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Telangana Scheduled Castes (Rationalisation of Reservations) Act, 2025

- **Implementation:** Effective from **14 April 2025**, on the occasion of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's 134th birth anniversary.
- **Authority:** Enacted by the Telangana government based on the Justice Shameem Akhtar Commission report.
- **Objective:** To eliminate social-educational disparities among the 59 Scheduled Castes and redistribute the 15% reservation.
- **Grouping:** The total 59 castes have been divided into three separate groups (I, II, and III).
- **Selection Method:** The 'Vertical Preference Model' will be adopted for filling vacant posts.
- **Creamy Layer:** Rejecting the Commission's recommendation, the government decided to include everyone in the reservation benefits.

New Reservation Structure (New Reservation Matrix - 2025)

Group	Description	Number of Castes	Reservation Share
Group I	Most Backward (e.g., Mang, Mehtar)	15	1%
Group II	Moderately Benefited (e.g., Madiga)	18	9%
Group III	Relatively Advanced (e.g., Mala)	26	5%

Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai: 52nd Chief Justice of India

- **Historical Note:** He became the second Dalit and the first Buddhist Chief Justice of India.
- **Tenure:** Sworn in on **14 May 2025**; retired on **23 November 2025**.
- **Legacy:** He succeeded Justice Sanjiv Khanna (51st CJI) and was followed by Justice Suryakant (53rd CJI).
- **Key Judgments:** Upheld the decision to cancel electoral bonds and the abrogation of Article 370.
- **Family Background:** Resident of Amravati; his father, R. S. Gavai, was a leader of the Republican Party.
- **Statistics:** During his 6-year tenure in the Supreme Court, he personally authored a total of **464 judgments**.

Chief Justices of India from Maharashtra (So Far)

Sr. No.	CJI Name	Key Fact
7th	P. B. Gajendragadkar	Considered the father of labor laws.
11th	M. Hidayatullah	Served as Chief Justice, Vice President, and Acting President.
16th	Y. V. Chandrachud	Served the longest tenure (over 7 years) as Chief Justice.
47th	S. A. Bobde	From Nagpur; part of the Ayodhya verdict bench.
50th	D. Y. Chandrachud	Son of Y. V. Chandrachud (first father-son pair in this position).
52nd	B. R. Gavai	Second judge from Nagpur Bench to become Chief Justice of India.

Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025: 'UWMEED' Act (The Waqf Amendment Act - UWMEED Act)

- **Name Change:** The 1995 Act has been renamed the 'United Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act' (UWMEED).
- **Implementation:** Effective nationwide from **8 April 2025**, after receiving Presidential assent.
- **Authority:** Enacted following recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) chaired by Jagdambika Pal.
- **District Collector Powers:** The final decision on whether a property is government-owned or Waqf will now be made by the District Collector.
- **Section 40 Repealed:** The Waqf Board's power to unilaterally declare a property as Waqf has been abolished.
- **Inclusivity:** The Central Waqf Council must include at least **2 non-Muslim members** and a minimum of **2 women**.

Timeline of Passage (Key Dates and Events)

Stage	Date	Details
Lok Sabha Approval	3 April 2025	Bill introduced by Kiren Rijiju.
Rajya Sabha Approval	4 April 2025	Passed without opposition in the Upper House.
Presidential Assent	5 April 2025	Approved by President Droupadi Murmu.
Effective Date	8 April 2025	Implementation began with publication in the Gazette.

Key Changes and Technical Provisions

- **Waqf Definition:** Only an owner who has practiced Islam for at least **5 years** can create a Waqf.

- **Waqf by User Abolished:** Ownership claims cannot be made solely based on long-term religious use.
- **Judicial Appeal:** Appeals against Waqf Tribunal decisions can be filed in the High Court within **90 days**.
- **Financial Reforms:** The annual contribution payable by the Board has been reduced from **7% to 5%**.
- **State Board Composition:** Will include representatives from Shia, Sunni, Bohra, Aghakhani, and OBC Muslim communities.

- **Goal:** To make the election process more transparent and provide a **single-point access** for voters.
- **Scope:** Aims to deliver seamless services through user-friendly UI/UX to over **5.5 crore users**.
- **Significance:** A major citizen-centric step toward efficient election management.

Major Apps Integrated under ECINET (Major Apps under ECINET)

App Name	Primary Function
cVIGIL	For reporting violations of the Model Code of Conduct.
Voter Helpline	For voter registration and identity card services.
Suvidha 2.0	For candidates to obtain permissions for campaign meetings.
Saksham	To provide special facilities for persons with disabilities.
KYC App	To verify candidates' criminal background.

