                               |
|--------------------------|----------|--|
| Repo Rate                | 5.50%    | Loans will be cheaper, investment will increase. |
| Reverse Repo Rate        | 3.35%    | Ease of Deposit of Banks with RBI.               |
| MSF and Bank Rate        | 5.75%    | Rates on emergency loans.                        |
| CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio) | 3.0%     | The amount of liquidity in banks.                |
| SLR                      | 18%      | Reserves that banks have to hold.                |

**India's Global Economic Position (2025)**

- **Ranking:** 4th largest economy in the world (surpassing Japan).
- **GDP (Nominal):** \$४.११ ट्रिलियन (IMF - World Economic Outlook नुसार).
- **Income per capita:** \$2,880 (ranked 143rd in the world).
- **Specific:** According to NITI Aayog, India's leap forward is an important step towards 'Viksit Bharat @2047'.

**New Development Bank (NDB) BRICS Bank**

- **Headquarters:** Shanghai, China. | **President:** Dilma Rousseff.
- **Objective:** To develop infrastructure in emerging economies.
- **India Office:** Ahmedabad (Gujarat).

**New Member States (2025):**

In 2025, the scope of the NDB has expanded to a total of **13 members**:

1. **Algeria** (May 19, 2025)
2. **Colombia** (July 5, 2025)
3. **Uzbekistan** (5 July 2025)

**Member Extension:** BRICS (5 countries) + Bangladesh, Egypt, UAE, Uruguay, Algeria, Colombia and Uzbekistan.

**Quick Revision Points for the Exam:**

- **What is Repo Rate Cut?** When the RBI lowers rates, banks get loans at lower rates, which in turn makes home loans/auto loans cheaper for customers.
- **The NDB** was conceptualized at the 2012 New Delhi BRICS Summit, while it was established at the 2014 Fortaleza Summit.

**GST collection: Figures in 2024-25**

- **At the country level:** The total GST collection in the financial year 2024-25 has been ₹16.75 lakh crore, which is 9.98% higher than the previous year.
- **Maharashtra (First in the Country):** Maharashtra ranks first in the country in state collection with a collection of about ₹3.60 lakh crore (approximately).

**Highest GST collection by State (Top 5)**

| serial number | kingdom       | Collection (₹ crore) |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| १             | Maharashtra   | 3,18,497             |
| 2             | गुजरात        | 1,74,938             |
| 3             | Karnataka     | 1,43,023             |
| ४             | Tamil Nadu    | 1,12,456             |
| ५             | Uttar Pradesh | 1,05,789             |

**Key Initiatives in Energy and Technology Sector**

- **Govinda Solar Power Project:** On July 19, 2025, a 435 MW capacity project was inaugurated in Bikaner (Rajasthan).
- **NMEO-OP (Oil Palm Mission):** Palm oil accounts for 56% of India's total edible oil imports. Andhra Pradesh is the leading producing state in the country and aims to produce 28 lakh tonnes by 2029-30.
- **Indigenous SSD Manufacturing:** MiPhi Semiconductors has become the first indigenous company to manufacture 'Solid State Drive' (SSD) in India.
- **CAFE-III & IV Regulations:** Applicable for the period 2027 to 2037 These regulations are mandated to increase fuel efficiency of vehicles and reduce emissions by  $\$CO_{2}$

**International Trade and Start-ups**

- **India-Brazil Trade:** Bilateral trade has been targeted at \$20 billion by 2030. (Right now)\$12.2 billion).
- **WAVEX Challenge 2025:** The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has launched this start-up challenge for AI-based multilingual translation (Bhasha Setu).
- **UAE-India CEPA:** A special series has been launched from June 2025 to connect Indian start-ups with the UAE market.

**Changes in Banking and Financial Institutions**

- **SBI Global Trade Finance Centres:** New centres opened in Kolkata and Hyderabad. Technologies like Blockchain and AI will be used here.

- **SMFCL (Sagarmala Finance Corp. Ltd.):** Inaugurated on June 26, 2025. It is the first NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company) in India to finance the maritime sector.
- **EMC 2.0 (Electronics Cluster):** A new cluster has been approved in Gautam Buddha Nagar (UP) with an investment of ₹417 crore.

**Good Governance: 48th PRAGATI Meeting**

- **Chairman:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **पूर्ण नाव:** Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.
- **Objective:** To review the implementation of key schemes of the Centre. The platform was launched in 2015 under the Digital India initiative.

**Static Linkages (Important for Exams):**

- **GST Council:** Constituted under Article 279-A (Chairman - Union Finance Minister).
- **Renewable Energy:** Rajasthan is the leading producer of solar energy in the country.
- **17th Constitutional Amendment (GST):** The 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016 came into effect from July 1, 2017.

**Global reserves: Gold ranks second**

- **Source:** European Central Bank (ECB).
- **Conclusion:** Gold has now reached the second position among the Global Reserve Assets.
- **Ranking:** 1. US Dollar (USD): 47%  
2. Gold: 19% (beats Euro)  
3. Euro: 16%
- **Significance:** Central banks around the world are increasingly inclined towards gold due to geopolitical uncertainties.

**RBI Banking and Policy Decisions**

**PSL rules relaxed for SFBs**

- The Priority Sector Lending (PSL) target for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) has been increased from 75% to 60%.
- These changes will come into effect from the financial year 2025-26.

**STRIPS Trading Allowed for States**

- **STRIPS:** Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities.
- Now the principal and interest of State Government Bonds (G-Secs) can be traded separately.
- **Condition:** The maturity of the bond should be up to 14 years and the minimum balance should be ₹1,000 crore.

**Vishweshwar Co-operative Bank (VSBL) - Scheduled Bank**

- Vishweshwar Co-operative Bank in Pune got the status of Scheduled Bank.
- **Section:** Section 42(6)(a) of the RBI Act, 1934.

- **Exclusive:** It has become the **third** cooperative scheduled bank in Pune and the 50th cooperative scheduled bank in India.

**Infrastructure and Investment**

- **Nagpur Helicopter Factory:** An agreement was signed between the **Government of Maharashtra and Max Aerospace to set up a helicopter manufacturing unit in Nagpur with an investment** of ₹8,000 crore.
- **Biggest Rail Siding:** Maruti Suzuki has started the country's largest in-plant automobile rail siding in **Manesar (Haryana)**. (Target: 35% of vehicles to be transported by rail by 2030).
- **RBI Regional Office:** The regional office of Andhra Pradesh was shifted from Hyderabad **to Vijayawada**.

**World Poverty Line - New Criteria (World Bank)**

The World Bank has changed the criteria of the poverty line according to **PPP 2021 (Purchasing Power Parity)** in view of the change in the cost of living:

| Group of Countries            | Old Line (\$) | New Line (\$) |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Low Income Countries          | \$2.15        | \$3.00        |
| Low-middle-income countries   | \$3.65        | \$4.20        |
| Upper-middle-income countries | \$6.85        | \$8.30        |

**Other important developments**

- **FSDC 29th Meeting:** Held in Mumbai. President **Nirmala Sitharaman**. (FSDC It was established in 2010 on the recommendation of the Raghuram Rajan Committee).
- **UPI International Expansion:** NPCI has tied up with Cyprus-based 'Eurobank'. Now Indian travellers will be able to use UPI there.
- **Gender Budgeting Hub:** The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched a digital platform called 'Gender Budgeting Knowledge Hub' for gender-sensitive schemes.
- **Goan Feni:** This is India's **first GI-tagged Feni (made from cashew nuts or coconut)**.

**Banking & Economy (RBI & Corporate)**

- **RBI's Record Dividend:** In May 2025, RBI declared a dividend of ₹2.68 lakh crore **to the central government**, which is 27.4% higher than the previous year.
- **NBFC license to Flipkart:** Flipkart has become **the first large e-commerce company** in India to get an NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company) license from the RBI. This will provide direct credit facilities to customers.
- **Germany: The world's largest creditor:** For the first time since 1991, Germany has overtaken Japan to become the world's largest creditor.

**RBI Dividend Comparison (Fiscal Year Wise)**

| financial year | Dividend (₹ Crore) |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 2022-23        | 87,416             |
| 2023-24        | 2.1 lakh           |
| 2024-25        | 2.68 lakh          |

**Infrastructure and Investment**

- **Maharashtra's First Green Municipal Bond: The Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC)** issued ₹200 crore green bonds on BSE. It has become the first municipal corporation in the state to raise funds for green projects.
- **6th Semiconductor Project:** The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of India's sixth semiconductor project at **Jewar (Noida)** in Uttar Pradesh (Investment: ₹3,706 crore).
- **ADB's Plan for India:** The Asian Development Bank has announced a \$10 billion fund for India's 'Urban Transformation'.
- **NIIF Administrative Meeting:** The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi. (Headquarters: Mumbai).

**Technology and Defence**

- **Miniratna - Category-I Status:** The Ministry of Defence has granted Miniratna status to **three companies** (AVNL, IOL), including Munitions India Limited (MIL) in Pune, which will give them more financial autonomy.
- **Indian AI Startups:** MeitY has selected 10 Indian AI startups who will receive 4 months of training at 'Station F' (the world's largest startup campus) in Paris.
- **RBI-CRIS:** RBI has announced a data platform called 'Climate Risk Information System' to analyze climate-related economic risks.

**Corporate and Institutional Developments**

- **LIC's Guinness World Record:** On May 24, 2025, LIC set a world record by selling **more than 5.88 lakh** insurance policies in a single day.
- **IICA Shillong Campus:** The Regional Campus of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs for North East India **is set to be set up in Shillong** (PM-DevINE Scheme).
- **NLC India Mascot:** NLC India in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu **has launched a new mascot, 'Neyon' (Lion)**.

**International Forum**

- **TOURISE Platform:** Saudi Arabia has launched this global platform to combine tourism and technology.

**Important 'Static' points to remember:**

- **About NBFCs:** These companies do not have a banking license, but they do lend (e.g. Flipkart can now do this).

- **Miniratna Status:** This category is given to PSUs that have made a profit for three consecutive years.
- **PM-DevINE:** This is a special Central Sector Scheme for the development of North East India.

- **Gujarat is the third state in the country with a share market investment of Rs 1 trillion.**
- **Eri Silk (GI Tag):** The state of Meghalaya got the geographical inscription for this silk.
- **PM MITRA Park:** Textile park to be set up in **Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu** with an investment of ₹1,900 crore.
- **NSE International:** NSE in GIFT City **signed an agreement with the Cyprus Stock Exchange.**

**India-US crude oil trade**

- **Status:** The US has now **overtaken the UAE** to become India's **4th largest** crude oil supplier.
- **Import Statistics:** In April 2025, the United States imported 0.33 million barrels (MBD) of oil per day.

**India's Crude Oil Imports – Country-wise Share (%)**

| country      | April-2024 (%) | April-2025 (%) |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Russia       | 40.5           | 37.8           |
| Saudi Arabia | 13.2           | 10.4           |
| Iraq         | 17.9           | 9.1            |
| USA          | 3.6            | 7.3            |
| UAE          | 7.7            | 6.4            |
| Africa       | 7.0            | 12.2           |

**Global Peace Index 2025**

- **संस्था:** Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).
- **India: 115th** (out of 163 countries), an improvement of one place from last year (116).
- **Quietest country:** 1. Iceland, 2. Ireland, 3. New Zealand.
- **Most turbulent country:** 163. **Russia**, 162. Ukraine (Russia is last due to the war).
- **Bhutan (21)** is the most peaceful country in South Asia, while Afghanistan (158) is the most turbulent.

**Sustainable Development Report 2025 (SDG Report)**

- **India entered the top 100** for the first time at **number 99** (score: 67).
- **Global Situation:** None of the 17 targets are unlikely to be fully achieved by 2030 (only 17% of the targets on track).
- **Top countries:** 1. Finland, 2. Sweden, 3. Denmark.
- **Exclusive:** China has come in the top 50 with 49th position.

**Banking & Economy (SBI & Others)**

- **SBI's World Record:** State Bank of India has reached the 98th position among the world's most profitable companies with a profit of **\$9.2 billion**.
- **Location in India:** It has become the third 'top-100' profitable company in India after Reliance Industries and ONGC.
- **Global Honor:** SBI has been honored as 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025'.

**Global Gender Gap Index 2025**

- **Organization:** World Economic Forum (WEF).
- **India: 131st** (out of 148 countries), down two places from last year.
- **Aspect:** India has done well in the field of 'education' (97.1%), but still lags behind in 'economic participation' (144th) and 'health'.
- **Top countries:** 1. Iceland (first for 16 consecutive years), 2. Finland, 3. Norway.
- **Neighbours:** Bangladesh (24th) tops South Asia, Pakistan (148th) last in the world.

**Technology and Industry**

- **State-of-the-Art Chip Design:** India's first **3-nanometer** chip design facilities in Noida and Bengaluru were inaugurated by Ashwini Vaishnav.
- **Auto Manufacturing:** India is now **the 3rd largest** automaker in the world.
- **Crypto Tourism:** Bhutan has become the first country in the world to launch a 'crypto payment system' at the national level for tourists.

**Performance Grade Index 2.0 (PGI 2023-24)**

- **Released:** Union Ministry of Education.
- **Best performer: Chandigarh** (719 points) - The only region to get the 'Huge 1' grade.
- **Category:** No state has been included in the alert (941-1000) category yet.
- **Reform:** Bihar and Telangana have made the most improvement in the area of 'Access to Education'.
- **Bottom position:** Meghalaya.

**India's exports (2024-25)**

- **Total exports:** \$824.9 billion (6.01% increase).
- **Services exports:** \$387.5 billion (13.6% increase).
- **Petroleum products:** \$374.1 billion.

**Important 'One-Liners' (Quick Revision)**

- **Namibia:** The country that launched Africa's first UPI-based digital payment system.
- **Lithium exports:** India exported its first lithium **from Punjab to Doha (Qatar).**

**Global Living Index 2025**

- **संस्था:** Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

- **Top cities:** 1. Copenhagen (Denmark), 2. Vienna (Austria).
- **Osaka (Japan)** is the only Asian city in the top 10.
- **Least livable:** Damascus (Syria).

- **MPI (Multidimensional Poverty):** India's MPI was recorded at **15.5%** in 2022-23.

**Revised International Poverty Line (\$ per day)**

| Group of Countries   | Old Line (PPP 2017) | New Line (PPP 2021) |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Low Income Countries | \$2.15              | \$3.00              |
| Low-Medium Income    | \$3.65              | \$4.20              |
| Upper-Medium Yield   | \$6.85              | \$8.40              |

**Other important indices**

- **Energy Transition Index (ETI):** India **ranks 71st** (out of 118 countries). Sweden ranks first.
- **University Impact Rankings:** India's **Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeeth (41st)** and Lovely Professional University (48th) in the Global Top 50.
- **Global Drought Forecast:** According to the OECD, 40% of the world's area is drought-affected, which could increase the economic loss by 35% by 2035.

**EnviStats India 2025 (Environmental Statistics)**

- **Released:** Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (June 5, 2025).
- **Renewable Energy:** Renewable energy generation has increased significantly to 2,25,835 GWh as compared to 2013-14.
- **Fish production:** Big jump in inland fish production (from 61.36 lakh tonnes to **139.07 lakh tonnes**).
- **Temperature rise:** The average temperature in 2001 was 25.05° C, which was recorded in 2024 at **25.74°C** (0.69°C increase).
- **Rainfall:** 1206.6 mm of rainfall was recorded in 2024, which is higher than in 2001.

**World Population Status Report 2025 (UNFPA)**

- **विषय:** "The Real Fertility Crisis"
- **Main Findings:** The fertility rate is decreasing rapidly worldwide and population imbalance is becoming a new challenge.
- **India: India's** population has reached 146.39 crore in **April 2025, making India the most populous country in the world.**
- **Fertility Rate (TFR):** India's overall fertility rate has reached **1.9** (which is lower than the replacement level of 2.1).

**Biodiversity - 2025 statistics**

India's biodiversity is much richer than the rest of the world:

- **Total Animal Species:** There are 1,673,627 species in the world, of which **1,04,561 are found in India.**
- **Marine species:** India has recorded 20,613 marine species.
- **Ecosystem Wise Species (India):**
  - मृदा परिसंस्था: २२,४०४
  - Freshwater species: 9,436
  - खारफुटी (Mangrove): ५,०२३
  - Estuary: 3,383

**16th Census of India**

- **Notification:** June 16, 2025 (Ministry of Home Affairs).
- **Number:** 16th overall and 8th post-independence.
- **Feature:** In this census, caste-wise data will be collected along with the population.
- **Steps:**
  1. **Phase I (October 1, 2026):** Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
  2. **Phase II (March 1, 2027):** Rest of India.
- **Historical context:** The first census was conducted in 1872. The last census was conducted in 2011.

**Most Spoken Languages in the World (2025)**

- **Most spoken language:** English (1.5 billion).
- **Indian languages in the top 10: Hindi (3rd) and Bengali (7th).**

**Top 10 Languages in the World**

| S.No. | language         | Speakers (millions/billion) |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| १     | English          | 1.5 billion                 |
| 2     | Mandarin Chinese | 1.2 billion                 |
| 3     | Hindi            | 609.1 million               |
| ४     | Spanish          | 558.5 million               |
| 7     | Bengali language | 284.3 million               |

**Major Indian languages (by number of speakers)**

1. **Hindi** (609.1 d)
2. **बंगाली** (२८४.३ द.)
3. **उर्दू** (२४६.० द.)
4. **Marathi** (99.3 S)
5. **Telugu** (95.8 d)

**Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI 2025)**

- **संस्था:** Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute आणि CAN.
- **India: 10th** place (score 67.99). India and the UK are the only countries in the top 10 in the G20 group.
- **Rankings:** No country has qualified for the top three.
  - 4th - Denmark (Best)
  - Last (65th) - UAE.

**Poverty Report: World Bank (June 2025)**

- **Conclusion:** There has been a significant reduction in extreme poverty in India in the last decade.
- **Acute Poverty Rate:** From 27.1% in 2011-12 to 5.3% in 2022-23 .
- **Population:** About **26.9 crore** people have come out of the poverty line.

### Gini Index and Economic Equality

- **Organization:** World Bank (2022-23).
- **India's index: 25.5** (this figure shows 'moderate-low' inequality).
- **Comparison:** India has performed better in income parity than the US (41.8) and China (35.7).
- **Concept:** The Gini index is used to measure inequality in income or wealth. (0 = perfect parity, 100 = absolute inequality).

- **Age of Marriage:** The average age of first marriage for women has increased from 19.3 years in 1990 to **22.5 years** in 2021, indicating a demographic transition.
- **Birth rate:** In Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Kerala, the birth rate is decreasing at twice the rate of the national average.

### World Unicorn Index 2025

- **Institution:** Hurun Research Institute.
- **India ranks third in the world with 64 unicorns**.
- **Top countries:** 1. United States (758), 2. China (343).
- **Definition:** A private start-up that is valued at more than \$1 billion is called a 'unicorn'.
- **Unicorn capital:** San Francisco (199 unicorns).