Tamil Nadu Governor's Veto Verdict 2025 (The Tamil Nadu Governor's Veto Verdict)

- **Bench:** The judgment was delivered by a bench comprising **Justice J.B. Pardiwala** and **Justice R. Mahadevan**.
- **Nature of the Verdict:** The Supreme Court declared that the Governor's action of keeping 10 bills pending was **illegal and flawed**.
- **Use of Article 142:** Due to unreasonable delay, the 10 pending bills were declared to have received **deemed assent**.
- **Limits on Veto Power:** The Governor does not have the right to exercise a **pocket veto** or **absolute veto** like the Parliament.
- **Recommended Timelines:** Suggested **1 month** for ordinary bills and **3 months** if acting against Cabinet advice.
- **Re-presentation Binding:** If the Legislative Assembly re-passes the bill, the Governor is **bound** to give assent.

Kerala: First Online Permanent Lok Adalat (Online Permanent Lok Adalats)

- **Inauguration:** **11 April 2025**; inaugurated by **Justice Nitin Jamdar** in Kochi.
- **Feature:** Kerala is the first state in the country to offer **online applications and hearings**.
- **Legal Basis:** Established under the **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987** (Section 22B).
- **Status:** Lok Adalats are considered **Civil Courts** under Section 21.
- **Nature of Decisions:** Judgments of these courts are **final and binding** on all parties.

Key Constitutional Provisions for Exams (Key Constitutional Articles)

Article	Subject
Article 200	Powers of the Governor
Article 201	President's Assent
Article 143	President's Advisory Jurisdiction
Article 361	Constitutional Immunity

Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill 2025

- **Approval:** Approved by the Central Cabinet on **7 March 2025**.
- **Objective:** To replace the **100-year-old Indian Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1925**.
- **Rules:** Implements the international **Hague-Visby Rules** standards.
- **Significance:** Modernizes alignment with global trade and maritime liability practices.

ECINET: Election Commission's Unified Digital Platform (Unified Digital Platform by ECI)

- **Announcement/Launch:** Announced in **May 2025** by Chief Election Commissioner **Gyanesh Kumar**.
- **Objective:** To integrate more than **40 existing apps and portals** of the Election Commission into one platform.
- **Key Features:** Includes popular apps like Voter Helpline, cVIGIL, Suvidha 2.0, and Saksham.

NeVA: Delhi Legislative Assembly Becomes the 28th Digital Legislature (Delhi Joins NeVA)

- **Note:** The Delhi Legislative Assembly became the **28th legislature** in the country to adopt **NeVA**.
- **Approval:** Project approved in **January 2025**; MoU signed in **March 2025**.
- **Technology:** Uses **Bhashini** AI tools for real-time translation.

- **First State:** Nagaland was the first to implement NeVA on **19 March 2022**.

- **Restrictions:** Funds can be used **only** for infrastructure creation and sustainable asset development.

MP Salary Revision 2025 (Members of Parliament Salary Revision 2025)

- **Notification:** Issued on **24 March 2025**; the Central Government notified a **24% salary increase**.
- **Implementation:** The increase is applicable with **retrospective effect** from **1 April 2023**.
- **Basis:** Salary review is mandatory every **5 years** based on the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** / Cost Inflation Index.
- **Salary Changes:**
 - Basic salary increased to **₹1.24 lakh** per month.
 - Pension increased to **₹31,000** per month.

Punjab Vidhan Sabha: Historic Digital and Social Initiatives (Punjab Legislative Assembly)

- **Sign Language:** On **19 March 2025**, Punjab became the **first state** to use sign language in legislative proceedings.
- **Search Engine:** Launched on **11 March 2025** — the **first search engine** in the country dedicated to legislative debates.
- **Scope:** All assembly discussions from **1947 to 2025** are now digitally available and searchable.
- **Authority:** Inaugurated by Speaker **Kuldar Singh Sandhwan**.

Women-Friendly Gram Panchayat & Empowered Panchayat Leader Campaign (MWFGP & Abhiyan)

- **Launch:** Initiatives launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj in **March 2025**.
- **MWFGP (Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayat):** Establishment of at least one model 'Women-Friendly Gram Panchayat' in every district.
- **Abhiyan – Sashakt Panchayat-Netri:** Campaign launched on **4 March** for capacity building of **Women Elected Representatives (WERS)**.
- **Venue:** The campaign was announced at a **national workshop** held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

J&K MLA Fund: ₹3 Crore Annual Allocation (J&K MLA Fund 2025)

- **Approval:** Approved by the Jammu & Kashmir Government on **3 March 2025**.
- **Provision:** Each MLA allocated **₹3 crore (₹300 lakh)** annually.
- **Scheme Name:** Known as 'Constituency Development Fund' (CDF).