### World Press Freedom Index 2025

- **संस्था:** Reporters Without Borders (RSF).
- **India: 151st rank** (out of 180 countries). India was ranked 159th in 2024, which means that **India's position has improved.**
- **Top countries:** 1. Norway, 2. Estonia, 3. Netherlands.
- **Bottom Countries:** 180. Eritrea, 179. North Korea, 178. China.
- **World Press Freedom Day:** May 3

### Sample Registration System (SRS) Report - 2021

- **Release Date:** 7th May 2025 (by Registrar General of India).
- **India's TFR (Total Fertility Rate): 2.0** (2021).
- **राज्यनिहाय TFR:**
  - **Most:** Bihar (3.0)
  - **Lowest:** Delhi and West Bengal (1.4)
  - **Maharashtra:** 1.5

### Environment & Energy

- **Biofuels:** India is now **the fourth** largest consumer of biofuels in the world (after the USA, Brazil and Indonesia). India's consumption has increased by about 40% annually.
- **Renewable Energy:** Eco-friendly sources accounted for 74% of global electricity generation in 2024. Renewable energy accounted for 92.5% of the new electricity capacity.
- **Wetlands:** According to the Ramsar Convention report, **22% of the world's wetlands** have been destroyed since 1970.

### Population age change (1971 to 2021)

The proportion of the **economically active population** in India is increasing at present.

- **15-59 age group:** Increased from 53.4% in 1971 to **66.2%** in 2021.
- **Ages 0-14:** Decreased from 41.2% in 1971 to **24.8%** in 2021.
- **60+ age group:** Increased from 6% to **9%** (ageing population).

### Economy & Tourism

- **Best Airports:** Mumbai's **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)** has become the only Indian airport to make it to the list of top 10 busiest airports in the world for the third consecutive year.
- **Tourism Impact:** India ranks 10th in the world with a contribution of \$231.6 billion in the **global tourism and travel sector.**

### Important 'Static' References for the Exam:

- **Growth of Hindi language:** From 1971 (36.99%) to 2011 (43.63%), there has been a steady increase in the number of people who speak Hindi as their mother tongue.
- **Unicorn Term:** The term was first used by Aileen Lee in 2013.
- **Gini Index:** This index is based on the 'Lorenz Curve'.

### Nutrition and Good Governance Index

- **District SDG Index 2023-24:** According to the NITI Aayog report, the district of **Hannabthial** in Mizoram has been ranked as the best performing district.
- **Food Intake Report (MoSPI):** In urban areas, the intake of proteins and fats is higher than in rural areas.

### Demographic Trends

- **60+ Age Group (Elderly Population):** The proportion of ageing population in India is highest in the southern states.
  - **Kerala** (14.4%), Tamil Nadu (12.9%), Himachal Pradesh (12.3%).
  - **Lowest:** Bihar (6.9%), Assam (7%), Delhi (7.1%).

### Daily Nutrition Components (2023-24)

| constituent             | rural | citizen |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| Calories (KCAL)         | 2212  | 2240    |
| प्रथिने (Proteins - gm) | 61.8  | 63.4    |
| Fats (gm)               | 60.4  | 69.8    |

### Information on Upcoming Surveys

- **Household Income Survey (HIS):** India's first comprehensive family income survey will be conducted by NSS in 2026.

**Important Keywords for the exam :**

- **Ramsar Convention:** 2 February 1971 (World Wetlands Day).
- **RSF (Reporters Without Borders):** Headquarters - Paris, France.
- **CBR (Crude Birth Rate):** The number of children born per 1000 population.

**1. International Year of Cooperatives - 2025 (IYC)**

- **Declaration:** United Nations (UN).
- **Theme:** "Cooperatives Build a Better World".
- **Goal:** To promote cooperation in the field of nutritional security and biofuels through Milk, PACS, FPO and SHG.

**2. Annual Biodiversity Report - 2024**

- **Announced:** June 30, 2025, Kolkata (by Bhupender Yadav).
- **Discovery of new species:** A total of **683 new animals** and **433 new plant** species were discovered.
- **State-wise Top Research:**
  - **Animals:** 1. Kerala (101), 2. Karnataka (82), 3. Tamil Nadu (50).
  - **Plants:** 1. Kerala (58), 2. Maharashtra (45), Uttarakhand (40)

**3. Economy and Remittances**

- **India's world record:** India is the largest recipient of **remittances** in the world.
- **Statistics:** ₹11.60 lakh crore (\$135.46 billion) came to India in 2024-25.
- **Growth:** This amount has doubled in the last 8 years.
- **Main source countries:** USA, UK and Singapore (45% of the total).
- **Beneficiary States:** Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

**4. Social Security and Health**

- **ILOSTAT Database:** India ranks **second** in the world in terms of social security.
- **Coverage:** More than 940 million people have been covered under Social Security from **19% in 2015** to 64.3% in 2025.
- **Zero-dose children:** According to the Lancet, 1.44 crore children in India have not received any required vaccine. India **ranks second** in the world (after Nigeria) in this regard.

**Transport and Infrastructure**

- **Air Transport:** India has emerged as **the third largest** air passenger transport country in the world. (1. U.S., 2. China).
  - **Target:** A target of 350+ airports by 2047.

- **ZET (Zero Emission Trucking):** The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser released a policy guidance report on reducing carbon emissions in the heavy truck sector.

**Reports & Indices**

- **Women in Politics 2025:** According to the IPU, the proportion of women in the Union Cabinet of India **is 9.7%**. Only 9 countries have more than 50% women ministers.
- **Springs Census:** India's first spring census **is being done on the initiative of NITI Aayog**. The Western Ghats (Maharashtra, Goa, etc.) is the main area of operation.
- **Survey of Scheduled Castes:** The Karnataka government **has set up** the Justice H N Nagmohan Das Commission for internal reservation.

**§ 7. Honour and Person**

- **TIME100 list 2025:** Mukesh Ambani, Nita Ambani, Azim Premji and Nikhil Kamath **are among the 100 most influential people in the world.**

**1. Global Methane Tracker 2025 (IEA)**

- **Agency:** International Energy Agency (IEA).
- **Conclusion:** Global methane emissions reached **145 million tonnes** in 2024.
- **Stake:** The share of the oil and gas industry in the energy sector is more than 80 million tonnes.
- **Result:** Methane accounts for about 30% of **the total global warming since the Industrial Revolution.**
- **Key Sources:** Agriculture, Energy and Waste Management.

**2. CareEdge State Rankings 2025**

- **Criteria:** Economic, Financial, Infrastructure, Social, Governance and Environment.
- **अब्वल ३ राज्ये:**
  1. **Maharashtra** (Highest performing)
  2. गुजरात
  3. Karnataka
- **Bottom Ranked states:** 15. Madhya Pradesh, 16. Jharkhand, 17. Bihar.

**3. Jan Man Survey**

- **Initiative:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Subject:** Evaluation of the performance of the Central Government in the last 11 years.
- **Objective:** To take direct feedback from the general public on the issues of administration, national security and development.

**4. South Asia Press Freedom Report 2024-25**

- **Publisher:** Free Press Unlimited (23rd edition).
- **शीम:** "Democracy: Media and Political Churn".

- **Region:** Media status and political changes in South Asian countries.

### 5. Important One-Liners (Quick Revision)

- **Tata Group:** The first company in India with a brand value of over \$30 billion. (Brand Finance 2025).
- **Internet Quality:** India is ranked 13th in the world.
- **Electricity generation:** India is the country with the highest increase in electricity generation capacity in the last 5 years. (IEA Report).
- **Airports:** Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has been ranked as the 9th busiest airport in the world. (ACI report).
- **Carbon Pricing 2025: World Bank.**
- **Special 301 Report:** Published by the USTR of the United States (related to intellectual property rights).
- **Animal Health Report:** The first 'State of the World's Animal Health' report was released by WOAHP.
- **ETRA (Energy Transition Roadmap):** Released by NITI Aayog to strengthen the science and technology sector.

### 1. India's First Butterfly Sanctuary

- **Venue:** Aralam, Kannur District, Kerala.
- **Released:** July 2025.
- **Exclusive:** This is the first official sanctuary in the country to be declared for the protection of butterflies.

## Agriculture & Environment

### Butterflies - Important Facts:

- **Butterfly Village:** Parsholi (Sindhudurg, Maharashtra).
- **Conservation Centre:** Mahabaleshwar (Satara).
- **State Butterfly (Maharashtra):** Blue Mormon.
- **Large species:** Southern birdwing.
- **Smallest species:** Grass Jewel.

### 2. National Turmeric Board

- **Headquarters:** Nizamabad, Telangana.
- **Inaugurated:** June 29, 2025 (by Amit Shah).
- **First Chairman:** Palle Ganga Reddy.
- **Production:** India produces 70% of the world's turmeric and accounts for 62% of the world's exports.
- **Leading States:** Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Turmeric Research Institute:** \* National: Kozhikode (Kerala).
  - Maharashtra: **Hingoli** (Balasaheb Thackeray Turmeric Research Centre).

### 3. International Potato Centre (IPC) - Regional Office

- **Location:** Agra (Singana), Uttar Pradesh.
- **Format:** It will be the South Asia Regional Centre of the IPC.
- **IPC Headquarters:** Lima (Peru), established 1971.
- **Aim:** To develop climate-tolerant, disease-free and process-easy potato varieties.
- **Production:** China is first in the world and India is second.
- **Leading States in India:** 1. Uttar Pradesh, 2. West Bengal, 3. Bihar.
- **Research Institute:** Central Potato Research Institute – Shimla.

### 4. Phenome India National Biobank

- **Launched:** 6th July 2025 (New Delhi).
- **Objective:** To conduct long-term studies of diseases by repository of genomic, biological and clinical data of Indians.
- **PI-CheCK project:** Implemented by CSIR to study health data of more than 10,000 individuals.

### 5. Management Effectiveness Assessment (MEE) Report 2025

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- **Scope:** 438 national parks and sanctuaries and for the first time 113 coastal and marine areas.
- **Top Performance:**
  - **State:** Kerala (76.22%) - the only state to get a 'very good' rating.
  - **Union Territory:** Chandigarh.
  - **Parks:** Eravikulam (Kerala) and Dachigam (J&K).

### 6. International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

- **First Meeting:** June 16, 2025 (New Delhi).
- **Chairman:** Bhupender Yadav (First Chairman).
- **Headquarters/Secretariat:** New Delhi, India.
- **Target:** Protection of 7 big cats - tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, puma.
- **Members:** A total of 9 countries including India, Bhutan, Cambodia, Liberia are the initial participants.

### 1. Aravalli Green Wall Project

- **Inaugurated:** 5 June 2025 (World Environment Day).
- **Objective:** To develop a 1,400 km long and 5 km wide green belt to prevent desertification of the Aravalli Ranges and prevent the Thar Desert from expanding eastwards.
- **Scope:** Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi.

#### Aravalli Ranges (Static Facts):

- **Antiquity:** One of the oldest fold mountains in the world (age: 2.5 billion years).

- **Highest peak: Guru Shikhar** (1,722 m), Mount Abu.
- **Identity:** Lungs of Delhi.

## 2. Ramsar Convention and New Wetlands (2025)

- **Agreement:** 2 February 1971 (Ramsar, Iran).
- **Total number in India: 91** (3rd in the world).
- **Most places:** Tamil Nadu (20 places).

**New additions in 2025 (Rajasthan):** On June 5, 2025, two sites in Rajasthan received Ramsar status:

1. **Menar:** Udaipur district.
2. **Khichan:** Phalodi district (famous for migratory birds).

### Ramsar Sites in Maharashtra:

- **Nandur Madhyameshwar** (Nashik) - 2019.
- **Lonar Lake** (Buldhana) - 2020.
- **Thane creek** (Thane) - 2022.

## 3. Yala Glacier declared dead (Nepal)

- **Location:** Langtang Region, Nepal.
- **The reason:** Climate change reduced ice reserves by 66%.
- **Special:** A symbolic '**Glacier Funeral**' was held for this glacier. The first such funeral was held in 2019 for the 'Okjökull' glacier in Iceland.

## 4. 16th Lion Census 2025 (Gujarat)

- **Conclusion:** There has been a huge increase in the population of Asiatic lions.
- **Statistics:** From 674 in 2020 to **891** lions in 2025.
- **Main Habitat:** Gir National Park and surrounding areas (Saurashtra).
- **District-wise:** The highest number of lions **have been found in Amreli** district (339).

## 5. Improved length of India's coastline

The new official length of India's coastline has been released by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti as per modern scheduling methodology.

- **New length: 11,098.81 km** (previously considered to be 7,516.6 km).
- **Increase:** An increase of about 50% from the 1970 count.

### Elements with the highest coastline (km):

1. **Andaman and Nicobar:** 3,083.50 km (Union Territory).
2. **Gujarat:** 2,340.62 km (first among states).
3. **Tamil Nadu:** 1,068.69 km.
4. **Andhra Pradesh:** 1,053.07 km.
5. **Maharashtra:** 877.97 km

## 1. Indigenous Weather Forecasting System: India Forecast System

- **Launched:** 26th May 2025 (New Delhi).
- **Institutes:** IITM, Pune and NCMRWF, Delhi.
- **Feature:** It is India's first indigenous **high-resolution (6 km)** weather forecasting system.

- **Advantage:** The system is capable of more accurate weather forecasting as compared to the earlier 12 km model.

## 2. Environment and Biodiversity (New Discoveries and Projects)

- **New spider species:** Crustacean spider species found in fresh water in Palghar district. It **has been named 'Warli'** in honour of the local tribals.
- **Hornbill Centre of Excellence:** **India's first** Hornbill Centre of Excellence will be set up in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. (The hornbill is the state bird of Kerala and Arunachal Pradesh).
- **RhoDIS Database:** **The Assam government has launched** the Rhino DNA Index System to **protect rhinos and control their poaching.**
- **Aravalli Jungle Safari:** Asia's largest jungle safari is being developed in Haryana on an area of about **10,000** acres.

## 3. Technology & Research (S&T)

- **WiFEX Experiment:** The 'Winter Fog Experiment', a 10-year project conducted by IITM to study winter fog at IGIA Airport, New Delhi.
- **New variety of pineapple:** Bose Institute has **developed a fungus-resistant variety 'AcSERK3'**, which will be effective in Fusarium disease.
- **Woolah Tea:** The world's first **bamboo tea brand from Assam** has received a 20-year patent.

## 4. Energy & Infrastructure

- **Ethanol blending:** India has achieved the 2030 target of 20% ethanol **blending in petrol**, i.e., by **2025**, 5 years early.
- **E-Water Taxi:** From August 1, 2025, an **eco-friendly e-water taxi service is starting** on the route from Gateway of India to JNPT.
- **Zero Waste City:** **Lucknow** has become the first city in Uttar Pradesh to have 100% waste processing.

## 5. Geography and Agriculture

- **Earthquake in Russia:** On July 20, 2025, a strong earthquake of 7.4 on the Richter scale occurred in the Kamchatka Peninsula.
- **Potato production:** According to the 2024-25 data, **Gujarat has surpassed Uttar Pradesh** to become the number one producer in the country.

## 1. Environment Protection and Conservation Projects

- **Chemical waste from Bhopal gas tragedy** 337 tonnes of garbage from **the 1984 disaster** was disposed of in Bhopal between May 5 and June 30, 2025. (Gas: methyl isocyanate).

- **India's first 'mahout village':** The first mahout village of 44 houses was established in the **Mudumalai Tiger Reserve** in Tamil Nadu to take care of elephants.
- **Bengaluru - 'Leopard Capital':** Bengaluru was declared as the 'Leopard Capital' due to the number of 80-85 leopards.
- **The country's first e-waste eco-park** will be set up on 11.4 acres at **Holambi Lawan** in north Delhi.
- **Maharashtra's 'Climate Impact Fee':** Maharashtra has become the first state in the country to raise such a fund for **climate change adaptation**. (May 27, 2025).

## 2. Tiger and Wildlife Corridor

- **First Wildlife Corridor (NH):** A 12 km long corridor in **Ranthambore Tiger Reserve** on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway developed by NHAI.
- **First Inter-State Cheetah Corridor:** This corridor is being developed between Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan in an area of 17,000 sq km (between Kuno and Gandhi Sagar).
- - **'Tiger Outside Tiger Reserve' Project: Pilot project for conservation of tigers outside reserve areas started by NTCA** in 17 states.

## 3. Agriculture and new varieties

- **Indigenous Agri-Drone Hub:** India's first Agri-Drone Indigenization Centre launched in Chennai
- **Clean Plant Programme:** The Government of Maharashtra will set up disease-free plantation centres in Pune (grapes), Nagpur (oranges) and Solapur (pomegranate).
- **New mango varieties: 'Rajnath Mango'** (developed by Mango Man Kalimulla Khan) named after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and **'Totapuri'** mango in the news in Andhra Pradesh.
- **GI Tag: 'Sangri Bean'** (used for vegetables) in Rajasthan's Thar desert got a Geographical Indication.
- - **GM Edited Rice:** ICAR developed stress tolerant variety 'DRR Dhan 100' using CRISPR-Cas9 technology.

## 4. Conservation of Animals and Species

- **Crocodile Conservation Project (50 years):** The project, which started on April 1, 1975, completed 50 years on June 17, 2025.
- **Great Indian Bustard (GIB) Conservation:** Rearing of Great Indian Bustard cubs (names: Sindoor, Mitra etc.) using artificial intelligence in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- **First Springs Census:** Survey of springs that are lifelines for about 20 crore people in the Himalayas and Western Ghats by NITI Aayog.
- **Turtle conservation:** A temple in Vishwanath district of Assam has been declared as a 'model temple' for turtle conservation.

## 5. World Geography and Natural Phenomena

- **Volcanic eruptions (2025):**
  - **Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki:** Indonesia.
  - **Sakurajima and Shinmoedake:** Japan.
  - **Mount Etna:** Italy (most active).
  - **Kilauea:** Hawaii, USA.
- **The world's largest snake:** Scientists found a 26-foot-long **green anaconda** in the Amazon forest.
- **E-methanol project:** The world's first commercial e-methanol project (42,000 tons capacity) was launched in Norway.

## 6. Important Indices and Facts

- **Coffee exports:** India's coffee exports have grown by 125% to **\$1.8 billion** in the last 11 years. (India is the 5th largest exporter in the world).
- **Jute Production:** Bangladesh is the first in the world, India is the second largest in the world. In India, **West Bengal (75%)** is at the forefront.
- **Palamu Tiger Reserve:** First experiment of completely relocating villages under this project in Jharkhand successful.

### One-liner revision for the exam:

- **Sindoor Sapling:** A sapling planted by PM Modi under the 'Ek Tree Maa Ke Naam' campaign.
- **Tsarap Chu:** The country's largest conservation reserve (1,585 sq km) in Himachal Pradesh.
- **Specific project:** Kerala's 'Visitra' (aerial awareness about venomous snakes).
- **IFFCO:** Launched the first foreign nanofertilizer plant in Brazil.

## 1. Climate & Environment

- **First Climate Change Learning Lab (CCLL):** Established at **Panchkula, Haryana**.
- **Right to Clean Air:** The International Court of Justice (ICJ) opined that "**clean air and a healthy environment**" is the right of human beings.
- **Restrictions on petrol and diesel vehicles:** Certain restrictions on fuel filling will be imposed in **New Delhi** from July 1, 2025.
- **Ban on PoP idols:** The Bombay High Court upheld the ban on **Plaster of Paris** idols on June 9, 2025.
- **Maun Loa Center Closed:** The 65-year record for CO<sub>2</sub> in Hawaii (USA) was closed.

## 2. Biodiversity and New Species Discovery

- **Flowering and Flora: \* Pothuka India:** A new flowering plant species found in the Aravalli Hills (Jaipur).
  - **Begonia nishiorum:** A new flowering plant species from Arunachal Pradesh.

- **Garcinia kusumii:** A new plant found in Assam.
- **Animals and Insects:**
  - **Amolops shillong:** New frog species from Meghalaya.
  - **Warli (spider species):** Freshwater crustacean species in Palghar.
  - **Euthelia mancana:** A butterfly species recorded in Arunachal Pradesh.
  - **Rare pale pink pigeon:** Found in Assam's Dehing Patkai National Park.

- **Clean Energy Investment:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced a \$200 billion program.

## Science & Technology

### Trachoma Eradication Certificate in India

- **Organization:** World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Announcement:** 19 May 2025 (Geneva) India has become the **20th country in the world** to eliminate trachoma and the third country in South-East Asia (after Nepal and Myanmar).
- **About the disease:** Trachoma is *an infectious eye disease caused by the bacterium Chlamydia trachomatis*, which is the leading cause of blindness.
- **Other countries:** Senegal and Burundi (24th and 25th) have recently been declared trachoma-free.

### Medical Research and Vaccines

- **Nakshatra:** ICMR has started **this high-capacity computational facility (HPC) for large-scale data analysis at Pune (NIV)**.
- **AdFalcivax:** A new generation vaccine for malaria (**Plasmodium falciparum**) developed by ICMR.
- **TB Skin Test:** A new test method based on ESAT-6 and CFP-10 antigens for accurate diagnosis of TB.

### 3. Agriculture and Irrigation Activities

- **Potato Production:** According to the International Potato Center, **India will become the largest potato producer in the world by 2050**. Currently, Gujarat leads in processed potato production.
- **FRP rate of sugarcane:** The central government has fixed a price of Rs 355 per quintal **for the 2025-26 sugar season**.
- **Rice New Varieties:** ADT 59 is a short-duration rice variety developed in Tamil Nadu (TNAU).
- **Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Agricultural University, Dapoli** has started a new research center.
- **DAP Fertilizer Agreement:** India has signed an agreement with Morocco for **3.1 million metric tonnes** of DAP fertilizer.

### 2. Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- **BharatGen:** Announced on June 2, 2025, it is the world's **first government multilingual LLM** (Large Language Model) developed for Indian languages. (Attendance: IIT Bombay).
- **BHASHINI:** The central government's AI-based language platform, which aims to increase the use of 22 Indian languages in government services.
- **Cyber Skill Centre:** The Centre for Cyber Security Training was inaugurated by **DSCI** at Mumbai (Kandivali) on June 19, 2025.

### 4. Cyclones and Natural Disasters

- **Ko-Me:** Hit China's Xinjiang province on July 30, 2025.
- **Typhoon Dans:** A typhoon that hit the Philippines and Taiwan.
- **Wipha:** Typhoon that hit the Philippines in July 2025.
- **Earthquakes/volcanoes:** Indonesia is the country with the most active volcano in the world, while the active area **Campi Flegrei** in Italy is in the news.

### 5. Conservation & Wildlife

- **Snow leopards:** **Ladakh alone accounts for 68% (477) of the total snow leopards in India**.
- **Wetlands and forest areas:** India lost 18,200 hectares of primary forest in 2024 (Global Forest Watch Report).
- **Elephant management:** Zimbabwe authorises the culling of 50 elephants.
- **First Green Village:** Rangchera in Tripura becomes the first green village with solar power and clean water facilities.

### 3. Space & Telecom.

- **Private Satellite Broadband:** Anant Technologies **will launch a private broadband service of 100 Gbps** from 2028. (Permission from IN-SPACe).
- **Starlink in India:** Elon Musk's Starlink has got permission to provide broadband service in India for 5 years.
  - **Technology:** LEO (Low Earth Orbit) satellites, which are located at an altitude of 550 km above the earth.
  - **Purpose:** To provide high-speed internet in remote areas.

### 6. Important Organizations and Activities

- **AviList:** The World's First Integrated World Bird List.
- **LICOMK++:** Ocean-climate simulation system developed by China.
- **Environment Day 2025 Theme:** "One Nation, One Mission: End Plastic Pollution".

#### 4. Energy and Transport (Green Energy)

- **Green Hydrogen Capital:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu announced a policy to develop **Amaravati** city as the 'Green Hydrogen Capital' of India.
- **Hydrogen Truck:** India's first hydrogen truck with a **40 ton cargo capacity** was successfully tested in Chhattisgarh.

- **The country's first green data center:** A 30 MW capacity center was set up in Sahibabad (Ghaziabad) in Uttar Pradesh with an investment of ₹1,000 crore.
- **BESS Facility:** Battery Energy Storage System manufacturing plant was started in Bengaluru.
- **Off-grid Green Hydrogen:** A standalone project of 5 MW capacity fully renewable energy started at Kutch (Gujarat).

#### § 5. Other Important Institutions

- **Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT):** Inaugurated on 18th July 2025 at **Mumbai** (NFDC Complex). The Centre will work for creative technology and innovation in the field of Information and Broadcasting.

#### 1. Health & Medical Technology

- **Tribal Genome Sequencing Project:** The Government of Gujarat announced the country's first state-level project for tribal health research on 16th July 2025.
- **New drug for malaria:** The WHO approved Novartis's **KAF156 (Ganaplacide)** drug in July 2025.
- **Suriname - Malaria Free:** On June 30, 2025, the WHO declared Suriname malaria-free. (It is a country in South America., not Africa). So far, 46 countries have become malaria free.
- **Sickle Cell Wellness Hub:** A special centre was set up at Nagpur Government Medical College for patients from **Vidarbha**.
- **Swaraj Clinic:** India's first **transgender-oriented** health clinic launched in Hyderabad.
- **E-Rakt Kosh:** An online platform named 'Rare Donor Registry' was developed for information on rare blood donors.

#### 2. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Initiatives

- **AI Plus Campus:** The country's first AI campus will be set up in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh, with an investment of ₹1,000 crore.
- **BioEmu AI:** Microsoft has developed an AI system called BioEmu-1 for Drug Discovery.
- **Digital House Address:** **Indore** has become the first city in India to provide a GPS-based unique QR code metal plate to every house.
- **Face Authentication PDS:** Himachal Pradesh became the first state in the country to introduce Aadhaar-based face authentication at **ration shops (PDS)**.
- **AMED API:** AI-based system with pan-India data for crop monitoring and damage forecasting was unveiled.

#### 3. Energy and Environmental Technology

- **Kandla Green Hydrogen Plant:** Inaugurated in Gujarat on 26th June 2025. Kandla, Paradip and Tuticorin have been selected as Green Hydrogen Hubs.

#### 4. Transportation and Defense Technology

- **YD One Wheelchair:** The lightest (8.5 kg) wheelchair with India's first indigenous mono-tube structure developed by IIT Madras.
- **Saksham-3000 Router:** C-DOT unveiled a 25.6 Tbps speed router for data centers.
- **SACHET System:** A system developed by DoT and NDMA for early mobile warning of disasters.
- **RailOne and ECoR 'Yatra' App:** New apps were launched for the convenience of railway passengers (ticket booking, meals, real-time updates).
- **Flying Taxi:** Dubai will start a fully electric 'Joby Aviation' taxi service from 2026.

#### § 5. Space and other special discoveries

- **Ladakh Astro Tourism:** The Astro Tourism Festival was organized in Ladakh to promote Astro Tourism.
- **iRonCub3 Robot:** The world's first **jet-propelled flying humanoid robot developed by Italy**.
- **Glowing paper sensor:** IISc Bangalore developed a paper sensor using 'terbium' metal for the detection of magnetic particles.
- **i4C (Cyber Crimes):** Initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Controlling Cyber Crimes (Headquarters: New Delhi).

#### 1. Energy and Green Technologies

- **Ladakh - World's First Hydrogen Bus Service:** On June 18, 2025, NTPC handed over 5 hydrogen buses to the Ladakh administration. This is the **world's highest** altitude and the first hydrogen bus service in the country.
- **9000 HP Electric Locomotive:** PM Modi unveiled the **world's most powerful electric locomotive** at Dahod (Gujarat) (in collaboration with Siemens).
- **Degradable Plastics:** IIT Madras and CSIR have developed **plastic that dissolves** even in sea water, which decomposes much faster than conventional plastics.

#### 2. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Cyber Security

- **Google Security Engineering Center (GSEC):** The first security center in the **Asia-Pacific** and the fourth in the world was opened in Hyderabad.
- **The country's first AI SEZ:** An Artificial Intelligence-based Special Economic Zone (SEZ) will be set up in New Raipur in Chhattisgarh.

- **Ankita (AI Anchor):** The Assam government unveiled an AI anchor named 'Ankita' for digital transformation.
- **First Co-operative Cyber-Security Center (C-SOC):** This center was set up in Navi Mumbai at a cost of Rs 50 crore for the protection of co-operative banks.
- **AI RAM Initiatives:** 'AI Readiness Assessment Methodology' was introduced by 'IndiaAI Mission' and NITI Aayog.

- **Postal Department Activities:** Now it will be more accurate to find the address through the Digital Postal Index Number (PIN) and Digital PIN Code System.

### 3. Important Digital Portals (2025)

| Name of the Portal | Ministry/Institution               | Main Objectives  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| UMEED              | Union Ministry of Minority Affairs | - Registration and digitization of Waqf properties.            |
| C-CARES 2.0        | Ministry of Coal                   | Pension and Social Security Management of Coal Workers.        |
| SAHAV              | UNOC3 (Nice)                       | Science-based Global Ocean Data Sharing.                       |
| CARS               | Department of Telecommunications   | Finding lost or stolen mobile phones (Telangana at the front). |
| PAI 2.0            | Ministry of Panchayati Raj         | To measure a multidimensional index of progress of Panchayats. |
| AYUSH Safety       | Ministry of Ayush                  | Registration of side effects of Ayurvedic medicines (ADRs).    |

### 4. Health and Agricultural Research

- **The first gene-edited sheep:** SKUAST (Kashmir) University developed this sheep using CRISPR-Cas9 technology.
- **Indian Yak Genome:** ICAR created the first chromosome-level genome map of the Indian yak (*Bos grunniens*).
- **- Mechanical Thrombectomy Device:** India's first indigenous device for stroke treatment developed by 'S3V Vascular Technologies'.
- **Eradication of Kala Azar:** In the 78th Health Assembly of WHO, African countries signed a historic agreement to end Visceral Leishmaniasis.

### 5. Good Governance and Legacy

- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Digital Museum:** The state's first hi-tech digital museum is being set up in Panaji (Farmagudi) in Goa.
- **Skilled Chatbot:** The Government of Maharashtra has launched this chatbot for grievance redressal in the ITI admission process.
- **New OCI Portal:** For the convenience of Indian Nationals abroad, Home Minister Shri Amit Shah launched the new OCI portal with enhanced security features.

### 1. Medical and Health Sciences

- **The world's first successful bladder transplant** was performed on a 41-year-old man in California.
- **Lenacapavir:** The FDA has approved this new HIV prevention drug.
- **Brain Infection Detection Kit:** The state of Kerala has succeeded in developing a kit for rapid diagnosis of brain infection.
- **Lassa Fever:** In 2025, there was an outbreak of this viral disease in Nigeria. This disease spreads mainly through food contaminated with rat droppings.
- **Meerut (UP):** India's first equine hospital has been established here.

### 2. Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- **The country's first AI data center park:** This park has been set up on 14.5 acres in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh (initial capacity: 5 MW).
- **India's first 3 nanometer chip centre:** Semiconductor design centres were inaugurated by Renesas Electronics in Noida and Bengaluru.
- **Bulbul v2:** 'Sarvam AI' has developed a 'Text-to-Speech' model for 11 Indian languages.
- **Robotics Education Compulsory:** From June 2, 2025, the Kerala government made robotics education mandatory under ICT courses for its 4.3 lakh students.
- **AlphaGenome:** Google has launched this new AI model for genetic analysis.

### 3. Energy and Environmental Technology

- **First Geothermal Well in the Northeast:** The first well was drilled at Dirang (West Kameng) in Arunachal Pradesh to generate electricity using underground heat.
- **Hydrogen Drones:** BEML has signed an agreement with Israel's Hydrax Technologies for India's first hydrogen-powered drones.
- **- Seawater Salinization:** DRDO has developed a 'Nanoporous Polymeric Membrane' for the Indian Coast Guard, which will facilitate the conversion of saline sea water into potable water.
- **Carbon Capture:** China has developed an 'In-vitro bio-transformation' technique that converts CO<sub>2</sub> to methane.

#### 4. Digital Portals and Apps (2025)

| Portal/Portal App | Kingdom/ institution | Purpose   |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| Yours             | गुजरात               | To provide FIR and real-time updates to cyber crime victims .     |
| e-Kalyan          | Himachal Pradesh     | Online Welfare Applications for SC, OBC and Minorities.           |
| UP AGREES         | Uttar Pradesh        | - Digital skill development to enhance agricultural productivity. |
| SCORES            | YOURSELF             | To redress the grievances of investors.                           |
| XChat             | Elon Musk            | New advanced messaging app.                                       |

#### 5. Global and National Facts

- **Silicon-Free Computers:** Pennsylvania State University has taken a big step in the computer revolution by developing the world's first silicon-free computer.
- **Sugar Tax:** To reduce the use of sweetened drinks, the UAE government has decided to implement this tax from January 2026.
- **First Private Helicopter Assembly:** This facility has been started in the state of Karnataka in collaboration with Airbus and Tata.
- **Jio:** Reliance Jio has become the world's largest provider in the field of 'Fixed Wireless Access' (FWA) in 2025.

#### 1. Science & Technology: One-liners

- **Health:** India received the trachoma eradication certificate from the WHO on 19 May 2025. India has become the 20th trachoma-free country in the world and the 3rd in South-East Asia (after Nepal, Myanmar).
- **Diagnostic Kit:** Kerala has developed an indigenous kit for the diagnosis of rabies.
- **Digital Mumbai:** The 'Digital-First' Airport Operation Control Centre (AOCC) has been opened in Mumbai.
- **Gene therapy:** The first human gene therapy trial for haemophilia was conducted in Bengaluru.
- **Solar Energy:** Diu has become the first district in the country to meet its entire electricity demand (11.88 MW) on solar energy.
- **AI Developments:**
  - **Action:** India's first Agent AI startup.
  - **Madhya Pradesh:** First state to launch AI-based 'Real-Time Forest Alert System'.
  - **Gujarat:** The state that approved the 'Artificial Intelligence 2025-2030' policy.

#### 2. Operation Sindhu

- **Objective:** To rescue Indian nationals in Iran during the Iran-Israel war.
- **Period:** June 18 to June 27, 2025.

- **Success:** A total of 4,429 Indians were brought back safely.
- Other major revision campaigns:**
- **Operation Ganga:** Ukraine (2022)
  - **Operation Kaveri:** Sudan (2023)
  - **Operation Ajay:** Israel-Gaza (2023)
  - **Operation Devi Shakti:** Afghanistan (2021)

#### 3. Indian Navy: New Warship

- **Samudra Prachet:** It is the second indigenous Pollution Control Vessel (PCV) of the Indian Coast Guard which was commissioned on 23 July 2025 at Vasco (Goa).
- **INS Arnala:** The first ship of the Anti-Submarine (ASW-SWC) class was commissioned into the Navy on 18 June 2025. It is named after the 'Arnala' fort in Vasai.
- **INS Ajay:** The eighth and final ship of the Arnala class was launched on 21 July 2025 at Kolkata.

#### 4. Air Force: MiG-21 'Bison' Retirement

- **Retirement:** After more than six decades of service, the fighter aircraft will be retired in September 2025.
- **Background:** It was India's first supersonic jet acquired from Russia in 1963.
- **Location:** It will now be replaced by indigenous Tejas (LCA) and Rafale aircraft.

#### 5. Missile Tests 2025

- **Akash Prime:** DRDO successfully tested it on July 16, 2025, at an altitude of 15,000 feet in Ladakh. It is a surface-to-air range.
- **Prithvi-II:** Short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile (range: 350 km).
- **Agni-I:** Short-Range Ballistic Missile (Range: 700-900 km) was successfully test-fired from Odisha on 17 July 2025.

#### 1. Indian Navy: New Warships and Expeditions

- **INS Tamal:** This eighth guided-missile ship of the Talwar class was commissioned on 1 July 2025. It is the last major foreign-built (Russia) warship of the Indian Navy.
- **INS Udaygiri:** Built at Mazagon Dock (Mumbai), this second stealth frigate of 'Project 17A' was handed over to the Navy on July 1, 2025.
- **Navika Sagar Parikrama 2:** Lt Cdr Roopa A and Dilna K completed a historic maiden sea voyage of 25,400 nautical miles onboard INSV Tarini on 29 May 2025.
- **International Tri-Service Women's Expedition:** 11 women officers of the Indian Army successfully completed the maiden International Tri-Service Sailing Expedition onboard the indigenous yacht 'Triveni' in Mumbai.

#### 2. Indian Coast Guard (ICGS)

- **ICGS Adamyia:** The first of the eight Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) built by Goa Shipyard was commissioned on 26 June 2025.

- **ICGS Achal:** This fifth fast patrol vessel of the Indomitable class was launched in Goa on June 16, 2025. (Speed: 27 knots).

### 3. Defence Technology and Missiles

- **'Bhargavastra':** This is the first micromissile-based counter-drone system **developed by Solar Defence**. This system can neutralize enemy drones at a distance of 6 km.
- **ULPGSM-V3 Missile:** It was successfully test-fired on 25 July 2025 at Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh). It is a **drone-launched** missile with a range of 4 km.
- **- Apache AH-64E helicopters:** The first batch of six Apache helicopters procured from USA for the Indian Army was received on 22 July 2025. These helicopters **will be stationed at Jodhpur** (Rajasthan).

### Kargil Vijay Diwas - 26th Anniversary (2025)

On 26 July 2025, to commemorate 26 years of the Kargil War, the Army Chief launched three key digital projects:

1. **E-Tribute Portal:** To pay digital tributes to the martyrs.
  2. **QR Code-based Audio Gateway:** To listen to the valour stories of the martyrs of the Kargil war.
  3. **Indus Chakravayuh:** A messaging platform designed to preserve the memory of martyrs.
- **Kargil Shaurya Vatika:** It was inaugurated in **Jaipur (Rajasthan)** in the memory of the martyrs.

### ५. कारगिल युद्ध (Static Revision)

- **Duration:** May to July 26, 1999.
- **Operation Vijay:** An Indian Army operation.
- **Operation Safed Sagar:** An Indian Air Force operation.
- **Victory Day** is celebrated on July 26 every year.

### 1. Missiles and defence technology

- **AIR LORA Missile:** It is a **long-range (400 km+)** air-to-surface missile developed by Israel Aerospace Industries.
- **Astra Missile:** It was successfully test-fired on 11 July 2025 from **Su-30 Mk-I** aircraft in Odisha. It is an indigenous Beyond Visual Range (BVR) missile.
- **Pinaka Rocket System:** The range of this multi-barrel rocket system developed by DRDO has now **been increased from 120 km to 300 km**.
- **ET-LDHCM:** Under Project 'Vishnu', DRDO is developing a **hypersonic cruise missile** with a speed of 5 times higher than sound.
- **Javelin:** India has agreed to buy this 'Anti-Tank Guided Missile' from the United States.

### 2. Indian Navy and Ships

- **Launch of Nistar:** The ship was launched on 18 Jul 2025 at Visakhapatnam. It is **an indigenously built ship** for deep sea rescue operations.

- **ERASR Test:** This fully indigenous Anti-Submarine System was successfully flight tested onboard **INS Kavaratti** from June 23 to July 07, 2025.
- **INS Teg:** The ship was deployed by the Indian Navy to Port Louis for joint surveillance and protection of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Mauritius.