Economy

Trade Performance FY 2024-25

India-USA and India-China Trade

India-USA Trade

- **USA** remained India's **top trading partner** for the **fourth consecutive year**
- Total bilateral trade: **\$131.84 billion**
- India's exports to USA increased by **11.6%** → reached **\$86.51 billion**
- **Record trade surplus** with USA: **\$41.18 billion**

India-China Trade

- **China** is India's **second largest trading partner**
- Trade deficit widened to **\$99.2 billion**
- Imports from China rose by **11.52%** → reached **\$113.45 billion**

10,000th FPO – Landmark in Farmer Empowerment

- **Target achieved:** **10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)** crossed in **February 2025**
- **Inauguration:** **24 February 2025** by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in **Bhagalpur, Bihar**
- **10,000th FPO name:** **Ami Gram Vikas FPO** (registered in **Khagaria district, Bihar**)
- **Main crops:** Maize, Banana, Paddy (cultivation & marketing)
- **Significance:** Strengthens **collective bargaining power** of small & marginal farmers

RBI Interest Rate Change – April 2025

- **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** cut key policy rates by **25 basis points**
- **Repo Rate** reduced from **6.25%** → **6.00%**
- Other rates fixed as:
 - Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) → **5.75%**
 - Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) → **6.25%**
 - Bank Rate → **6.25%**
- Stance changed from **Neutral** → **Accommodative**
- **Inflation target:** **4% CPI (± 2%)** in the medium term

One State – One RRB: Phase 4 Consolidation (2025)

- **Effective date:** **1 May 2025** (Ministry of Finance notified Phase 4)
- Number of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) reduced from **43** → **28**
- Legal basis: Section **23A(1)** of the **RRB Act, 1976**
- **Shareholding pattern:**

- Central Government → **50%**
- State Government → **15%**
- Sponsor Bank → **35%**
- **Single RRB** now in the states of **Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka**

Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) – Important Prelims Facts

- **Established: 2 October 1975** (on recommendation of **Narsimham Committee 1975**)
- **First RRB: Prathama Gramin Bank** (Moradabad, UP)
 - Sponsor Bank: **Syndicate Bank**
- **Regulation:** Regulated by **RBI** | Supervised by **NABARD**
- **Priority Sector Lending (PSL) target: 75%** (mandatory)

RBI@90 – Glorious Journey of Reserve Bank of India

- **Founded: 1 April 1935**
- Completed **90 years** on **1 April 2025**
- **Commemoration:** ₹90 silver commemorative coin released in presence of President **Droupadi Murmu** (Mumbai)
- **Basis:** **Hilton Young Commission** + Dr. Ambedkar’s book **“The Problem of the Rupee”**
- **First Governor:** **Sir Osborne Smith**
- **First Indian Governor:** **C. D. Deshmukh**
- **Major institutions created:** **IDBI, NABARD, NHB**
- **Recent initiatives:** **UPI + Digital Rupee (e₹)**

US Tariff Hikes on Indian Goods – Stage-wise

- **Phase 1 (April 2025): 25% reciprocal tariff** imposed on all Indian goods
- **Phase 2 (August 2025): Additional 25% punitive duty** → total import duty reached **50%**
- **Bilateral trade (2024): \$212.3 billion**
- **USA share in India’s total exports: 18-20%**
- **Trade surplus with USA (FY 2025): \$41.18 billion**

India-USA Trade – Key Commodities

Major Exports to USA

- Electrical machinery → **\$15.8 billion**
- Diamonds / Precious stones → **\$10.1 billion**
- Pharmaceuticals → **\$9.7 billion**

Major Imports from USA

- Mineral fuels / Crude oil → **\$14.3 billion**
- Pearls / Precious metals → **\$5.3 billion**
- **US share in India’s total oil imports:** increased from **4.6%** → **8.1%** (Nov 2025)
- Strategic items: **Aerospace & defence equipment** (import) | **Textiles & chemicals** (export)

Indonesia Joins New Development Bank (NDB)

- **Joined: 25 March 2025** – became the **9th member** of NDB
- **Contribution: \$1 billion** paid-up capital
- **Background:** Indonesia joined **BRICS** in **January 2025**
- **Focus areas:** Renewable energy, **B40 biodiesel programme**, urban modernisation
- **Significance:** First **G20 member** from Southeast Asia to join NDB

New Development Bank (NDB) – Important Prelims Facts

- **Established: 2015** by **BRICS** countries
- **Headquarters:** **Shanghai, China**
- **Regional office in India:** **GIFT City, Gujarat**
- **Current President:** **Dilma Rousseff** (former President of Brazil)
- **Total members: 11** (recent additions: **Algeria, Uzbekistan, Ethiopia**)

Revised MSME Classification (Effective 1 April 2025)

- **Investment limit** increased **2.5 times** | **Turnover limit** doubled

Category	Investment Limit	Turnover Limit
Micro	≤ ₹2.5 crore	≤ ₹10 crore
Small	≤ ₹25 crore	≤ ₹100 crore
Medium	≤ ₹125 crore	≤ ₹500 crore

IRCTC & IRFC Granted Navratna Status

- **Announced: 3 March 2025** (Ministry of Railways)
- **IRCTC** → **25th Navratna** company
- **IRFC** → **26th Navratna** company
- **Autonomy:** Can independently invest up to **₹1,000 crore** in any project
- **Revenue (FY24):**
 - IRFC → **₹26,600+ crore**
 - IRCTC → **₹4,270 crore**
- **Eligibility:** **Miniratna-I** status + minimum **60/100 marks** in 6 financial criteria

Virtual Digital Assets (VDA) Taxation – FY 2026-27

- **Tax structure unchanged** → Sections **115BBH & 194S** continue
- **Tax rate: 30% + 4% cess** on income from VDA transfer
- **Loss set-off: Not allowed** (neither against other VDA profit nor any other income)
- **Deduction:** Only **cost of acquisition** allowed; no deduction for fee, brokerage, mining cost

- **TDS: 1%** TDS on transactions > ₹10,000 (₹50,000 for specified persons)
- **Gifts / Airdrops:** Crypto worth > ₹50,000 taxable at individual slab rates

One Nation One Port and Documentation Reforms

- **Objective:** To eliminate inconsistencies in documentation across Indian ports, thereby reducing logistics costs and delays.
- **Container Operations:** Number of required documents reduced from **143 to 96** (a **33% reduction**).
- **Bulk Cargo:** Number of documents reduced from **150 to 106** (a **29% reduction**).
- **Impact:** These reforms will bring greater speed and transparency to port operations.

Sagar Ankalan: National Port Performance Index (LPPI)

- **Launch:** Launched on **27 February 2025** by Union Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal**.
- **Objective:** To create a **Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI)** for measuring efficiency of Indian ports.
- **Benchmarking:** Indian ports will be compared with global standards of ports like **Singapore** and **Rotterdam**.
- **Alignment:** The index is linked with **PM Gati Shakti** and the **National Logistics Policy**.

Bharat Global Ports Consortium

- **Establishment:** Formed on **27 February 2025** to manage ports at a global level.
- **Structure:** Integration of **IPGL** (operations), **SDCL** (finance), and **IPRCL** (infrastructure).
- **Target:** Development and management of approximately **20 ports overseas**.
- **Model:** The consortium will operate on the lines of Dubai's **DP World** and Singapore's **PSA**.

MAITRI: Master Application for International Trade and Regulatory Interface

- **Launch:** Launched on **27 February 2025** as part of the maritime sector reform package.
- **Full Form:** Master Application for International Trade and Regulatory Interface.
- **Function:** Acts as a **middleware platform** for digitization and integration of trade-related documents.
- **Role:** Serves as a **digital backbone** for global corridors, accelerating approval processes.

World Bank Recommendations for Viksit Bharat @2047

- **GDP Growth:** Must maintain an average annual growth rate of **7.8%** over the next 22 years.
- **Investment:** Gross investment rate needs to reach **40% of GDP** by 2035.
- **Labour Force Participation:** Increase total labour force participation from **56.4% to 73%** (on the lines of Vietnam).
- **Female Participation:** Raise women's labour force participation from **35.6% to 50%** by 2047.
- **Trade:** Recommendation to reduce trade barriers to increase participation in **Global Value Chains (GVC)**.

Viksit Bharat 2047: Vision and Objectives

- **Goal:** Transform India into a fully developed nation by the centenary of independence (**2047**).
- **Economic Targets:**
 - Achieve a **\$30 trillion economy**.
 - Per capita income to reach **\$18,000-\$20,000**.
- **Key Pillars:** Special focus on **Youth, Poor, Women, and Farmers** (Anndata).
- **Sustainable Development:**
 - Achieve **Net Zero emissions** by 2070.
 - Install **500 GW of renewable energy** capacity by 2030.
- **Employment:** Increase manufacturing sector's share in GDP to **25%** to generate large-scale jobs.

Morgan Stanley: India's Path to Becoming the 3rd Largest Economy

- **Target Year:** By **2028**, India will overtake Japan and Germany to become the **third largest economy**.
- **GDP Projection:**
 - From **\$3.5 trillion** in 2023 to **\$5.7 trillion** by 2028.
- **Long-term:** Economy expected to double to **\$10.6 trillion** by 2035.
- **Global Contribution:** India's share in global growth expected to be **20%** over the next decade.
- **Per Capita Income:** Projected to rise from **\$2,514** in 2025 to **\$5,683** by 2035.

India's Coal Production: Historic Milestone (FY 2024-25)

- **Record:** Crossed the **1 billion tonne** mark on **20 March 2025**.
- **Total Production:** **1,047.52 million tonnes (MT)** — a **4.98% increase** over the previous year.

- **Energy Security:** Coal accounts for more than **74%** of total electricity generation in the country.
- **Import Reduction:** Coal imports declined by **7.9%** to **243.62 MT**.
- **State-wise Production:**
 - **Odisha** leads with **239.40 MT**.
 - Followed by Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.
- **Reserves:** Jharkhand has the highest geological reserves (**26%**), but Odisha leads in production.