### 3. Global Nuclear Status: SIPRI Yearbook 2025

According to the January 2025 report, the ranking of the world's nuclear-armed countries is as follows:

1. **Russia:** 4,309 nuclear weapons
  2. **America:** 3,700
  3. **China:** 600
- **India:** 180 nuclear weapons (**170 more than Pakistan**).
  - **Others:** France (290), UK (225), Israel (90), North Korea (50).

### 4. Military Exercises and International Conflicts

- **Exercise ConvEx-3:** It is the world's largest nuclear energy disaster management exercise between **IAEA and Romania**. More than 75 countries participated.
- **Iran-Israel conflict:** In June 2025, the United States attacked Iran's nuclear facilities, which Iran retaliated by attacking the Al-Udeid base in Qatar. Iran's use of **cluster bombs** against Israel caused an international sensation.
- **Israel's defense system:** Israel's state-of-the-art air defense system '**Barak MX**' is known as '**Lightning Shield**'. Israel also has **Iron Dome** (90% accuracy), **David Sling** and **Iron Beam (laser)**.

### § 5. Other important developments

- **Wings India 2026:** Asia's largest air show will be held **from January 28 to 31, 2026**, at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad.
- **Sarhad Shauryathon:** The run was organised on 22 June 2025 at **Dras, Ladakh** to commemorate the 26th anniversary of the Kargil War.
- **Fujian:** China has deployed its third and most advanced **electromagnetic launch system**, an aircraft carrier (80,000 tons).

### 1. Global Air Defense Systems

- **Golden Dome:** The United States announced this new air defense system on May 21, 2025. **This system will be completed by 2029** at a cost of about \$ 175 billion.
- **Major systems of other countries:**
  - **India:** Sudarshan Chakra (Indian name for S-400)
  - **Israel:** Iron Dome and Iron Beam (Laser System)
  - **Russia:** S-400
  - **अमेरिका:** THAAD
  - **China:** HQ Category

**2. Indian Defence Production and Agreements**

- **Rafale production in India:** According to the contract signed on June 5, 2025, Dassault Aviation and TASL will start production of Rafale aircraft in Hyderabad (from 2028). This is **the first** such project outside France.
- **BrahMos Manufacturing Unit:** The Integrated Facility Centre of BrahMos Aerospace is coming up **under** the 'Defence Industrial Corridor' in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Agniveer Reservation:** The Uttar Pradesh government has announced **20% reservation** for Agniveers in the state police force.
- **Igla-S:** These 'Man-Pedetable' (MANPADS) air defense missiles are being purchased from Russia for the Indian Army.

**3. Drones and Cutting-edge Technology**

- **Iron Beam:** Israel successfully used this **prototype laser system** to destroy enemy drones in the air using high energy rays.
- **Indigenous Drone Development:**
  - **Rudrastra:** Developed by Solar Aerospace, a drone with VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) capability tested in Pokhran.
  - **- Pushpak Abhiyan:** National Mission for Indigenous Drone Development under the leadership of IIT Bombay underway.
- **Quantum Capability (QTRC):** DRDO inaugurated this center for the development of indigenous quantum technology in Delhi.
- **IDDIS System:** Developed by BEL and DRDO, this system works to detect and intercept drones.

**4. Military and Strategic Developments**

- **NDA First Woman Cadet Batch:** On May 30, 2025, the first batch of 17 women cadets passed out from the 148th course of NDA at Khadakwasla (Pune).
- **ITBP - Mount Makalu Sir:** ITBP became the first **CAPF team to successfully climb the 5th highest peak in the world (Mount Makalu)**. They also collected 150 kg of garbage under the 'Clean Himalaya' campaign.
- **Polar Research Ship (PRV):** India's first indigenous polar research ship is being built in collaboration with **GRSE (India)** and Kongsberg (Norway).
- **Stratospheric Airship:** DRDO successfully tested this airship platform at Sheopur (MP) monitoring at an altitude of 17 km.

**5. International conflict (Israel-Iran 2025)**

- **Operation Rising Lion:** On June 13, 2025, Israel launched a major attack on Iran's **Natanz** uranium facility. In this conflict, Iran's IRGC chief Major General Hossein Salami was killed.

**1. Important military exercises (2025)**

| Name of Practice        | Participating countries/teams | Location               | Special Features  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Bold Kurtz</b>       | India–Singapore               | Jodhpur (Rajasthan)    | 14th edition; Military exercises.                             |
| <b>SIMBEX</b>           | India–Singapore               | Singapore              | 32nd edition; Maritime exercises.                             |
| <b>Talisman Sabre</b>   | बहुराष्ट्रीय (१९ देश)         | Australia              | Australia and the United States; India participants.          |
| <b>Jaa Mata</b>         | India–Japan                   | Chennai                | Coast Guard exercise (meaning 'continuous visit').            |
| <b>Power</b>            | India–France                  | Cannely (France)       | Biennial military exercises.                                  |
| <b>Nomadic Elephant</b> | India–Mongolia                | Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) | 17th Edition.   |
| <b>Tiger Claw</b>       | India–United States           | North India            | The first <b>edition</b> of the Air Forces of both countries. |
| <b>BALTOPS 25</b>       | NATO Member                   | Latvia                 | 53rd Maritime Exercise in the Baltic Sea.                     |

**2. Internal Security and Special Operations**

- **Operation Mahadev (J&K):** An operation to kill 3 major terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba in Pahalgam on July 28, 2025.
- **Operation Kalnemi (Uttarakhand):** A campaign was launched on the instructions of Chief Minister Dharam Singh to take action against 'fake babas' who cheated on religion.
- **Operation Fire Trail (DR):** A campaign to curb the illegal import of Chinese firecrackers.
- **Operation Jeevan Jyot 2:** Punjab government's initiative to rehabilitate street children.
- **Operation Med Max/Mellon:** NCB's international drive against drug trafficking

**3. Defence & Science & Technology (One-Liners)**

- **First Photonic Radar:** Developed by DRDO on 30 June 2025.
- **AMCA Project:** India's 5th Gen Fighter Aircraft Project; Approved on May 27, 2025.
- **Geeta Samota:** The first **CISF employee to climb the world's highest peak (Mount Everest)**.
- **INS Sandhyak:** Indigenous Survey Vessel deployed for 'Hydrographic Mission' off the Malaysian coast.
- **GE-F404 engine:** India signed an agreement to buy this engine from GE Aerospace of America for 'LCA Tejas MK1A'.
- **- Automatic Weapon System Testing Centre:** Inaugurated by DRDO at **Vellore (Chennai)**.

#### 4. International Affairs and Weapons

- **NATO expansion:** Sweden has become the 32nd **official member of NATO** (headquarters: Brussels).
- **Iran's weapons:** Fatah-1, Fatah-2 missiles and **Shahed** drones have been developed by Iran.
- **Tomahawk:** America's most famous cruise missile.
- **OpenAI Agreement:** The US Department of Defense signed a \$200 million deal with OpenAI in 2025.
- **Operation Atlanta:** An anti-piracy **exercise** in the Arabian Sea with the European Navy.

#### 5. Special Regional Exercises

- **Teesta Prahar:** Exercise conducted by the Indian Army at Teesta Field Firing Ranges in West Bengal in May 2025.
- **Huge Power:** Exercise by the Indian Strike Corps using **AI-enabled systems and autonomous platforms at Meerut** (UP).

#### 1. Internal Security and Counter-Terrorism Operations (India)

- **Operation Bihali:** An operation by the Indian Army to eliminate **Jaish-e-Mohammed** terrorists in the Udhampur sector of Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Operation Nader:** A joint anti-terror operation conducted by the Indian Army, Police and CRPF in the Tral and Awantipora (J&K) areas on 15 May 2025.
- **Operation Keller:** An operation to neutralize 3 terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Shopian (J&K) area.
- **Operation Shiva: Security deployed by the Army in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure peaceful** conduct of the Amarnath Yatra.
- **Operation Black Forest:** A major operation by security forces **against Naxalites** in the Chhattisgarh and Telangana border areas on April 21, 2025.

#### 2. International Conflict and Covert Operations (2025)

- **Operation Midnight Hammer (US):** On June 22, 2025, the United States **launched a covert attack on Iran's nuclear sites** (Natanz, Isfahan) with B-2 bombers and Tomahawk missiles.
- **Operation True Promise-3 (Iran):** On June 13, 2025, Iran launched a ballistic missile and drone attack on Israel in response to Israel's 'Rising Lion' mission.
- **Operation Spider's Web (Ukraine):** The operation conducted by Ukraine's SBU **to destroy** more than 40 Russian aircraft (Tu-95, Tu-22M3) with drones.
- **Operation Gideon Chariots (Israel):** Israel's mission to pressure Hamas in the Gaza Strip and to free hostage-takers.

#### 3. Cyber Security and Crime Investigation (CBI/Interpol)

- **Operation Chakra-5 (CBI):** CBI's **nationwide drive** to dismantle transnational cyber crime syndicates and malware networks.
- **Operation Hawk (CBI):** A coordinated action against the international cyber network that commits online child sexual abuse (CSAM).
- **Operation Secure (Interpol):** Interpol's **campaign against cybercriminals who spread data theft and malware** globally.

#### 4. Environmental, Social and Emergency Campaigns

- **Operation Olivia:** An annual operation conducted by the Indian Coast Guard to **protect the Olive Ridley turtles** off the Gahirmatha coast of Odisha.
- **Operation AAHT (RPF):** A campaign conducted by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) to prevent **human trafficking** in the railway network.
- **Operation Swastik (BRO):** An operation by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to repair roads damaged by heavy rains in Chungthang and Lachen areas of Sikkim.
- **Operation Abhyas:** Nation-wide Emergency Preparedness Exercise conducted by NDMA on **7th May 2025** in 244 districts of the country.

#### 5. Important International Contexts (Comparative)

| Name of the Campaign       | Country/ institution | Main Objectives   |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Operation Bashar al-Fatah  | Iran                 | Attack on US base in Qatar ('Declaration of Victory').      |
| Operation Bunyan al-Marsus | Pakistan             | Drone strike in retaliation to India's 'Operation Sindoor'. |
| Operation Deep Manifest    | DRI (India)          | Prevent smuggling of banned Pakistani goods.                |
| Operation Shield           | Home Ministry        | Mock drill to ensure internal security in border states.    |

### Spacing

#### 1. NISAR Satellite Launch (ISRO-NASA Joint Expedition)

- **पूर्ण नाम:** NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar.
- **Launch Date:** July 30, 2025 (Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota).
- **Launcher:** GSLV-F16.
- **The goal:** to do a high-resolution mapping of the entire earth every 12 days.
- **Features:** It has two frequencies - **L-band** (NASA) and **S-band** (ISRO).
- **Uses:** Coastal observation, ice cover replacement, disaster management and surface water mapping.

## 2. Axiom-4 mission and India

- **Format:** Private Crew Space Mission (to the ISS via SpaceX Falcon-9).
- **Launched:** June 25, 2025.
- **Indian Involvement:** Shubhanshu Shukla (Pilot) He is the first Indian to go to the ISS.
- **Backup Astronaut:** Group Captain Prashant Nair.
- **Special Experiment:** Shubhanshu Shukla will perform 'Myogenesis' (formation of muscle fibers in microgravity) on the ISS.

### Shubhanshu Shukla – Key Facts:

- The second Indian to go to space after Rakesh Sharma (1984).
- The 634th astronaut in the world.
- Born: Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).
- Experience: 2000+ hours of flying experience of fighter aircraft like Su-30 MKI and MiG-29.

## 3. Important International Space Missions (2025)

- **TRACERS Mission (NASA):** On July 23, 2025, two identical satellites (twin satellites) will be launched to study 'Magnetic Reconnection' in the Earth's magnetic field.
- **GOSAT-GW (Japan):** Launched by H-2A rocket on June 29, 2025 to observe greenhouse gases and water cycle.
- **Feitian-2 (China):** China claims to be the world's first hypersonic vehicle with an RBCC engine (changing the propulsion system), which China claims to have a speed of Mach 12.
- **INVICITUS (ESA):** Development of hypersonic technology with Mach 5+ speed by the European Space Agency.

## 4. Satellite Statistics and Business Developments

- **Number of active satellites (June 2025):** There are about 12,952 active satellites around the Earth.
  - **First:** United States (8,530)
  - **7th:** India (136)
- **SSLV Technology Transfer:** ISRO has transferred its Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) technology to HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) in a contract worth ₹511 crore.

## 5. Astronomy and Success

- **Mini Planetarium (Leh):** On June 15, 2025, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the planetarium at Leh in Ladakh to promote astrotourism.
- **CBSE School's feat:** S.R.N. from Kalaburagi (Karnataka). 11 students of Mehta School won the first place globally in NASA's 'Space Settlement Design Contest 2025' for the 'IRA' (Sustainable Space Colony) project.

### 1. China's Ambitious Space Expeditions (2025)

- **Tianwen-2 Mission:** China's first Asteroid Sample Return mission launched on May 28, 2025. The spacecraft will return to Earth in 2027 with samples from the asteroid 'Kamo'oailewa'.
- **Zhangheng 1-02 (CSES-2):** China launched this satellite with a Long March-2D rocket to observe earthquakes and spatial electrical phenomena.
- **Shijian-26:** It is an optical remote sensing satellite developed by the Harbin Institute of Technology.

## 2. Special developments in global space

- **First image of the Sun's poles:** ESA (Europe) and NASA's Solar Orbiter made history on June 11, 2025, by capturing the first clear image of both the north and south poles of the Sun.
- **Dror-1 Satellite (Israel):** Israel's first fully government-funded communication satellite was launched on July 14, 2025, aboard SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket.
- **SWOT Satellite:** This satellite of NASA and France's CNES has successfully used the technique of measuring the height and speed of flood waves in rivers with the 'KaRIn' instrument.

## 3. Indian Space Activities and Institutions

- **EOS-09 mission failure:** On May 18, 2025, ISRO's 101st mission failed due to a technical failure (loss of chamber pressure) in the third stage of the PSLV-C61 rocket.
- **Kodaikanal Observatory (125 Years):** This historic observatory in Tamil Nadu completed 125 years on 17th May 2025. The Indian Postal Department released a special commemorative postage stamp to mark its 125th year.
- **Government of Andhra Pradesh-SHAR Agreement:** The Andhra Pradesh government has signed a 5-year agreement with the Satish Dhawan Space Centre to make weather forecasting more accurate using satellite data (AWAR-E platform).

## 4. Historical and future astronauts

- **Janhavi Donge:** Janhavi Donge from Andhra Pradesh has become the first Indian woman to complete NASA's 'International Aerospace and Space Program'. Her next goal is to participate in Saturn's satellite 'Titan' mission in 2029.
- **GRAIL Mission (NASA):** This is an important high-resolution mapping mission implemented by NASA to study the internal structure and gravitational field of the moon.

## 1. Global Space Ventures

- **Starlink Africa Expansion:** Elon Musk's Starlink has collaborated with Airtel Africa to provide satellite internet services in Africa.
- **Japan's Reusable Rocket:** On June 17, 2025, Japan's Honda Company successfully tested its first reusable rocket.
- **China's AI Squad:** China has successfully launched the world's first AI-powered satellite constellation.

## 2. Important Space Observatories

- **Hubble Space Telescope:** This is a joint mission of NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA).
- **IXPE:** A joint mission between NASA and the Italian Space Agency to measure X-ray polarization.
- **Chandra X-ray Observatory:** This is the only important X-ray observatory of the United States (NASA).

## 3. Indian Space and Technology Developments

- **Quantum Entanglement:** In June 2025, DRDO and IIT Delhi developed a secure messaging system at a distance of more than 1 km. (QBER <7% and safe key rate ~240 bps).
- **TM2Space (Hyderabad):** This company is planning to launch India's first 'Data Compute' satellite.
- **Starwing Aerospace:** India's first hydrogen-oxygen propulsion engine was successfully tested by this startup at IISc Bengaluru in July 2025.

## 4. Special facts on the ISS (International Space Station)

- **Shubhanshu Shukla Dialogue:** While on the ISS, Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla used Ham Radio to communicate with the students .
- **Affection and Sports:** The game 'White Swan – Joy' was played on the ISS for entertainment.
- **Agriculture on the ISS:** Moong and fenugreek were successfully photographed and sampled in a petri dish as part of research in space.

## Appointments

### 1. Appointments of national importance

- **Abhijat Sheth (Chairman, NMC):** The Union Cabinet has appointed him as the **Chairman of the National Medical Commission (NMC)**. He succeeds Dr. Suresh Gangadhar.
- **Sonali Mishra (Director General, RPF):** She has been appointed as the first woman Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF). She is a 1993 batch IPS officer. (Tenure: till October 31, 2026).
- **Parag Jain (Head, RAW):** With effect from July 1, 2025, Parag Jain has taken over as the head of India's intelligence agency 'RAW'. He is a Punjab cadre (1989 batch) IPS officer.
- **Nitin Gupta (Chairman, NFRA):** He has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) for a period of 3 years. Previously he was the Chairman of the CBDT.

### 2. Financial and Institutional Appointments

- **T.V. Shankar (Deputy Governor, RBI):** He was appointed as the Deputy Governor of RBI on June 7, 2025 and is also a part-time member of the 16th Finance Commission.
- **Bhanu Pratap Sharma (Chairman, FSIB):** His tenure as the Chairman of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)

has been extended till June 30, 2026. This body recommends for the post of MD/CEO of Public Sector Banks.

- **S. Mahendra Dev (Chairman, EAC-PM):** He has been elected as the Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM). He is an expert in the field of rural development and agriculture.

## 3. International Appointments

- **Zhou Jiayi (President, AIIB):** She has been elected as the first woman president of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). (Tenure: 5 years from January 16, 2026).
  - *AIIB Information:* India is a founding member and the second largest shareholder (7.58%) of this bank.
- **Annalena Baerbock (President, UNGA):** Annalena Baerbock of Germany has been elected as the President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). She is the fifth woman President in the history of the UNGA.
  - *Important note:* Vijayalakshmi Pandit was the first woman president of the UNGA (1953-54).

## § 4. Important Organisations and their Brief Details

| institution | Installing as of an idol | headquarter    | Main Objective/Slogan  |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|
| NMC         | 2020                     | New Delhi      | Regulation of medical education and professional standards.                                |
| RPF         | 1957                     | New Delhi      | Railway Safety; Motto: "Gain Glory"  |
| RAW         | 1968                     | New Delhi      | the Foreign Intelligence Agency; Slogan: "Righteousness protects those who are protected." |
| AIIB        | 2016                     | Beijing, China | Investing in infrastructure in Asia.   |

## 5. 16th Finance Commission (Quick Facts)

- **Chairman:** Arvind Panagaria.
- **Secretary:** Ritwik Pandey.
- **Implementation:** w.e.f. 1st April 2026 (for 5 years).
- **Function:** To decide the formula for tax distribution between the Centre and the States.

### 1. National Financial and Regulatory Appointments

- **Sivasubramanian Ramana (Chairman, PFRDA):** On June 20, 2025, he took over as the Chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). (Tenure: 5 years or 65 years of age).
- **Ajay Seth (Chairman, IRDAI):** He has been appointed as the Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development

Authority of India (IRDAI). He is a 1987 batch IAS officer of Karnataka cadre.

- **Sanjeev Kumar (MD & CEO, GIFT City):** He has been appointed as the Managing Director of 'Gujarat International Finance Tec-City' (GIFT City) in Gandhinagar.
  - **GIFT City Facts:** It is India's first 'Greenfield Smart City' located on the banks of the Sabarmati River.
- **Sahil Kini (CEO, RBIH):** He has been elected as the Chief Executive Officer of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), a subsidiary of RBI.