- **Significance:** Historic agreement to boost bilateral investment and cooperation in the services sector
- **Impact:** Major opportunities for Indian **textiles, jewellery, and agricultural products** in the British market

BSE's 150th Year: Asia's Oldest Stock Exchange

- **Establishment:** Founded on **9 July 1875** as **The Native Share & Stock Brokers' Association** by **Premchand Roychand**.
- **Significance:** First stock exchange in Asia and the **10th oldest** in the world.
- **Feature:** First exchange in India to receive permanent recognition under the **Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956**.
- **150th Anniversary:** Celebrated in **April 2025**; Government of India issued a **₹150 commemorative coin**.
- **Technological Milestones:**
 - **Sensex** launched in 1986.
 - **BOLT** (electronic trading system) introduced in 1995.

IEPFA Unified Portal and BAANKNET - 2025

IEPFA Portal

- **Launched:** August 2025
- **Purpose:** Unified digital platform for claiming unclaimed dividends and shares
- **Key Feature:** Connects directly with depositories and **PFMS**, eliminating intermediaries

BAANKNET (Bank e-Auction Network)

- **Launched:** 3 January 2025
- **Scope:** Single integrated e-auction platform for all **12 public sector banks**
- **Authority:** Initiative by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) to increase transparency
- **Benefit:** Faster asset seizure and auction process, helping banks recover **non-performing assets (NPAs)** more effectively

PM MITRA Parks - Dhar and Amravati

Dhar (Madhya Pradesh)

- **Inaugurated:** 17 September 2025
- **Area:** 2,158 acres
- **Status:** First fully operational **PM MITRA Park** in the country

Amravati (Maharashtra)

- **Location:** Nandgaon Peth
- **Type:** Brownfield textile project on **1,020 acres**
- **Investment Target:** ₹10,000 crore
- **Employment Generation:** 3 lakh jobs

Model: Complete **5F value chain** integration (Farm → Fiber → Factory → Fashion → Foreign)

Objective: Significantly increase India's share in the global textile export market

Evolution of Indian Trading Markets - Timeline

Period	Key Events
1875-1956	Establishment of BSE (1875); Received official legal recognition under the 1956 Act.
1986-1992	Launch of SENSEX (1986); SEBI given statutory powers after the Harshad Mehta scam.
1992-1996	Establishment of NSE (1992); Nationwide electronic trading started in 1994; Nifty 50 launched in 1996.
2017-2018	India INX (first international exchange) started in GIFT City.
2023-2025	Full implementation of T+1 settlement system; BSE completed 150 years in 2025.

India-UK Free Trade Agreement (CETA) - Implementation 2025

- **Signing:** July 2025
- **Target:** To achieve **\$120 billion** in bilateral trade by 2030
- **Benefits for India:** 99% of Indian exports to UK will get **duty-free access**
- **Benefits for UK:** Tariff on Scotch whisky reduced from **150%** → initially **75%**, then further to **40%** over 10 years

Sovereign Gold Scheme (GMS) - Policy Change 2025

- **Change:** Medium and Long Term Government Deposits (**MLTGD**) discontinued from **26 March 2025**
- **History:** Launched by Prime Minister Modi on **5 November 2015**
- **Original Objective:** To bring idle household gold into the banking system for productive use
- **Background:** Replaced the earlier **Gold Deposit Scheme of 1999**

Safeguard Duty on Steel Imports

- **Implementation:** Effective from **30 December 2025**
- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Purpose:** To protect domestic steel industry
- **Sliding Scale:**
 - Year 1: **12%**
 - Year 2: **11.5%**
 - Year 3: **11%**
- **Coverage:** Specific alloy and non-alloy **flat steel** products
- **Authority:** Decision taken by the Ministry of Finance to curb cheap Chinese imports

- **Benefit:** Delivery partners and other workers will get easier access to government employment services

SECL Paste Fill Technology – First 'Green Mining' Initiative

- **Agreement:** Signed on **18 April 2025** between **SECL** and **TMC Mineral Resources**
- **Value:** ₹7,040 crore
- **Status:** First green mining project by a public sector undertaking (PSU)
- **Technology:** Use of **paste fill** to fill voids in mines
- **Significance:** Protects environment, makes coal mining safer and more sustainable

India Aviation Market Forecast 2026

- **Prediction:** According to **Boeing** report, India will be the **fastest-growing aviation market** in the world in 2026
- **Passenger Growth:** Domestic passenger traffic expected to grow at **7% per annum**
- **Fleet Expansion:** India's aircraft fleet to **quadruple** between 2026 and 2043
- **Key Drivers:** Rising middle-class population and improved airport infrastructure

Tamil Nadu GSDP Growth 2024-25

- **Growth Rate:** **16%** in 2024-25 — fastest among major states
- **Economy Size:** GSDP reached **₹31.19 lakh crore**
- **Ranking:** Second largest state economy in India (driven by manufacturing and services sectors)