### 2. Historic Appointments in the Corporate Sector

- **Priya Nair (CEO, HUL):** She has become the first woman CEO and Managing Director of **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** in its 92-year history.
- **Sabiha Khan (COO, Apple):** Sabiha Khan, who is originally from Uttar Pradesh (Moradabad), has been appointed as the **Chief Operating Officer (COO)** of Apple.
- **Linda Yaccarino (X - Resignation):** Linda Yaccarino, CEO of Elon Musk's 'X' (formerly Twitter) company, resigned from her post on July 9, 2025.

### 3. International Political and Financial Developments

- **Gita Gopinath (IMF - Resigned):** Gita Gopinath, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), announced her resignation on July 21, 2025. She joined as 'Chief Economist' in 2019.
- **Yulia Sviridenko (Prime Minister, Ukraine):** She has been appointed as the 19th Prime Minister of Ukraine. She previously served as the Minister of Finance.
- **Dr. Jennifer Giralings-Simons (President, Suriname):** She was elected as the first woman President of Suriname in South America on July 6, 2025.
- **Rishi Sunak (Advisor, Goldman Sachs):** Former British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has joined the American investment bank 'Goldman Sachs' as an advisor.

### 4. Education, Defence and Social Sector

- **Uma Kanjilal (Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU):** She has the honor of becoming the first woman Vice-Chancellor of **Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)**.
- **Aastha Punia (Indian Navy):** Aastha Punia from Meerut has been selected as the **first woman 'Fighter Stream' officer** in the Navy. She was honored with the 'Wings of Gold'.
- **Deepak Bagla (Director, AIM):** He has been appointed as the Director of 'Atal Innovation Mission' (AIM) under NITI Aayog.
- **Sukanya Sonawane (Youth Peace Ambassador):** She has been selected as a Peace Ambassador by the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador Network (CYPAN).

### Static Details of Important Institutions:

| institution | Installing as of an idol | headquarter | Main functions                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|---|
| PFRDA       | 2003 (2014 Statute)      | New Delhi   | Regulation of NPS and Pension Sector.               |
| IRDAI       | 1999                     | Hyderabad   | Regulation and development of the insurance sector. |
| GIFT City   | 2015                     | Gandhinagar | International Financial Services Center.            |
| AIM         | 2016                     | New Delhi   | - Encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship.      |

### 1. Appointments of National Importance (India)

- **Rajesh Kumar (Chief Secretary, Maharashtra):** He took charge as the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra on June 30, 2025. (1988 batch IAS Officer).
- **Ravi Agarwal (Chairman, CBDT):** His term as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes has been extended till **June 30, 2026**.
- **Anuradha Thakur (Secretary, DEA):** She was appointed as the first woman Secretary of the Union Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in July 2025.
- **Tapan Kumar Deka (Director, IB):** He has been given a 1-year extension as the Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB). (IB founded: 1887).
- **Yashasvi Solanki (ADC, President):** He was appointed as the 'Aide-de-Camp' (Military Assistant) to President **Droupadi Murmu**. He will have important responsibility of protocol and program coordination.

### 2. International Sports and Institutional Appointments

- **Christy Coventry (President, IOC):** She was elected as the first woman and first African President of the **International Olympic Committee** on 23 June 2025. (Country: Zimbabwe).
- **Sanjog Gupta (CEO, ICC):** He was appointed as the 7th Chief Executive Officer of the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** on 7 July 2025.
- **Sudhanshu Mittal (President, KKFI):** He has been re-appointed as the President of the Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI).
- **Sidi Ould Tah (Chairman, AfDB):** He has been elected as the President of the African Development Bank for a term of 5 years. (Headquarters: Abidjan, Ivory Coast).

### 3. Indian Origin Global Leader

- **Anant Chandrakasan (Provost, MIT):** He was appointed as the first Provost of the **world-renowned** Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United States.

- **Dr. Srinivas Mukkamala (President, AMA):** He is the first Indian-origin president of the American Medical Association (AMA) in its **180-year history**.
- **Arunabh Ghosh (Special Envoy, COP30):** He has been selected as the Ambassador of South Asia for the COP30 climate conference to be held in Brazil.

4. Historic Women's Leadership (Global)

- **Blair Mettreveli (Head, MI6):** She has been appointed as the first female head of Britain's intelligence agency MI6.
- **Kausia Chaudhry (Pakistan):** She has the honor of becoming the first woman Assistant Commissioner (AC) of the minority Hindu community in Balochistan.
- **Susan Leigh (Australia):** She is the first woman leader of the Liberal Party in its 80-year history.

§ 5. The Judiciary and Others

- **Justice Bela M Trivedi (Retired):** Justice Bela Trivedi, the 11th woman judge of the Supreme Court, retired on May 16, 2025.
- **Ram Mohan M. K. (Director, MPEDA):** He was appointed as the Director of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA). (Headquarters: Kochi).

Static Details of Important Institutions:

| institution | Installing as of an idol | headquarter | Nodal Ministry                  |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| IB          | 1887                     | New Delhi   | Home Ministry                   |
| CBDT        | 1964                     | New Delhi   | finance ministry                |
| AfDB        | 1964                     | Abidjan     | -                               |
| MPEDA       | 1972                     | Kochi       | Ministry of Commerce & Industry |

1. Appointments of National Importance (India)

- **Dr. Ajay Kumar (Chairman, UPSC):** Appointed as the Chairman, Union Public Service Commission in May 2025, he is a 1985 batch Kerala cadre IAS officer and has previously served as the **Defence Secretary** (2019-2022).
- **Justice Surya Kant (Executive Chairman, NALSA):** Justice Surya Kant, the second senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, has been elected as the Chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) whose main objective is to provide free legal aid to the poor.
- **Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari:** He took over as the Vice Chief of Air Staff of the Indian Air Force on **02 May 2025**. He has over 3600 hours of flying experience.
- **Alok Joshi (Chairman, NSAB):** Former RAW chief Alok Joshi has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).

- **Lt Gen Dinesh Singh Rana:** He took over as the new Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN).

2. International political appointments

- **Prime Minister Lawrence Wong (Singapore):** He was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Singapore. He previously served as the country's Finance Minister.
- **Anita Anand (Foreign Minister, Canada):** Anita Anand of Indian origin has been appointed as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada.
- **Pope Leo XIV:** On May 8, 2025, he was elected the 267th Pope. He became the **first American Pope** in the history of Vatican City.
- **Luis Montenegro (Portugal):** He has been reappointed as the Prime Minister of Portugal.
- **Lee Jae-myung:** He has been elected as the new President of South Korea.

3. Appointments in the Corporate and Technical Sector

- **Tejpal Bhatia (CEO, Axiom Space):** Tejpal Bhatia has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of America's famous space research company 'Axiom Space'.
- **Arun Srinivas (MD, Meta India):** From July 1, 2025, he will be the **Managing Director** of 'Meta India' (the parent company of Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram).
- **Sandeep Sood:** He was appointed as the new Ambassador of India to 'Guinea' in West Africa.
- **Amitabh Kant:** Former CEO of NITI Aayog Amitabh Kant has been selected as a senior advisor in 'Fairfax Financial Holdings'.

4. One-liner revision (Quick Revision)

- **Anil Kumble:** Brand Ambassador of Karnataka Forest Department.
- **Rinku Singh:** Uttar Pradesh's 'Brand Sports as Ambassador' (BSA).
- **Aamir Khan:** The chief guest of the Indian Film Festival (IFFM 2025) in Melbourne.
- **Dr Samir V Kamat:** He has been appointed as the Chairman DRDO.
- **Chandrasekhar Reddy:** Chief Information Commissioner of Telangana.

Static Details of Important Institutions:

| institution | Installation | Headquarters | Format/Function                 |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| UPSC        | 1926         | New Delhi    | घटनात्मक संस्था (कलम ३१५-३२३)   |
| NALSA       | 1995         | New Delhi    | To provide free legal services. |

| institution | Installation | Headquarters | Format/Function                                   |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| NSAB        | 1998         | New Delhi    | Advising the Prime Minister on National Security. |
| RAW         | 1968         | New Delhi    | India's Foreign Intelligence Agency.              |

**1. Individuals in the political arena**

**Vijay Rupani (Former Chief Minister of Gujarat)**

- **Died:** 12 June 2025 (Air India plane crash).
- **Special:** After **Balwantrao Mehta**, the second former Chief Minister of Gujarat to die in an accident.
- **Political Journey:** 16th Chief Minister of Gujarat from **2016 to 2021**. Prior to that, he was a Rajya Sabha member and a minister in the state cabinet.
- **Born:** Rangoon, Myanmar (family migrated to Gujarat in 1960).

**Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa (Punjab)**

- **Died:** May 28, 2025.
- **Political career:** Minister of Sports, Chemicals and Fertilizers in the Vajpayee government. Long time member of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- **Awards:** Padma Bhushan in 2019 (which he returned during the farmers' agitation in December 2020).

**2. Science & Technology**

**M. R. Srinivasan (Eminent Nuclear Scientist)**

- **Introduction:** The backbone of India's nuclear energy programme.
- **निधन:** २० मे २०२५.
- **Contribution:** Participation in India's first nuclear research project with Homi Bhabha. **Founder-Chairman of NPCIL** (Atomic Energy Corporation of India).
- **Honours:** Padma Shri (1984), Padma Bhushan (1990) and **Padma Vibhushan (2015)**.

**Étienne-Émile Bouliou (French biochemist)**

- **Exclusive:** **RU-486 (mifepristone)** is known as the father of this abortion pill.

**3. Art & Culture**

**Mangala Murthy (Kathak dancer)**

- **Died:** June 16, 2025.
- **Gharana:** Disciple of Pandit Durgalal of Jaipur Gharana.
- **Awards:** Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2019).

**Kota Srinivasa Rao (Actor)**

- **Introduction:** Renowned Telugu actor who has acted in more than 750 films.
- **Political:** MLA from Andhra Pradesh from 1999-2004.
- **Award:** Padma Shri (2015).

**4. Industry and Sports**

**Frederick W. Smith (FedEx Founder)**

- **Identity:** Founder and Chairman of the world-famous courier company FedEx.
- **Died:** June 21, 2025.

**Dilip Doshi (cricketer)**

- **Recognition:** Former India spinner who represented 33 Tests.
- **Died:** 23 June 2025 (London).

**5. Environment and Society**

**Valmik Thapar (Wildlife Conservation)**

- **Identity:** Pioneer in the field of tiger conservation.
- **Organization:** Ranthambore Foundation established in 1987.
- **Books:** Authored more than 32 books, including 'The Last Tiger', 'Living with Tigers'.

**Rajon Ghosh (Science Museum Movement)**

- **Introduction:** Father of the Science Museum Movement in India.
- **Institution:** Founder Director General of NCSM (National Council of Science Museums).
- **Award:** Padma Bhushan (2007).

**6. International and other important**

- **Bill Atkinson:** Early designer of Apple; Creator of the 'MacPaint' program.
- **Urai Renni:** The Premier League 's first black referee.
- **Edgar Chagwa Lungu:** Former President of Zambia (2015–2021).
- **Malini Fonseka:** Sri Lanka's greatest actress; CNN included it in the '25 Greatest Actresses of Asia'.

**Static Details of Important Institutions:**

| Organization | Installation | Headquarters | Main functions                 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| NPCIL        | 1987         | Mumbai       | Nuclear power generation.      |
| HMCS         | 1978         | Kolkata      | Regulation of Science Museums. |
| ABVP         | 1949         | New Delhi    | Student Union.                 |

**1. Science, Sports and Yoga**

**Subbanna Ayyappan (Eminent Aqualogist)**

- **निधन:** १० मे २०२५.
- **Introduction:** Major contribution to India's 'Blue Revolution'.
- **Special:** He was the first non-crop scientist to head the ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research).
- **Award:** Padma Shri (2022).

**Pvt. Sunny Thomas (shooting coach)**

- **Passed away:** April 30, 2025.

- **Introduction:** National shooting coach from 1993 to 2012. During his tenure, India won four medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.
- **Award:** Dronacharya Award (2001).

**Swami Sivananda (Yoga Guru)**

- **Passed away:** May 3, 2025 (Varanasi).
- **Counted** among the world's oldest yoga gurus, he was awarded **the Padma Shri** in 2022 for his contribution to the field of yoga.

| Organization                  | Installation | Headquarters | Main functions                       |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| ICAR                          | 1929         | New Delhi    | Agricultural Research and Education. |
| National Commission for Women | 1992         | New Delhi    | Protection of women's rights.        |
| NCW motto                     | -            | -            | "Nari Shakti, Rashtra Shakti"        |

**2. Political and Social Sphere**

**Girija Vyas (Politician and Poet)**

- **Died:** May 1, 2025.
- **Positions:** Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (2005-11). Former Union Minister of Housing and Information and Broadcasting.
- **Literature:** She was a famous poet.

**K. V. Ravi (Kerala activist)**

- **Died:** May 4, 2025.
- **Identity:** Active in social work in Kerala. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2022.

**3. Art & Film Sector**

**Shaji N. Karun (Director-Cinematographer)**

- **Died:** April 28, 2025.
- **Famous film: 'Piravi' (1988)** - He received the 'Camera d'Or' award at the Cannes Film Festival for this film.
- **He** was the first president of the Kerala State Film Academy.
- **Award:** Padma Shri (2011).

**4. One-liner revision (died 2025)**

- **Daji Panshikar:** Famous Marathi writer who wrote fine writings on Ramayana-Mahabharata (6 June 2025).
- **José Mujica:** Former President of Uruguay, famous for his simple lifestyle (13 May 2025).
- **Ustad Ghulam Nabi Shah:** Famous Kashmiri singer known as 'Hasle Bulbul' (11 June 2025).
- **Ngugi wa Thiongo:** Kenya's World-Renowned Writer (28 May 2025).
- **Vikram Gaikwad:** Famous Marathi and Hindi film makeup artist (May 2025).
- **Abdul Ismail:** Legendary cricketer known as the 'Sultan of Swing'.
- **N. Thippanna:** Former Chairman of Karnataka Legislative Council (11 July 2025).
- **Bismillah Jan Shinwari:** Afghanistan's famous international cricket umpire.

**Static Details of Important Institutions:**

Sports

**1. Wimbledon Tennis 2025**

- **Edition:** 138th (oldest Grand Slam in the world).
- **Men's singles winner: Jannik Sinner (Italy)** – Sinner's first Wimbledon and fourth Grand Slam title overall.
- **Women's Singles Champion: Iga Swiatek (Poland)** – The first Polish player to win Wimbledon. This is her sixth Grand Slam.
- **Special:** This tournament is played on grass courts in London.

**2. World Test Championship (WTC) 2025**

- **Winner: South Africa** (first title).
- **Runner-up:** Australia.
- **Final:** Lord's, London (June 2025).
- **Player of the match:** Aiden Markram.
- **Captain:** Temba Bavuma. This is South Africa's second ICC trophy since 1998 .

**3. ICC Hall of Fame 2025**

- **Induction:** MS Dhoni on June 9, 2025.
- **Location:** Dhoni has become the 11th Indian player to make it to this list.
- **Matthew Hayden** (Australia), Hashim Amla (South Africa), Graeme Smith (South Africa), Daniel Vettori (New Zealand), Sana Mir (Pakistan), Sarah Taylor (England).

**M. S. Dhoni Special:** The only captain to win 3 important ICC trophies (T20 WC 2007, ODI WC 2011, Champions Trophy 2013). Honorary Lieutenant Colonel (Indian Army).

**4. Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025**

- **Edition:** 18th.
- **Winner: Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)** – Bengaluru's first title.
- **Runners-up:** Punjab Kings.
- **Prize:**
  - **Valuable Player:** Suryakumar Yadav (MI).
  - **Orange Cap (Run):** Sai Sudarshan (GT) - 759 runs.

- **Purple Cap (Victims):** Prasidh Krishna (GT) - 25 wickets.

### 5. French Open 2025

- **Men's singles winner: Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)** – Alcaraz's 5th Grand Slam title.
- **Women's singles winner: Coco Gauff (USA)** – Her first French Open and second Grand Slam overall.
- **Special:** This tournament is played on clay courts in Paris.

### 6. Asian Athletics Championships 2025

- **Location:** Gumi, South Korea.
- **India's performance:** Total **24 medals** (8 gold, 10 silver, 6 bronze).
- **Medal tally:** India is second (China first).
- **Important:** Gulveer Singh won the gold medal in the 10,000m race.

### Comparative Chart: Grand Slam 2025

| Competition | Male Winners   | Women's Winner | court       |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| French Open | Carlos Alcaraz | Coco Gauff     | Clay (soil) |
| Wimbledon   | Jannik Sinner  | Iga Swiatek    | Grass       |

### 1. Asian Weightlifting Championships 2025

- **Location:** Jiangshan, China.
- **Top:** China.
- **The 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships and Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships will be held in Ahmedabad (Gujarat).** The last event was held in India in 1982.

### 2. Khelo India Initiative 2025

#### a) Khelo India Youth Games (7th edition):

- **Host:** Bihar (Patna, Rajgir, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Begusarai).
- **Winners:** Maharashtra (58 gold medals, total 158 medals).
- **Special:** Kickboxing was included for the first time.

#### b) Khelo India Beach Games (First Edition):

- **Location:** Diu.
- **Mascot:** Pearl (Dolphin).
- **Winners:** Manipur (Maharashtra is second in the medal tally).

#### c) Khelo India Water Sports Festival (First Edition):

- **Location:** Dal Lake, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir).
- **Sports:** Kayaking, canoeing, rowing, dragon boat and shikara races.

### 3. Test retirement of legendary cricketers

#### Rohit Sharma (Retirement: May 7, 2025)

- **Introduction:** T20 World Cup winning captain.
- **Record:** Most 3 double centuries in ODIs, 7 centuries in World Cup and most sixes in international cricket.

- **Awards:** Khel Ratna (2020), Arjuna Award (2015).

#### Virat Kohli (Retired: May 12, 2025)

- After Rohit Sharma on May 7, Virat Kohli also announced his retirement from Test cricket on May 12. (Both have already done Retired from T20I).

### 4. Other important tournaments

- **Asian Para Archery (Beijing):** India was impressive with **9 medals** (3 gold).
- **Durund Cup 2025:** Asia's oldest football tournament. The 134th edition was held in 5 different cities.
- **Ulaanbaatar Open (Wrestling):** India is second in the medal tally with 21 medals.
- **Singapore Open (Badminton):** Men's winner — Kunlawut Witidshorn (Thailand); Women's winner: Chen Yu Fei (China).

### 5. World Test Championship (WTC) - Upcoming Hosts

England have been selected for the next final at the ICC Singapore meeting (June 2025):

- **2027, 2029 and 2031** – All three finals will be held in England.
- **Previous venues:** Southampton (2021), The Oval (2023), Lord's (2025).

### Medal tally comparison: Khelo India Youth Games 2025

| S.No. | State       | Gold | Total Medals |
|-------|-------------|------|--------------|
| 1     | Maharashtra | 58   | 158          |
| 2     | Haryana     | 39   | 117          |
| 3     | Rajasthan   | 24   | 60           |

### 1. Chess Events

- **87th Grandmaster** On June 11, 2025, **R Harikrishna** became the 87th Chess Grandmaster of India. (Tamil Nadu's 32nd GM).
- **R. Praggnanandhaa:** Uzbekistan wins the Chuck Masters 2025 and is currently ranked fourth in the world.
- **FIDE World Rapid Team Championship:** Team **MGDI (India)** won in this tournament held in London. This team is managed from Pune.
- **Norwegian Chess Tournament:** Magnus Carlsen wins, India's **D Gukesh** finishes third.