Swiggy – Ministry of Labour MoU

- **Signed:** 15 April 2025
- **Parties:** Ministry of Labour and **Swiggy**
- **Objective:** Expand jobs in the **gig economy** and integrate with **NCS portal**
- **Target:** Create **12 lakh job opportunities** in the logistics sector over the next 2-3 years

Major Ports Ranking 2024-25

1. **Paradip Port** (Odisha) – **150.41 MMT** cargo handling – retained top position
2. **Deendayal Port** (Gujarat) – crossed **150 MMT** for the first time – second rank
3. **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)**, Maharashtra – third position

Global Renewable Energy Rankings 2025

- **Solar & Overall Renewable Energy:** India ranks **3rd** globally (after China and USA)
- **Wind Energy:** In 2025, India overtook Germany to regain **3rd position**
- **Total Capacity:** **258 GW** of renewable energy as of December 2025
- **Milestone:** Achieved **50% non-fossil fuel capacity target** for 2030 in **June 2025** (5 years ahead of schedule)
- **Energy Mix:**
 - Solar – **53%**
 - Wind – **21%** of total renewable capacity

Renewable Energy Milestones – Achieved Ahead of Schedule

- **Total Capacity:** India's total renewable energy capacity reached **258 GW** by December 2025.
- **Energy Mix:** Solar energy contributes **53%** and wind energy **21%** of the total renewable capacity.
- **Record Achievement:** The **2030 target** of 50% non-fossil fuel based installed capacity was achieved in **June 2025** (5 years ahead of schedule).
- **Significance:** Demonstrates India's rapid progress toward sustainable energy commitments under the **Paris Agreement**.

NITI-NCAER State Economic Forum: 'Fiscal Data Hub' Launched

- **Launch Date:** 1 April 2025
- **Inaugurated by:** Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** in New Delhi
- **Developed by:** Joint initiative of **NITI Aayog** and **NCAER**
- **Content:** Contains **30 years** of fiscal and social data for Indian states
- **Objective:** To facilitate analysis of state economic policies and promote evidence-based policymaking

East Coast Railway – New Freight Record

- **Achievement:** Became the **first railway zone** to handle **259.254 million tonnes** of freight in FY 2024–25
- **Milestone:** Crossed the **250 MT** mark on **21 March 2025** – first zone in Indian Railways to do so
- **Significance:** Historic success driven by record transportation of **coal** and **iron ore**

Meghalaya’s First Scientific Coal Mine: Saryngkham-A

- **Inauguration:** 17 March 2025 by Chief Minister **Conrad Sangma**
- **Location:** East Jaintia Hills district
- **Background:** First official mine after the 2014 ban on **rat-hole mining**
- **Feature:** Meghalaya became the first state to restart coal mining using **scientific methods** after the **NGT ban**

Key Economic MoUs & Reforms – 2025

- **DPIIT–YES Bank:** Signed on 20 March 2025 – financial support to productive startups under **Startup India** and **HeadStart** programs
- **RBI–Mauritius:** Agreement signed on 13 March 2025 – for bilateral trade settlement in **Indian Rupee (INR)** and **Mauritian Rupee (MUR)**
- **SEBI Reform:** In March 2025, minimum investment limit in **Social Stock Exchange (ZCZP)** reduced from **₹10,000 to ₹1,000**
- **Tamil Nadu Budget 2025–26:** Official budget logo used Tamil letter ‘**ரூ**’ (**Ru**) instead of the rupee symbol ₹

Mineral Exploration & International Cooperation

- **Exploration Licence (EL) Auction:** First auction of **13 blocks** including lithium, copper, and REE held on 13 March 2025 in **Goa**
- **ADB Frontier Seed:** Launched by Asian Development Bank on 13 March 2025 – **\$4 million fund** for Pacific island countries
- **Objective:** Support development of local capital markets and sustainable ocean conservation in the Pacific region

RBI Wins ‘Central Banking Digital Transformation Award 2025’

- **Awarded by:** London-based **Central Banking** magazine
- **Announcement:** 13 March 2025 – awarded for RBI’s digital initiatives

Key Projects:

- **Pravaah** portal (launched May 2024) – enables external users to file over **70 regulatory applications** online
- **Sarthi** portal (launched January 2023) – digitized internal operations for more than **13,500 employees**

Varanasi Multi-Modal Logistic Park (MMLP) – MoU 2025

- **Agreement:** Signed on 11 March 2025 between **NHLML** and **IWAI**
- **Scope:** State-of-the-art logistics park spread over **150 acres** in Varanasi
- **Integration:** Connects **National Highway-7**, **National Waterway-1 (NW-1)**, and **Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor**
- **Significance:** Aims to reduce freight costs and improve connectivity in northern India

Vizhinjam Seaport – India’s First Transshipment Hub

- **Inauguration:** Dedicated to the nation on **2 May 2025** by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in Kerala
- **Feature:** India’s first **semi-automated transshipment port**
- **Natural Depth:** **20-meter** natural draft – allows handling of mega vessels
- **Significance:** Reduces India’s dependence on foreign ports for transshipment, saving foreign exchange

India’s First ‘Road Train’ – Launched in Nagpur

- **Launch:** 15 February 2025 by Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** in Nagpur
- **Developed by:** **Volvo Trucks**
- **Operated by:** **Delhivery**
- **Length:** Total length of **25.25 meters**
- **Benefit:** Significant savings in logistics cost and fuel due to higher payload capacity per trip

India–European Union Trade and Technology Council (TTC 2025)

- **Meeting:** Second Ministerial-level meeting held in New Delhi on **28 February 2025**
- **Focus Areas:** Semiconductor supply chain, **AI ethics**, and **6G technology** development
- **Agreement:** Both sides agreed to promote global adoption of **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**

Important GI Tags – March & April 2025

Product	State	Category
Marathwada Kesar Aamba	Maharashtra	Agriculture
Varanasi Chiffon Saree	Uttar Pradesh	Handicrafts
Bastar Wooden Artifacts	Chhattisgarh	Handicrafts
Kodaikanal Malai Pundu (Garlic)	Tamil Nadu	Agriculture

- **India’s Rank:** 14th globally (score: 6.41); slight increase in impact.
- **Most Affected Country:** Burkina Faso (1st) – remained the most impacted country for the second consecutive year.
- **Neighbouring Country:** Pakistan (2nd) – significant rise in terrorist incidents due to TTP (Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan).
- **Other Highly Affected:** Syria (3rd), Mali (4th), and Niger (5th).

Social

Human Development Index (HDI) 2025 – India’s Ranking Improves

- **Report:** UNDP Human Development Report 2025 – titled “A Matter of Choice: People and Possibilities in the Age of AI”
- **India’s Rank:** 130th out of 193 countries (score: 0.685) – tied with Bangladesh
- **Category:** Remains in **Medium Human Development** group; close to **High** category (≥ 0.700)
- **Global Top:** Iceland (1st), Norway & Switzerland (joint 2nd)

India’s Key Social Indicators (HDI 2025 Details)

- **Life Expectancy:** 72 years (significant increase from 67.7 years in 2022)
- **Expected Years of Schooling:** Increased to 13 years (impact of NEP 2020)
- **GNI per capita (PPP):** \$9,047
- **Comparison:** China (78th), Sri Lanka (89th); Pakistan (168th)

HDI 2025: Top 5 and Bottom 5 Countries

Rank	Top 5 Countries (Score)	Bottom 5 Countries (Score)
1	Iceland (0.972)	South Sudan (0.388)
2	Norway (0.970)	Somalia (0.404)
3	Switzerland (0.970)	Central African Republic (0.414)
4	Denmark (0.962)	Chad (0.416)
5	Germany (0.959)	Niger (0.419)

Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2025: Key Highlights

- **Publication:** Released on 5 March 2025; 12th edition by the Sydney-based **Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)**.

THE World University Rankings 2025

- **Publisher:** Published by Times Higher Education (UK).
- **Criteria Weightage:**
 - Research Quality: 30%
 - Teaching: 29.5%
 - Research Environment: 29%
- **Global No. 1: University of Oxford (UK)** – topped the list for the 9th consecutive year.
- **Top 5 Universities:**
 1. Oxford
 2. MIT (USA)
 3. Harvard
 4. Princeton
 5. Cambridge
- **India Performance:** IISc Bengaluru is the highest-ranked Indian institution; India has 107 universities featured – fourth most represented country globally.

India Justice Report (IJR) 2025

- **Publisher:** Released by Tata Trusts.
- **Four Pillars Evaluated:** Police, Judiciary, Prisons, and Legal Aid.
- **Large States Ranking:** Karnataka (1st); followed by Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- **Small States Ranking:** Sikkim (1st); Goa ranked at the bottom.
- **Maharashtra:** Improved to 10th position among 18 large states (from 12th in 2022).
- **Key Finding:** Karnataka is the only state that has achieved reservation targets in both police and judiciary.

State-wise Comparison (Large & Medium States)

Rank	State	Score (out of 10)	Strength / Weakness
1	Karnataka	6.78	Police & Judiciary capacity
2	Andhra Pradesh	6.41	Legal Aid
10	Maharashtra	5.32	Police capacity

Rank	State	Score (out of 10)	Strength / Weakness
17	Uttar Pradesh	3.82	High judicial vacancies
18	West Bengal	3.65	Poor budget utilisation

Forbes Global Billionaires List 2025: Records & Rankings

- **Total Billionaires:** 3,028 globally (up from 2,781 in 2024).
- **Top 3:**
 1. Elon Musk – \$342 billion
 2. Mark Zuckerberg – \$216 billion
 3. Jeff Bezos – \$215 billion
- **India’s Richest:**
 - Mukesh Ambani – \$105 billion (18th globally)
 - Gautam Adani – \$92 billion (2nd in India)
- **Record for India:** 205 billionaires – highest ever; India ranks 3rd globally (after USA and China).
- **Country-wise:**
 - USA: 902
 - China: 516
 - India: 205

Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 – 2025 Report

- **Authority:** Released by Ministry of Panchayati Raj based on **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- **Reform:** Indicators reduced from 516 to 147 for better data accuracy.
- **Leading States:** Gujarat (346) and Telangana (270) have the highest number of **Front Runner Gram Panchayats**.
- **Status:** No panchayat reached the **Achiever** category (90+ points) in the first round.
- **Integration:** Real-time tracking linked with **e-Gram Swaraj** and **MAITRI** portals.