### 2. Wrestling & Hockey

- **U-17 and U-23 Asian Wrestling (Vietnam):** The Indian women's team was the winner in both age groups.
  - In U-23, Priyanshi Prajapat, Reena, Srishti and Priya won gold medals.
- **Hockey India Masters Cup 2025:** Held in Chennai
  - **Women's winners:** Odisha (Punjab beats).

- **Men's winner:** Tamil Nadu (Maharashtra beats).
- New Delhi: Olympic medallist Indian hockey player Lalit Upadhyay has announced his retirement from international hockey.

### 3. Shooting & Athletics

- **Neeraj Chopra: Won the gold** medal at the Paris Diamond League 2025 with a throw of 88.16m.
- **Rohit Rohilla:** The first Indian man to win gold in the 50m rifle event at the FISU World University Games (Germany).
- **ISSF World Cup (Munich):** India is third in the medal tally (2 gold, 2 bronze).
  - **Gold:** Suruchi Singh (10m Air Pistol) and Arya Borse/Arjun Babuta (Mixed Event).
- **Armand Duplantis (Sweden)** set a new world record in the pole vault with a height of 6.28m.

### 4. World Police & Fire Games

- **2025 edition:** Alabama (USA). India came third with 560 medals. Uttar Pradesh Police won the highest number of medals with 95 medals.
- **2029 edition (India):** Gujarat (India) will be the first country to host the tournament in South Asia.

### § 5. Other important developments

- **Aditi Chauhan (retirement):** Aditi Chauhan, the first Indian woman goalkeeper to play professional football in Europe, has announced her retirement.
- **Anahat Singh:** Asian Squash Under-19 Girls' Champion.
- **Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT):** U Mumba was the winner of the sixth edition.
- **12th World Para Athletics 2025:** to be held in Delhi from 26th September. Mascot: 'Veeraj' (Elephant).
- **Women's T20 World Cup 2026:** Host country England. There will be 12 teams participating in it.

### Important 'Firsts' (for the exam):

| Players/Competitions     | Special Matter   |
|--------------------------|--|
| Rohit Rohilla            | In the 50 meters at the University Games. He became the first Indian man to win a gold medal in rifle. |
| Aditi Chauhan            | The first Indian woman to play professional football in Europe.  |
| २०२९ WP & FG             | India (Gujarat) was the first country in South Asia to host the tournament.                            |
| Asian Youth Table Tennis | Indian Girls (Tashkent) title after 36 years.  |

### 1. Cricket Special Events

- **Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy:** The Test series between India and England will now be known as the **Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy** (formerly known as the Pataudi Trophy).
- **Shubman Gill** named India's 37th Test captain after Rohit Sharma. He has become the fifth youngest Indian Test captain.
- **Rohit Sharma Stand:** A new stand named after Rohit Sharma was inaugurated at Mumbai's **Wankhede Stadium**. Along with this, the stands were also named after Sharad Pawar and Ajit Wadekar.
- Veteran spinner **Piyush Chawla** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. (That's 2007 was a member of the T20 and 2011 ODI World Cup winning team).
- **Rohit Sharma (IPL):** He has become the first Indian player to hit **300 sixes** in the IPL.

### 2. Neeraj Chopra: New Records and Honours

- **Honorary Rank:** On 13 May 2025, Neeraj Chopra was conferred with the honorary rank of '**Lieutenant Colonel**' in the Indian Territorial Army.
- **Doha Diamond League:** Neeraj finished second with a throw of 90.23m. He became the first Indian to cross the 90m mark.
- **Coach:** His new coach is the world famous Jan Zelezny.

### 3. Athletics and other sports

- **Taiwan Athletics Open:** India topped the medal tally with 12 gold medals.
- **Gulveer Singh:** Won India's first gold medal in the 10,000m race at the Asian Athletics Championships 2025.
- **Pradeep Narwal (Kabaddi):** Pro Kabaddi League star and 'Dabki King' Pradeep Narwal has announced his retirement.
- **Djokovic (Tennis):** Djokovic won his 100th career title by winning the **Geneva Open**. (The third player after Corners and Federer).
- **Mahendra Gurjar:** Established a new world record of 61.17 meters in the javelin throw (**F42**) event at the Norway World Para Athletics.

### 4. Football and Badminton

- **FIFA Women's World Cup 2027:** Brazil has got the host. The Women's World Cup will be held in South America for the first time.
- **U-19 SAFF Championship:** India won the title by winning the final (Venue: Arunachal Pradesh).
- **Indonesia Open 2025:** Men's winner - Anders Antonsen (Denmark); Women's winner: Se-young (South Korea).

- **Badminton Asia Junior:** For the first time, two Indian women, **Tanvi Sharma and Vaishali Kalgotla**, won bronze medals in the singles event.

### 5. World Statistics and Records

- **Cristiano Ronaldo** (\$275 million) is the richest athlete in the world.
- **Kami Rita (Nepal):** 55-year-old Sherpa Kami Rita **broke his own world record by climbing Mount Everest** for the 31st time.
- **Usage of Xenon Gas:** The ex-British commandos **used xenon gas** during the Everest ascent to increase their oxygen absorption capacity, which enabled them to complete the ascent in less time.

### Important Comparative Table: Upcoming Big Events

| Events/Competitions    | Year | Host Country / Venue |
|------------------------|------|----------------------|
| Asian Games            | 2026 | Aichi-Nagoya, Japan  |
| FIFA Women's World Cup | 2027 | Brazil               |
| Wimbledon 2025 (Prize) | 2025 | \$73 million (total) |

### 1. Cricket Special Events

- **Rishabh Pant** became the first Indian wicketkeeper to score a century in both innings of a Test match.
- **Joe Root (England):** Fastest to reach 13,000 runs in Test cricket and became the second-highest run-scorer in Tests as of 25 July 2025.
- **Jasprit Bumrah:** Fast bowler who has taken 150 ODI (ODI) wickets in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, Australia) (87 matches).
- **Curtis Camper (Ireland):** The first professional cricketer in the world to take 5 wickets in 5 consecutive balls.
- **2026 T20 World Cup:** Italy became the first country to qualify for this tournament.
- Indian women's cricketer **Veda Krishnamurthy** has announced her retirement.

### 2. Neeraj Chopra and Athletics

- **Neeraj Chopra:** In 2025, he won both the '64th Golden Spike' (Czech Republic) and the 'Neeraj Chopra Classic' (World Athletics Gold Level ).
- **The first Indian Open Athletics Meet 2025** was held in Patna (Bihar).
- **Servin Sebastian** won a bronze medal in the 20km race walk event at the Asian Athletics.
- **Seema:** Won the gold medal in the 5000m race at the World University Games.
- **Balla Ganesh:** Achieved the record by swimming across the English Channel and the Palk Strait.

### 3. Chess and Tennis

- **Chess ban:** On May 12, 2025, the **Afghan** government banned the game of chess.
- **Magnus Carlsen:** Won the 'Norway Chess' and 'Zagreb Rapid/Blitz 2025' tournaments.
- **D. Gukesh:** Won at the Zagreb Grand Chess Tour 2025 (Rapid/Blitz).
- **Carlos Alcaraz:** Winner of both the Italian Open and the Queen's Club (London).
- **Divyanshi Bhomik (Mumbai):** Brilliant performance at the Asian Youth Table Tennis (U-15) tournament.

### 4. Khelo India and Football

- **Khelo India University Games 2025:** Held in Jaipur (Rajasthan)
- **The new tournament was announced at the Khelo India North East Games, 2025.**
- **SAFF U-19 Football 2025:** Host State - **Arunachal Pradesh.**
- **La Liga 2025:** Winner - **Barcelona**
- **Champions League 2025:** On 31 May 2025, **Paris Saint-Germain (PSG)** was crowned the winner.
- **FIFA Rankings (July 2025):** The Indian football team is ranked 133rd.

### § 5. Other important developments

- **Pankaj Advani:** Winner of CCI Billiards Classic 2025.
- **78th National Swimming Championships:** Karnataka (41 medals) State topped the medal tally.
- **The 2026 Asian Games** will be held in **Aichi and Nagoya** (Japan).
- **Lando Norris:** Winner of the British and Austrian Grand Prix 2025.
- **Aayush Shetty:** Winner of the US Open Badminton Championship.
- **WSKL 2026:** The first season of the 'World Super Kabaddi League' will be held in Dubai.

### Important 'Firsts' and Records:

| Name / Event         | Special Matter  |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Rishabh Pant</b>  | The first Indian keeper to score a century in both innings of a Test. |
| <b>Curtis Camper</b> | The first player to take 5 wickets in 5 balls.                        |
| <b>Italy</b>         | The first country to qualify for the 2026 T20 World Cup.              |
| <b>Karnataka</b>     | Top state in the 78th National Swimming Championships.                |

## 1. Sahitya Akademi Youth and Children's Literature Award (2025)

The awards were announced on June 18, 2025, under the chairmanship of Sahitya Akademi President Madhav Kaushik.

### अ) साहित्य अकादमी युवा पुरस्कार २०२५

- **Marathi winner: Pradeep Kokane** (Kolhapur).
- **Novel:** *Deep Drought Eyes*.
- **Other important winners:** *Siddhartha: The Boy Who Became the Buddha*
  - Hindi: Parvati Tirki (*Phir Uguna*)
- **About the Award:** Established 2011; For writers under the age of 35; Form: ₹50,000 and copperplate.

### ब) साहित्य अकादमी बाल साहित्य पुरस्कार २०२५

- **Marathi winner: Dr. Suresh Sawant.**
- **Poetry collection:** *Abhalmaya*.
- **Other important winners:** \* English: Nitin Kushalappa (*South Indian Myths and Fables Retold*)
  - Hindi: Sushil Shukla (*Ek Bate Bar*)
- **About the Award:** Established 2010; Form: ₹50,000 and copperplate.

## 2. Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2025

- **Winner: Nitin Gadkari** (Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways).
- **Kram:** This is the **43rd** award.
- **Distribution:** August 1, 2025 (105th death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak).
- **About the Award:** \* Instituted: 1983 (Tilak Smarak Trust, Pune).
  - Format: ₹1 lakh, memento and citation.
  - **First winner:** S.M. Joshi.
- **Previous winners:** Narendra Modi (2023), Sudha Murthy (2024).

## 39th Rajarshi Shahu Award 2025

- **Winner: Dr. Jabbar Patel** (Renowned Film and Theatre Director).
- **Distribution:** 26 June 2025 (151st birth anniversary of Shahu Maharaj).
- **About the Award:**
  - Organization: Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati Memorial Trust, Kolhapur.
  - Format: ₹1 lakh, citation and memento.
  - **First winner:** Bhai Madhavrao Bagal (1984).
- **Previous winners:** Dr. Abhay and Rani Bang (2023), Pannalal Surana (2024).

## Comparative Chart: Major Awards of 2025

| Name of the Award                     | Winner (2025)       | Field/ literature                      |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Youth Literature Award (Marathi)      | Pradeep Kokane      | Novel ( <i>Deep Drought Eyes</i> )     |
| Children's Literature Award (Marathi) | Dr. Suresh Sawant   | Poetry Collection ( <i>Abhalmaya</i> ) |
| Lokmanya Tilak Award                  | Nitin Gadkari       | Public Service/Politics                |
| Rajarshi Shahu Award                  | Dr. Jabbar Patel MD | Art/Film & Theatre                     |

## 1. International Awards received by Prime Minister Narendra Modi (2025)

In 2025, Prime Minister Modi has many honors in his cap and the total number of his international awards **has reached 27**.

### Other important recent awards:

- **2025:** Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushan (Sri Lanka).
- **2024:** The Order of Excellence (Guyana), Mubarak Al-Kabir Order (Kuwait), Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (Nigeria).
- **2023:** Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor (France - highest honour).

## 2. Gallantry Award (2025)

On May 22, 2025, the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferred gallantry awards to the armed forces.

- **Total Awards: 39** (6 Kirti Chakras + 33 Shaurya Chakras).
- **Posthumous Honours:** 4 Kirti Chakras and 7 Shaurya Chakras were awarded posthumously.
- **Kirti Chakra Mankari (Major Names):**
  1. Ravi Kumar (Rifleman) - Posthumous.
  2. Colonel Manpreet Singh - Posthumous.
  3. Himayun Mujamil Bhat (Deputy Superintendent of Police, J&K Police) - Posthumous.
  4. Naik Dilawar Khan - Posthumous.

## 3. 'Sansad Ratna' Award 2025

The Award for Excellence in Parliament was conferred on 26 July 2025 by **Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**.

- **Total winners:** 17 Members of Parliament.
- **Maharashtra's dominance:** 7 out of a total of 17 winners are from Maharashtra.
- **Major Winners in the State:**
  - सुप्रिया सुळे (NCP-SP)
  - Arvind Sawant (Shiv Sena-UBT)
  - Dr. Medha Kulkarni (BJP)
  - Varsha Gaikwad (Congress)
  - Shrirang Appa Barne (Shiv Sena)
  - Naresh Mhaske (Shiv Sena)
  - Smita Uday Wagh (BJP)

## 1. World Food Prize 2025

- **Winner: Marcelo Higuera** (Brazil).

- **Contributions:** 40 years of research in biological, viral and soil therapies; Developed technology that reduces the use of chemical fertilizers.
- **About the Award:** \* Founder: Norman Borlaug (1986).
  - **First Standard:** M. S. Swaminathan (1987).
  - Amount: \$500,000.

- **Global Indian of the Year: Sadhguru** honoured by Canada India Foundation in Toronto
- **International Population Award:** Presented by the UN in New York for raising awareness of the 'PCPNDT' law.
- **Florence Nightingale Award:** Conferred by President of India to 15 nurses; **Sujata Ashok Bagul** from Maharashtra received this honour.
- **Dharma Chakravarti:** The degree was conferred on Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** at a Jain spiritual event.

## 2. International Booker Prize 2025

- **Winner: Banu Mushtaq** (Karnataka).
- **Novel:** *Heart Lamp* (original Kannada).
- **Translation: Deepika Bhasti.**
- **Important:** This is the **first** Booker Prize for a book in Kannada. Banu Mushtaq is the second Indian to win the award after Gitanjali Shree (2022).

## 2. Awards in the field of literature

- **58th Jnanpith Award: Presented to Jagadguru Rambhadracharya** in New Delhi (Selection for 2023).
- **Dostoevsky Star Award:** Famous lyricist **Javed Akhtar** became the first Indian to receive this award.
- **JCB Literary Award: This award has been postponed from 2025 .**
- **IGF Arch-Ameesha Award:** Dr. Shalini Malik' s novel *'They Way Home'* presented in London.
- **Shakti Bhatt Award:** Presented for Zara Choudhury's *debut book 'The Lucky Ones'*.

## 3. Cannes Film Festival 2025

- **Edition:** 78th (Cannes, France).
- **President:** Juliette Binosh.
- **Major Winners:**
  - **Palme d'Or (highest award):** Jaafar Panahi (*It Was Just an Accident*).
  - **Grand Prix:** Joachim Trier (Norway).
  - **Best Actor:** Wagner Moura, Brazil.
  - **Best Actress:** Nadia Mellit, France.

## 3. Art, Film & Entertainment

- **Deepika Padukone** announces inclusion in Hollywood 'Walk of Fame' in Motion Pictures category of 2026.
- **Best Magic Creator 2025: Suhani Shah** (Rajasthan) became the first Indian to win the award (presented in Italy).
- **Sonu Sood:** Miss World Festival 2025 honoured with '**One Lifetime Award**'
- **Raja Kumari:** The first singer of Indian origin to win the American Music Award (AMA).
- **Desi Un (film):** Directed by Suresh Irvyat, the film won the Jury Award at the Animation Festival in France.

## 4. AIFF Award 2024-25 (Football)

- **Venue:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- **Key Standards:**
  - **Men's Player of the Year:** Subhasish Bose.
  - **Women's Player of the Year:** Sangya Gurlocho.
  - **Men's Coach of the Year:** Khalid Jameel.
  - **Women's Goalkeeper of the Year:** Elangbam Panthoi Chanu.

## 4. Science, Health and Environment

- **United Nations Sasakawa Award:** Indian meteorologist **Dr. Mrityunjay Mohapatra** (IMD) awarded for disaster management.
- **Mental Health Award:** Presented to Saima Wajed, **WHO South East Asia Regional Director** in Thailand.
- **Most influential environmentalist:** Acharya Prashant honoured by the Green Society of India.
- **Bloomberg Philanthropies Award:** India's Ministry of Health received an award in **Dublin** for tobacco control.

## 5. Important National Awards 2025

### Award Revision (Quick Facts):

- **Nitin Gadkari:** He has received two major awards in the same year (2025) Lokmanya Tilak Award and Dr. Chintamanrao Deshmukh Award.
- **Banu Mushtaq:** The first writer to bring global recognition to Kannada literature (Booker).
- **INCOIS:** This Hyderabad-based institute is known for providing ocean information services.

## 1. Social and Civic Honour (2025)

- **Punya Bhushan Award (37th):** Senior economist **Dr. Vijay Kelkar** was presented by Nitin Gadkari in Pune. (Founded: 1989).

## 5. Sports Honours & Others

- **Serena Williams:** Spain honored with the prestigious 'Princess of Asturias' award.
- **Anahat Singh:** Selected as the 'Women's Player of the Season' (PSA Award) for his performance in squash.

- **Adil Sumariwalla:** Asian Athletics Leadership '**Gold Pin**' awarded in South Korea
- **Sumit Tappu:** This singer from Mumbai received the **highest civilian honor of Fiji**.

through AI and photos. (Implementation: Kharif 2025 onwards).

- **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY):** Launched on February 18, 2016, this scheme provides insurance cover against crop damage due to natural calamities.
- **Eco Club for Mission LiFE:** 'Eco Club' was launched in schools on 5th June 2025 (Environment Day). The theme 'Lifestyle for Environment' was introduced at COP26 in 2021.

**Special 'First Indian' Winners 2025:**

| Winners             | Awards/Honors                             |
|---------------------|---|
| Javed Akhtar        | Dostoevsky Star Award (related to Russia) |
| Suhani Shah         | Best Magic Creator (FISM, Italy)          |
| Raja Kumari         | American Music Awards (AMA)               |
| Sharankumar Limbale | Chinta Khwind Award 2025 (Selection)      |

## Government Scheme

### 1. Literacy and Educational Activities (2025)

- On May 21, 2025, Mizoram was declared the first 'fully literate state' in the country. (Literacy rate: **98.2%**).
- **Goa and Tripura:** Goa is the **second fully literate** state in the country and Tripura is the **third fully literate** state. (Criterion: Crossing the 95% literacy threshold).
- **ULLAS (New India Literacy Programme): \* Duration:** 2022-2027.
  - **Target:** To make illiterates above 15 years of age literate.
  - **Components:** Basic literacy, numeracy and life skills.

**Literacy Rate 2024 (Major States)**

| Most Literate States | Rate (%) | Least Literate States | Rate (%) |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. Mizoram           | 98.2%    | 1. Andhra Pradesh     | 72.6%    |
| 2. Lakshadweep       | 97.3%    | 2. Bihar              | 74.3%    |
| 3. Nagaland          | 95.7%    | ३. मध्य प्रदेश        | 75.2%    |
| 4. Kerala            | 95.3%    | 4. Rajasthan          | 75.8%    |

### 2. Tribal Welfare and Civil Services

- **Adi Karmayogi Programme:** Launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 27th June, 2025, it aims to train 20 lakh officials working in tribal areas.
- **Mission Karmayogi (iGOT Platform):** It is a digital platform for civil service capacity building and more than 1 crore civil servants have registered on it.
  - **The motto is:** "Yoga is skill in action."
- **AMRUT Mission (Completes 10 Years):** Launched on 25th June 2015, the Mission completes 10 years. It is working for water supply and urban infrastructure in 500 selected cities.

### 3. Agriculture and Environment Sector

- **CROPIC Initiative:** The Ministry of Agriculture launched this initiative to collect real-time information about crops

### 4. Health and Women's Welfare

- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA): \* Launched:** June 2016.
  - **Special:** Free health check-up (ANC) of **pregnant women on the 9th** of every month.
  - **Results:** Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) has been brought down from 130 to 80.

**Static details of key schemes:**

| Plan/mission | Beginnings | ministry                        | Main Objectives           |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| AMRUT        | 2015       | Housing & Urban Affairs         | Revival of Cities         |
| PMFBY        | 2016       | Agriculture and Farmers Welfare | Crop Insurance Protection |
| PMSMA        | 2016       | Health & Family Welfare         | Safe Motherhood           |
| ULLAS        | 2022       | Ministry of Education           | Adult Literacy            |

### 1. Major Schemes and Decisions of the Central Government

- **NMCG (National Mission for Clean Ganga):** On April 22, 2025, the CBDT has granted income tax exemption status to this campaign under **the Income Tax Act 1961**.
- **Mission Amrit Sarovar:** Uttar Pradesh ranks first in the country with more than 16,630 lakes in this campaign being implemented under '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**'.
- **BharatNet Programme (Amended):** Gujarat has **become the first state** in the country to implement the revamped BharatNet programme.
- **Green India Mission (GIM):** A new roadmap was released on June 17, 2025. It aims to increase forest cover by 112.2 lakh hectares.
- **Prime Minister Professorship:** To take advantage of the experience of retired scientists, this scheme was started by the ANRF to provide a fellowship of Rs 30 lakh annually.

## 2. Important State Government Schemes (2025)

| State          | Name of the Scheme      | Main Objectives   |
|----------------|-------------------------|---|
| Assam          | CM-Flight               | Teaching foreign languages (e.g. Japanese) to young people.                                       |
| Delhi          | Sports Promotion Scheme | The prize money for Olympic gold winners has been increased <b>from Rs 3 crore to Rs 7 crore.</b> |
| Kerala         | KITE Initiatives        | Inclusion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in school education.                                    |
| Chhattisgarh   | Step Footwear Scheme    | To provide footwear to tendu leaf collectors every year.  |
| Andhra Pradesh | Digi-Lakshmi            | - Digital empowerment of urban poor women.  |
| Bihar          | Chief Minister's Pledge | Financial assistance for internships for youth in the age group of 18-28 years.                   |
| Odisha         | Bapu Historical Village | To develop the cultural development of the birthplaces of great personalities.                    |

- **Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (Andaman):** Started for the primitive tribe 'Onge' in Little Andaman.
- **BIND Scheme:** An initiative of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to augment the infrastructure capacity of Prasar Bharati (Radio and TV).

## 1. Educational and Skill Development Initiatives

- **NAVYA Initiative (Uttar Pradesh):** Launched on pilot basis under 'Viksit Bharat @2047' to provide vocational skill training to adolescent girls in the age group of 16-18 years.
- **TALASH Initiative (NESTS):** Launched in collaboration with UNICEF to enhance the academic development and self-esteem of tribal students in Eklavya Model Schools.
- **Bachpan Day Care Centre (UP):** Launched in 26 districts to provide education and social training in a safe environment for children with special needs.
- **Pratibha Setu (UPSC):** A new initiative of UPSC to connect meritorious candidates in competitive examinations directly with government or private employers.
- **Thaliki Vandana (Andhra Pradesh):** A scheme that provides financial assistance of ₹15,000 per annum for the education of school children.

## 3. Health and Nutrition Missions

- **Sank Nutrition:** This campaign was launched at AIIMS Nagpur to create awareness about the ill effects of sugar, salt and trans-fats.
- **Family Adoption Program:** Puducherry became the first State/UT to conduct **Tuberculosis (TB)** screening by adopting families through medical students.
- **HIMCARE:** An important scheme that provides free health insurance to poor families in Himachal Pradesh.

## 2. Environment and Water Conservation Campaigns

- **Meri Vasundhara 6.0 (Maharashtra):** Implemented from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, the campaign targets environmental conservation in 28,317 local bodies.
- **Jalangan Samvardhan Abhiyan (MP):** Launched in Madhya Pradesh to conserve water and rejuvenate rivers, especially **5 tributaries** of Narmada.
- **Green Maharashtra Abhiyan:** A target has been set to **plant 10 crore trees** in Maharashtra in 2025.
- **Vande Ganga Abhiyan (Rajasthan):** A campaign for water conservation and environmental awareness from 5th to 20th June 2025.

## 4. Technology, Education and Environment

- **BHARAT Initiative (IISc Bengaluru):** Initiative to create the country's first 'Ageing Database' to study ageing in India.
- **ADEETIE Scheme:** Ministry of Power provides support to MSMEs to use 10% energy saving technology.
- **WE WISE:** FICCI's initiative to encourage women to lead in technology and AI.
- **Gaj Mitra Yojana (Assam):** Napier grass plantation and other measures in 80 areas to avoid human-elephant conflict.

## 3. Tribal and Social Welfare

- **Dharti Aava Awareness Mission (DAJA):** A campaign to increase the coverage and awareness of tribal welfare schemes in 31 States and Union Territories.
- **SMILE Scheme:** The scheme, with a provision of ₹365 crore for the livelihood of marginalized sections and transgender persons through the Ministry of Social Justice, will continue till 2025-26.
- **Adivasi Abhiyan (Maharashtra):** Prizes up to ₹10 lakh (state level) will be given for excellent work by Village Level Committees in each village.
- **JAIHIND Scheme (Delhi):** 'Holistic Intervention' programme for the overall empowerment of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students.

## 5. Important One-Liners (Quick Revision):

- **SABB Campaign:** 'Safai Apnao, Sick Bhagao' - was implemented from 1st to 31st July 2025 for the prevention of waterborne diseases under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban 2.0).
- **India Young Professionals Scheme:** An opportunity for Indian youth in the age group of 18 to 30 **years to work in the UK** for 2 years.

**4. Agriculture, Industry and Technology**

- **Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA-2025):** This 15-day nationwide campaign started from Bhubaneswar aims to bring modern agricultural technology to 1.5 crore farmers.
- **SPICED Scheme (Spices Board):** A scheme to provide a subsidy of ₹130 crore to 45,000 beneficiaries to increase exports and bring competitiveness in the spice sector.
- **Honey Mission (MSME):** Since 2017, more than 50,000 beekeepers have been trained so far.
- **Digital India (10 years) was** launched on July 1, 2015 **and completed 10 years on** July 1, 2025.

**5. Health and Urban Development**

- **Assam Cancer Care Project:** Aims to provide state-of-the-art cancer treatment facilities in 36 medical colleges in the state.
- **ANKUR Initiative (Odisha):** A project launched for sustainable and citizen-friendly urban development with 'Vision 2036' in mind.
- **e-Municipal 2.0 (MP):** A unified digital platform for facilitating citizen services of Urban Local Bodies.
- **Yashoda AI Initiative (NCW):** A digital awareness campaign launched by the National Commission for Women to make women AI literate.

**Static and Technical Details of Important Schemes:**

| Plan/ inception | Full Form  | Main Ministries/Agencies            |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| TALASH          | Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills & Self-Esteem Hub                   | Ministry of Tribal Affairs          |
| SMILE           | Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood & Enterprise | Social Justice & Empowerment        |
| NAVYA           | Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls                   | Government of Uttar Pradesh         |
| SPICED          | Sustainability in Spice Sector for Export Development            | Spices Board (Ministry of Commerce) |

**1. Women and Child Development Initiatives**

- **Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana (Odisha):** Announced on May 21, 2025. A scheme that provides direct financial assistance to poor and helpless families for the marriage of a girl.
- **Jnana Bharatam Mission (Revamped NMM):** Launched on 9 June 2025. It aims to preserve, document and conserve over 1 crore manuscripts in India.
- **Sagar Mein Samman (SMS):** Launched on May 18 (International Maritime Women's Day) Focus on increasing women's participation and gender inclusion in the maritime sector.
- **Manasvi Program (IIT Delhi):** To reduce gender inequality by attracting high school girls to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields.

**2. Youth and Employment Promotion**

- **MYUVA Yojana (Uttar Pradesh):** Under the 'Chief Minister's Yuva Udyog Abhiyan', interest-free loans up to ₹5 lakh will be made available to the youth for self-employment.
- **Tejaswi Programme (Madhya Pradesh):** To inculcate entrepreneurial skills and confidence in school children and prepare them for self-employment.
- **Campus Calling (NCW):** An initiative launched in collaboration with the MyBharat platform to create awareness about gender sensitivity and cybercrime among college youth.

**3. Education and Social Welfare**

- **Nayi Disha (Delhi Police):** An initiative of the Delhi Police to bring back school dropouts due to poverty or domestic problems back into the formal education stream.
- **Jyoti Yojana (Kerala):** A special drive for the education and admission of children of migrant labourers in the age group of 3 to 6 years.
- **Eradication of Child Labour (UP):** Uttar Pradesh has set a target of completely eradicating child labour by 2027. Since 2017, 12,426 children have been academically rehabilitated.
- **Pandit Lakshmi Chand Artist Scheme (Haryana):** Financial assistance in the form of monthly pension to old and economically weaker artists.

**4. Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development**

- **Indira Sora Giri Jal Vikas (Telangana):** Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is planning to install solar-powered borewells for irrigation in tribal areas.
- **PMFME Implementation (Bihar):** Bihar has been at the top in the country in the formalization of micro food processing industries.
- **Chief Minister Neera Samvardhan (Bihar):** To help the toddy growing community (Pasi Dalits) and to promote the production of alcohol-free healthy drink 'Neera'.

**5. Civic Amenities and Health**

- **B-SMILE Initiative (Karnataka):** Establishment of 'Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited' with a fund of ₹7,000 crore to accelerate Bengaluru's infrastructure projects.
- **Sanchari Kauvari (Karnataka):** A scheme launched to control tanker mafia and provide drinking water in water-scarce areas.
- **Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM):** The new name of the erstwhile 'Health and Wellness Centres'. These are working to strengthen primary health services.
- **Vruthi Campaign (Kerala):** A campaign launched by the Government of Kerala to bring about a positive change in the behaviour of citizens for waste management.

Static and Technical Details of Important Schemes:

| Plan/ inception | Full Form  | Main Objectives/Beneficiaries                |
|-----------------|--|--|
| MYUVA           | Chief Minister's Youth Entrepreneur Development Campaign | Interest-free loan up to Rs 5 lakh (UP)      |
| SMS             | Honor at Sea   | Women's Participation in Maritime Sector     |
| PMFME           | Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises       | Empowering Micro Food Processing Enterprises |
| B-SMILE         | Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited                   | Bengaluru Infrastructure Development         |

1. Social and Marriage Incentive Scheme

- **Marriage Incentive (Telangana):** The Telangana government has launched a scheme to provide ₹1 lakh incentive for marriage to couples with both disabilities.
- **The Maratha community** has started 'Mission Differenti' to fight against the dowry system and has decided to **boycott the families** demanding dowry.
- **National Overseas Scholarship (NOS):** This scheme for higher education abroad is implemented by the 'Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment'.
- **PhD Admission (IIT Delhi):** IIT Delhi has started a special admission drive for research for candidates belonging to the **SC/ST** category.

2. State-wise financial and welfare schemes

- **Pension hike (Bihar):** The Bihar government has increased the social security pension by ₹700 and now the beneficiaries will get a total of ₹1100.
- **Free electricity (Bihar):** On July 17, 2025, the Bihar government announced to provide free electricity up to 125 units.
- **Ladki Bahin Yojana (Maharashtra):** Mumbai District Bank has announced to provide loans ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹1 lakh at 0% interest to the beneficiary women of this scheme.
- **Milk Producers Subsidy (Assam):** The Assam government has launched a scheme to provide a subsidy of ₹5 per litre to milk producers.
- **Digital Empowerment (UP):** Uttar Pradesh has completely digitized the 'National Family Benefit Scheme'.

3. Health and Women Empowerment

- **Project Janam Sakhi (Punjab):** The Punjab government has started this special campaign to reduce the Maternal Mortality Rate.
- **New Delhi: The 'Saheli Smart Card'** service has been launched for women in Delhi in place of the old 'Pink Ticket' system.

- **Shehri Garib Kalyan (Odisha):** The Odisha government has launched the 'Sahajog' initiative to help the urban poor.

4. Industry, Agriculture and Environment

- **Self-Reliant India Fund (SRI Fund):** This scheme has been launched to provide financial assistance through equity to the MSME enterprises in India.
- **National Food Security 2050 (Israel):** Israel launched this long-term plan with an investment of \$ 1.4 billion.
- **Green Yoga Program (Pune):** The National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) organized the 'Vat Amavasya-Green Yoga' program in Pune on May 26, 2025.
- **Yoga Bandhan:** The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) successfully conducted the global program 'Yoga Bandhan' on 17th June 2025.

Important One-Liners (Quick Revision):

| State/Institution | Inception/ plan              | Main advantages             |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Telangana         | Disabled marriage incentives | ₹1 lakh help                |
| Bihar             | Pension hike                 | ₹700 increase (Total ₹1100) |
| Assam             | Milk Subsidy                 | ₹5 per litre                |
| New Delhi         | Saheli Smart Card            | Free/Discounted Travel      |
| Israel            | Food Security 2050           | \$1.4 billion in investment |

1. Special Events in Maharashtra

- **Maharashtra Radio Festival 2025:** The country's first light music and cultural radio festival was organized in Mumbai on June 21 (World Music Day).
  - **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Faith Oak.
  - **Best Female Presenter:** RJ Manisha.
- **Shipbuilding and Repair Policy:** Maharashtra has become the first state in the country to announce a separate policy for the shipping sector. It aims to create 3,30,000 jobs by 2024.
- **WDFC Flatwagon Guard:** India's longest (110.5 m) railway flatwagon guard was installed at Kanjhawali in Raigad district.

2. Historical and Cultural Heritage

- **Ahilyadevi Holkar (300th birth anniversary):** On 31st May 2025, the Women Empowerment Mahasammelan was held in Bhopal. On this occasion, a coin and commemorative stamp of ₹300 were released.
  - **Special:** She was the ruler of Malwa from 1767. She rebuilt the Somnath temple (1769-71).
- **Ashoka Pillar (Sri Lanka):** On July 21, 2025, a replica of India's 'Ashoka Pillar' was installed in the Buddhist temple complex in Sri Lanka.

### 3. Infrastructure and Railways (J&K)

- **Chenab Railway Bridge:** Inaugurated on 5 June 2025. It is the **highest rail arch bridge** in the world (359 m). It is 35 meters taller than the Eiffel Tower.
- **Anji Khad Bridge:** Inaugurated on 6 June 2025. It is India's **first cable-stayed railway bridge**.
- **- Vande Bharat Express:** New design Vande Bharat trains were introduced between Katra and Srinagar. These trains are equipped with indigenous '**Kavach**' (TCAS) system.

### 4. Travel and Technology

- **Kailash Mansarovar Yatra:** The yatra resumes after a gap of 5 years and the pilgrims travel via **Nathu La Pass** (Sikkim) and **Lipulekh Pass** (Uttarakhand).
- **FASTag Annual Pass:** **Nitin Gadkari** announced an annual pass of ₹3000 for cars and light vehicles. It will be implemented from August 15, 2025.
- **Black Box:** This device used to detect the causes of plane accidents is made of titanium. It is **orange** in color and can withstand temperatures up to 3400°C.

### 5. Committees and Laws

- **National Disaster Management Committee:** The Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2025 gave statutory status to this committee. **The Cabinet Secretary** is the Chairman of this Committee.
- **National Dam Safety Committee:** This committee has been reconstituted under the Dam Safety Act 2021 and has representation from 7 states including Maharashtra.

#### Comparative Information: The World's Highest Railway Bridge

| Name of the Bridge | Types             | Height (from the river bed) | Location                |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chenab Pool        | Arch Pool         | 359 m                       | Jammu & Kashmir (India) |
| Anji Khad Bridge   | Cable-stayed pool | 331 m                       | Jammu & Kashmir (India) |

### International

#### 1. UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC) Meeting 2025

- **Edition:** 47th (Location: **Paris, France**).
- **Period:** July 6 to 16, 2025.
- **Decision:** Inclusion of 26 new sites (21 cultural, 4 natural, 1 mixed).
- **Statistics:** There are now a **total of 1,248** World Heritage Sites in the world.
- **Next 48th Meeting (2026):** Busan, South Korea.

### 2. Maratha Military Landscapes: New World Heritage

On July 11, 2025, **12 forts** of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj were included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

#### The 12 forts included (according to classification):

1. **Dongri Forts:** Salher, Shivneri, Lohgad, Raigad, Rajgad, Gingee (Tamil Nadu).
2. **Hill-forest fort:** Pratapgad.
3. **Hill-plateau fort:** Panhala.
4. **Coastal Fort:** Vijaydurg.
5. **Bet Forts:** Khanderi, Suvarnadurg, Sindhudurg.

**Important note:** The Gingee Fort in **Tamil Nadu** is known as the "Troy of the East".

### 3. Status of World Heritage Sites in India

- **Total Number:** 44 (India ranks sixth in the world).
- **Classification:** 36 cultural, 7 natural, 1 mixed (Kanchenjunga, Sikkim).
- **Maharashtra's share:** Ajanta, Ellora, Elephanta, CSMT, Western Ghats, Art Deco buildings in Mumbai and now **Maratha Military Landscapes (2025)**.
- **First sites (1983):** Ajanta, Ellora, Agra Fort and Taj Mahal.

### 4. United States and UNESCO

- On July 22, 2025, the United States announced its withdrawal from UNESCO.
- This is the third time, which will be implemented from December 2026.
- **UNESCO Information:** Headquarters – **Paris**; India is a founding member.

### 5. BIMSTEC Ports Conclave 2025

- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (14-15 July 2025).
- **श्रीमः:** "Navigating the Future: Blue Economy, Innovation and Sustainable Partnerships".
- **Objective:** To enhance cooperation and development of ports in the Bay of Bengal Region.

#### BIMSTEC बहलः

- **Founded:** 1997 (Bangkok Declaration).
- **Secretariat:** Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- **Members (7 countries):** India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar.

#### Heritage Sites: World Rankings 2025

| No. | Country | No. of Heritage Sites |
|-----|---------|-----------------------|
| 1   | Italy   | 61                    |
| 2   | China   | 60                    |
| 6   | India   | 44                    |

#### १. १७ वी ब्रिक्स (BRICS) शिखर परिषद २०२५

- **Location:** Rio de Janeiro, **Brazil** (6-7 July 2025).

- **Theme:** "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance."
- **Expansion:** BRICS now has **10 full-time members** (new: Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, UAE).
- **Vietnam:** It has joined the BRICS as the **10th** 'Partner Country'.

- **Status:** SAARC summit has not been held since 2014. Instead of SAARC, a new regional grouping between China, Pakistan and Bangladesh is now being discussed in Beijing.

## 2. 51st G7 Summit 2025

- **Location:** Cannaskis, Alberta (**Canada**).
- **Participation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi was invited as an invitee country.
- **G7 members:** US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada.
- **Next conference (52nd):** France (2026).

## 3. QUAD (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) Developments

- **Foreign Ministers' Meeting:** 1 July 2025, Washington D.C. (India USA, Japan, Australia).
- **QUAD Critical Minerals Initiative:** New initiatives launched to ensure supply of critical minerals like lithium, nickel and graphite.
- **QUAD at Sea:** Emphasis on 'Ship Observer Mission' to enhance maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.

## 4. CITES Agreement – 50 years

- The Agreement completed 50 years **on July 1, 2025**.
- **Objective:** To regulate the international trade in endangered species of wild animals and plants.
- **Headquarters:** Geneva (Switzerland). India became a member in 1976.
- **COP20 (proposed):** Held in Samarkand (Uzbekistan) in 2025.

## 5. India's Selection on ECOSOC

- **Duration:** 2026–28 (3 years).
- **Selection:** **On June 5, 2025**, India was elected from the Asia-Pacific group at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- **Votes:** India won a landslide victory by securing **181 out of 187** votes.

## 6. UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

- **Lucknow:** Lucknow city in Uttar Pradesh has submitted a nomination for 'City of Gastronomy'.
- **Existing cities in India:**
  - **Mumbai:** Movies | **Varanasi/Gwalior:** Music | **Hyderabad:** Cooking (First City).

## 7. सार्क (SAARC) ची सद्यस्थिती

- **Headquarters:** Kathmandu (Nepal). Founded: 1985.

## Important Organizations: Revision Chart

| institution | Installing as of an idol | headquarter | २०२५ चे यजमान / विशेष                 |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| BRICS       | 2009                     | -           | Brazil (17th Council)                 |
| G7          | 1975                     | -           | Canada (51st Conference)              |
| ECOSOC      | 1945                     | New York    | Member of India (2026-28)             |
| QUAD        | 2007                     | -           | Mineral Security Initiatives launched |

## १. भारत – IAS अध्यक्षपद (२०२५-२०२८)

- **संस्था:** International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS).
- **On June 3, 2025, India was elected as the President of India for the term 2025-2028.**
- **Special:** For the first time in the 100-year history of the IIAS, **voting** for the presidency took place, in which India defeated Austria.
- **Headquarters:** Brussels, Belgium.

## 2. 78th World Health Assembly (WHA)

- **Location:** Geneva, Switzerland (May 2025).
- **श्रीमः:** "One World for Health".
- **Important decisions:** \* The first WHO Pandemic Agreement was adopted.
  - **Argentina** has decided to withdraw from the WHO.
  - A new malaria target was announced.

## 3. 72nd Miss World 2025

- **Location:** Hyderabad, India (31 May 2025).
- **Winner: Opal Suchata Chuangsri (Thailand).** Thailand became the first country to win Miss World.
- **Indian participation:** Nandini Gupta represented India (placed in the last 20).
- **A total of six Indians have won the title, from previous Indian champions: Reita Faria (1966) to Manushi Chhillar (2017).**

## 4. IORA and Maritime Affairs

- **IORA (Indian Ocean Rim Association):** India assumed the presidency for **2025-27** at the conference held in Sri Lanka on 21 May 2025.
- **Suez Canal:** In the wake of the crisis caused by the attacks by the Houthi rebels in the Red Sea, Egypt has announced a **15% discount** in tolls for large ships.

### 5. Balochistan Declaration of Independence (Pakistan)

- Baloch nationalist leaders have demanded separation from Pakistan and the formation of a "Balochistan Democratic Republic".
- **Fact:** Balochistan is the largest province of Pakistan by area. The **Gwadar port** here is being developed with the help of China.

### 6. 58th Asian Development Bank (ADB) Meeting

- **Location:** Milan, Italy (May 2025).
- **Represented:** Finance Minister of India Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated.
- **About ADB: Headquarters – Manila, Philippines;** President - Masato Kanda (Japan).

### 7. World's Largest Dam (Proposed)

- **Country:** China.
- **River: Yarlung Tsangpo** (Tibetan name for Brahmaputra).
- **Location:** Tibet Plateau.
- **Special:** This dam will be bigger than the existing 'Three Gorges' dam. China has announced that its work will start from July 21, 2025.

#### Important International Organizations: Revision Chart

| Organization | Headquarters    | Important Events in 2025             |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| IIAS         | Brussels        | Presidency of India (2025-28)        |
| WHO          | Geneva          | Acceptance of the Pandemic Agreement |
| IORA         | Eben, Mauritius | India has the presidency (2025-27)   |
| ADB          | Manila          | 58th Annual Meeting (Italy)          |

### 1. Food Processing and Agriculture Sector

- **World Food India 2025:** 4th Edition, New Delhi (**Bharat Mandapam**). Theme: 'Processing for Prosperity'. Organizer: Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- **India Maize Summit 2025:** 11th Edition, New Delhi. Conducted in collaboration with FICCI and IIMR Ludhiana.
- **Indian Mango Mania 2025:** Organized by APEDA in Abu Dhabi (UAE) for the promotion of Indian mangoes.

### 2. International and Bilateral Summits

- **SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting:** Qingdao, China. India was represented by Raksha Mantri **Shri Rajnath Singh**.
- **ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue:** Held in Chennai Aim: To enhance cruise connectivity and maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.
- **International AIDS Society Conference:** 13th Edition, held in **Kigali** (Rwanda).

- **International Religious Freedom Summit:** Nairobi (Kenya) This is **the first conference in Africa**.

### 3. Environment and Wildlife Conservation

- **World Conservation Congress 2025:** Abu Dhabi. It is an important conference organized by IUCN every 4 years.
- **Conservation Council of India (CCON) 2025:** Dehradun (Uttarakhand). Emphasis on cooperation in biodiversity and wildlife management.

### 4. Cultural and Youth Festival

- **Aadi Thiruvadirai Festival:** Held at Gangaikonda Cholapuram in Tamil Nadu. **Organized in memory of Rajendra Chola's historic maritime expedition 1000 years ago.**
- **Youth Spiritual Summit:** Organized in Varanasi on the theme 'Drug-free Youth for a Developed India'. Organizer: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

### 5. Technology and Industry

- **International Paris Air Show 2025:** 55th Edition, France. It is the oldest and largest aerospace exhibition in the world.
- **Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit: Organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation at Pune.**
- **India Trend Fair 2025:** 16th Edition, Tokyo (**Japan**). The inauguration was done by Shri Giriraj Singh.

#### Important Conferences: At a Glance

| Council/Council great festival | Location   | KEY FEATURE                                |
|--------------------------------|------------|--|
| World Food India               | New Delhi  | 4th Edition (Processing for Prosperity)    |
| SCO Protection Meeting         | China      | Rajnath Singh's participation              |
| ICCON 2025                     | Dehradun   | Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation     |
| Adi Thiruvadirai               | Tamil Nadu | 1000th year of Rajendra Chola's expedition |

### 1. 99th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan

- **Venue:** Satara (Chhatrapati Shahu Stadium).
- **This** is the fourth conference to be held in Satara. (Before 1905, in 1962 and 1993).
- **Honor:** Shahupuri branch of Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad and Malwad Foundation.

### 2. International Summits (Geneva, Switzerland)

- **Health20 Summit:** Focus on Rebuilding Public Trust in Global Health (Theme: *Building Back Public Trust in Global Health*).

- **International Labour Conference (ILO):** 113th Edition. India was represented by **Mansukh Mandaviya** and discussed the protection of workers from biological hazards.
- **GPDRR Session:** Eighth session on Disaster Risk Reduction organized by UNDRR.

### 3. Environment and Climate Change

- **Bonn Climate Change Conference (62nd):** Held in Germany, it is an important meeting that sets the agenda for the COP conference under the UNFCCC.
- **Third Pole Climate Forum (TPCF3):** Held in New Delhi. IMD and WMO to study the climate of the Himalaya-Hindu Kush region as the 'Third Pole'.
- **United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3):** Held in Nice (France) for ocean protection.

### 4. Defence and Space Technology

- **Shangri-La Dialogue (22nd Edition):** held in Singapore. India was represented by **CDS General Anil Chauhan**.
- **GLEX 2025 (Global Space Exploration):** Organized by ISRO and IAF in New Delhi. Theme: 'Reaching New Worlds'.
- **Offshore Security Coordination Committee (OSCC):** 137th meeting, New Delhi. Important for maritime security and protection of the oil field.

### 5. Digital India and e-Governance

- **National e-Governance Conference (28th):** Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh). Theme: '**Viksit Bharat: Civil Services and Digital Transformation**'.
- **National AI Conference on Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities:** Discussion on using AI to help Divyangjan at Bengaluru

### 6. Health, Ayush and Culture

- **Global Summit on Traditional Medicine:** Second Edition, New Delhi. Organized by WHO.
- **National Ayush Mission (NAM) Conclave:** Held at **Kevalyadham, Lonavala**.
- **Yoga Connect 2025:** New Delhi. Theme: '**Yoga for One Earth, One Health**'.
- **National Mediation Conference (I):** inaugurated by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi.

### 7. International and Bilateral Dialogue

- **India-Central Asia Dialogue 2025:** 4th Edition, New Delhi. Chairperson: **Dr. S. Jaishankar**. (Participating countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan).
- **World Expo 2025:** Organized by the Bureau Internationale des Expositions in Osaka, Japan.

### Important Conferences: Revision Chart

| Council/Council inception     | Location  | KEY FEATURE                            |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 99th Marathi Sahitya Sammelan | Satara    | 4th Conference in Satara               |
| GLEX 2025                     | New Delhi | Global Conference on Space Exploration |
| NAM Conclave                  | Lonavala  | Initiative of Ministry of Ayush        |
| The Shangri-La Dialogue       | Singapore | Asia-Pacific Security Dialogue         |

### Date-Specific

#### May 2025: Important Days

##### May 10 to 12: Technology & Health

- **May 10: World Lupus Day**
  - **World Migratory Bird Day** (Topic: *Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities*)
- **May 11: National Technology Day** (Topic: *YANTRA – Yugantar for Advancing New Technology, Research & Acceleration*)
  - **International Mother's Day** (Second Sunday of May)
- **May 12: International Nurses Day**
  - **International Day of Plant Health** (Topic: *The importance of plant health in One Health*)

##### May 15 to 17: Society and Science

- **May 15 : International Day of Families**
- **May 16: International Day of Light**
  - **National Dengue Day**
  - **National Endangered Species Day** (Third Friday of May)
- **१७ मे: \* जागतिक उच्च रक्तदाब दिन** (विषय: *Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer!*)
  - **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day** (Topic: *Gender Equality in Digital Transformation*)

##### May 18 to 21: Culture and Environment

- **May 18: International Museum Day** (Theme: *The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities*)
  - **International Women's Day in the Maritime Sector**
  - **World AIDS Vaccine Day**
- **May 20: World Bee Day** (Topic: *Bee Inspired by Nature to Nourish Us All*)
  - **World Metrology Day**
- **May 21: International Tea Day** (Topic: *Tea for Better Lives*)
  - **National Anti-Terrorism Day** (Rajiv Gandhi's death anniversary)
  - **Cultural Diversity Day for Dialogue and Development**

**May 22 to 25: Biodiversity and Awareness**

- **May 22: International Day for Biological Diversity**  
(Theme: *Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development*)
- **May 23: World Turtles Day** (Topic: *Dancing Turtles Rock!*)
  - **International Obstetric Fistula Elimination Day**
- **May 24: International Maritime Day**
  - **World Schizophrenia Awareness Day**
- **May 25 : International Day of Missing Children**

**Important 'Static' References:**

| Date   | Special significance    | Test oriented note   |
|--------|-------------------------|--|
| May 11 | National Technology Day | Reminiscences of <b>the Pokhran-II</b> nuclear test in 1998. |
| May 21 | Anti-Terrorism Day      | Remembering former Prime Minister <b>Rajiv Gandhi</b> .      |
| May 22 | Biodiversity Day        | To preserve the biochain in the environment.                 |

**May 2025: Remaining important days**

- **May 25: World Thyroid Day** (Topic: *Thyroid Disease and Artificial Intelligence*)
  - **World Football Day** (first announced in 2024)
- **२८ मे: \* जागतिक मासिक पाळी स्वच्छता दिन** (विषय: *Together for a #PeriodFriendlyWorld*)
  - **International Women's Health Action Day** and **World Hunger Day**.
- **May 29 : International Everest Day** and United Nations Peacekeepers Day.
- **May 30 : International Potato Day** and Hindi Journalism Day.
- **May 31: World No Tobacco Day** (Topic: *Bright products. Dark intentions. Unmasking the Appeal*)

**June 2025: Important Days**

**June 1 to 7: Environment & Safety**

- **June 1 is World Milk Day** (Topic: *Let's Celebrate the Power of Dairy*) and World Parents' Day.
- **June 3 is World Bicycle Day.**
- **June 5 is World Environment Day .Host for 2025: South Korea.**
- **June 7 is World Food Safety Day.**

**June 8 to 15: Health and Awareness**

- **June 8: World Oceans Day** (Topic: *Sustaining What Sustains Us*).
- **June 11 :** International Sports Day.
- **June 12 is World Day Against Child Labour** and Kidney Cancer Day.
- **June 14 :** World Blood Donor Day.
- **१५ जून:** जागतिक पवन दिन (#WorkingWind) व आसियान डेग्यू दिन.

**June 17 to 21: Yoga and nature**

- **June 17 : World Day Against Desertification and Drought** (Topic: *Restore the Land. Unlock the Opportunities.*)
- **June 19 is National Reading Day** and World Sickle Cell Day.
- **June 20 is** World Refugee Day.
- **June 21 : International Yoga Day** (Topic: *Yoga for One Earth, One Health*). **World Music Day** and Hydrology Day are also celebrated on this day.

**June 23 to 30: Administration and Statistics**

- **June 23 is International Olympic Day** (Topic: *Let's Move*) and United Nations Public Service Day.
- **June 25 : Constitution Assassination Day.**
- **June 27: MSME Day** (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Day).
- **June 29: National Statistics Day** (birth anniversary of P.C. Mahalanobis; 75 years NSS).
- **June 30 :** International Parliament Day and Asteroid Day.

**Important 'Static' References for MPSC:**

| date    | Special significance      | Important Note  |
|---------|---------------------------|---|
| June 5  | World Environment Day     | Beginning with the Stockholm Conference in 1972.                                    |
| June 21 | International Day of Yoga | Globally since 2015 at the initiative of India.                                     |
| June 29 | National Statistics Day   | In memory of the <b>father of India's</b> statistics, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis. |

**Books**

**1. Books on Political and Administration**

- **Wings to Our Hopes – Vol II:** President **Droupadi Murmu** (Collection of her Speeches).
- **A Different Kind of Power:** Jacinda Ardern (former Prime Minister of New Zealand).
- **PMO Through the Ages:** Himanshu Rai (History of the Prime Minister's Office).
- **Indira Gandhi and the Years that Transformed India:** श्रीनिवास राघवन.
- **India's Finance Ministers II (1998–2014):** ए. के. भट्टाचार्य.
- **The New World: 21st Century Global Order and India:** राम माधव.
- **The Undying Light: A Personal History of Independent India:** गोपालकृष्ण गांधी.

**§ 2. Autobiographies and Biographies**

- **I like the challenges:** Anandiben Patel (Governor of Uttar Pradesh).
- **The People's Story My Autobiography:** Bandaru Dattatreya (Governor of Haryana).
- **My Life in Indian Politics:** Mahendra Nath Pandey.

- **Tested:** Pat Cummins (Australian cricketer).
- **The One: Cricket, My Life and More:** ऋषभ पंत.

### ३. क्रीडाविषयक पुस्तके

- **The Diary of a Cricketer's Wife:** Pooja Pujara (wife of Cheteshwar Pujara).
- **Test Cricket: A History:** टिम विगमोर.
- **Celebrating V.V. Kumar @90:** Praveen Ramchandra.

### § 4. History and Sociology

- **The Golden Road:** William Dalrymple.
- **History That India Ignored:** Prem Prakash (Chairman of ANI).
- **India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent:** ऑइडी टुश्के.
- **The Ghadar Movement: A Forgotten Struggle:** राणा प्रीत गिल.
- **The Tamils: A Portrait of Community:** निर्मला लक्ष्मण.
- **Missing from G.H.Q. – Muslim Women in Lok Sabha:** Shashikant Kidve and Ambuj Kumar Ghosh.
- **Kashmir Insurgency (1989–90):** Retired Colonel Yoginder Kandhari.

### § 5. Miscellaneous and Important Writings

- **Human management in the team:** Nitin Gadkari.
- **Akashvani:** Vikrant Pandey and Nilesh Kulkarni.
- **Heart Lamp:** Banu Mushtaq (in the news for the International Booker Prize 2025).
- **Voice of the Voiceless:** The Dalai Lama.
- **Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory:** जयदीप शुक्ला.
- **One in a Billion:** Sonal Goyal.
- **Ten penny postcard:** S. N. Ahmed.
- **The School of Life:** K. Y. Kurvi.

#### 'Must Watch' Books for MPSC Exam:

| Name of the Book             | writer                | Important References                         |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Wings to Our Hopes           | <b>Draupadi Murmu</b> | President's Thoughts/Speeches.               |
| Heart Lamp                   | <b>Banu Mustaq</b>    | The world recognition of Kannada literature. |
| Tested                       | <b>Pat Cummins</b>    | The Australian captain's autobiography.      |
| Human Management in the Team | <b>Nitin Gadkari</b>  | Management skills of a political leader.     |

# UPSC 1.5 YEAR INTEGRATED BATCH 2027

From NCERT to Rank – One Integrated Journey

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## NCERT FOUNDATION PHASE

January – June

Objective: Build rock-solid conceptual clarity from scratch

### Key Features:

- Complete **NCERT** Coverage (Beginner Friendly)
- Hard Copy Comprehensive **NCERT Notes** available in Marathi & English medium (Exam-oriented)
- 9 **descriptive** & 9 **objective** test
- **Subject-wise** MCQ Tests + Descriptive Tests
- **Personal Mentor** Assigned to every student
- Focus on concept building + answer orientation
- Ideal for **freshers & repeaters**
- **One to One** Evaluation & Discussion

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## MAINS ENRICHMENT PHASE

June – December

Objective: From syllabus mastery to answer writing excellence

### Key Features:

- **Complete GS** Syllabus (Basic to Advanced)
- Faculty with 7+ years **real UPSC mains experience**
- **Mains-Specific** Comprehensive Notes
- Daily **Answer Writing Practice**
- Personalized **Mentorship & Evaluation**
- Structured approach for GS I-IV + Essay
- Continuous **Current Affairs Integration**

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## PRELIMS DOMINATION PHASE

January – Prelims 2027

Objective: Maximize accuracy, speed & exam temperament

### Key Features:

- **Daily Rapid Revision** Crash Course Lectures
- Prelims-Oriented **Short Notes**
- **10,000+** MCQs Practice
- **Weekly Full-Length** Prelims Tests
- Tests conducted in **Actual Exam Environment** (Schools & Colleges)
- Dedicated **Current Affairs for Prelims**

## ADDITIONAL POWER FEATURES

- ✓ **Personal Mentor** for Entire 1.5 Years
- ✓ **Special Current Affairs Classes** (Mains + Prelims)
- ✓ **Marathi & English Medium** – Separate Batches
- ✓ **Integrated GS + Test Series + Mentorship**
- ✓ **Daily Answer Writing** (Mains Phase)
- ✓ **UPSC Focused Strategy**
- ✓ **Online + Offline** mode available

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