PAI 2025: Top 5 States (Front Runner GPs: 75–90 points)

Rank	State	Number of Front Runner Gram Panchayats
1	Gujarat	346
2	Telangana	270
3	Tripura	42
4	Maharashtra	8
5	Madhya Pradesh	4

QS World University Rankings 2025: 15th Edition

- **Publisher:** Published by London-based **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)**.
- **Indian Leadership:** **IIT Dhanbad (ISM)** – ranked in global **Top 50** for Mineral & Mining Engineering.
- **Key Milestones:**
 - IIT Delhi – **26th** globally in Engineering
 - IIT Bombay – **28th** globally in Engineering
- **Record:** **Anna University** achieved a perfect **100/100** score in **Papers per Faculty**.
- **Other Highlights:**
 - IIM Ahmedabad – **Top 25** in Business Studies
 - University of Delhi – **Top 100** in Social Policy

World Happiness Report 2025: ‘Caring and Sharing’

- **Publisher:** Released by Oxford University’s **Wellbeing Research Centre**.
- **India’s Rank:** **118th** out of 147 countries (improved from 126th in 2024).
- **Global No. 1:** **Finland** – happiest country for the **8th consecutive year** (score: **7.736**).
- **SAARC Comparison:** Nepal (92nd) is the happiest in SAARC; Afghanistan at the bottom.
- **Observation:** Despite improvement, **Pakistan** (109th) still ranks ahead of India.

Top 5 Happiest & Least Happy Countries 2025

Rank	Happiest Country (Score)	Least Happy Country (Score)
1	Finland (7.736)	Afghanistan (1.4)
2	Denmark (7.521)	Sierra Leone (2.5)
3	Iceland (7.515)	Lebanon (2.7)
4	Sweden (7.345)	Malawi (2.9)
5	Netherlands (7.306)	Zimbabwe (3.1)

South Asia & Neighbouring Countries – 2025 Status

Country	Global Rank (2025)	Change from 2024	Status
China	68th	↓ Decline	Regional leader
Nepal	92nd	↑ Improvement	Top in SAARC
Pakistan	109th	↓ Decline	Ahead of India

Country	Global Rank (2025)	Change from 2024	Status
India	118th	↑ Improvement	Moderate improvement
Sri Lanka	133rd	↓ Decline	Lagging
Bangladesh	134th	↓ Decline	Lagging
Afghanistan	147th	↓ Decline	Last in the world

Delhi Airport: 9th Busiest Airport Globally

- **Authority:** Data released by **Airports Council International (ACI)** for 2024.
- **Passenger Traffic:** **Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi** handled **77.8 million passengers** in 2024.
- **Ranking:** **9th** busiest airport in the world – only Indian airport in the global Top 10.
- **Global No. 1:** **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta (USA)** – 108 million passengers.
- **No. 2:** **Dubai International Airport (UAE).**

TIME 100: Most Influential People of 2025

- **Edition:** 22nd annual list published by **TIME** magazine on **16 April 2025**.
- **Age Range:** Youngest – Léon Marchand (22 years); Oldest – Muhammad Yunus (84 years).
- **Notable Absence:** For the first time, **no Indian citizen** featured in the main list of 100 most influential people.
- **Categories:** Artists, Innovators, Titans, Leaders, Icons, and Pioneers (six categories).

World's Best Hospitals 2024 (Newsweek Ranking)

- **Authority:** 6th annual edition published by **Newsweek-Statista**.
- **AIIMS Delhi:** Ranked **1st in India** and **97th globally**.
- **Private Hospital: Medanta (Gurugram)** ranked **146th globally** — the only Indian private hospital in the list.
- **Scope:** More than **2,400 hospitals** from **30 countries** evaluated through a survey of medical experts.
- **Criteria:** Ranking based on patient satisfaction, clinical standards, and expert recommendations.

WEF Young Global Leaders Class of 2025

- **Selection:** **World Economic Forum (WEF)** selected **116 young leaders** under the age of 40.
- **Indian Selectees:**

- Ritesh Agarwal (Founder, OYO)
- Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu (Union Minister)

- **Feature:** Includes entrepreneurs, public sector leaders, and social activists from **50 countries**.
- **Purpose:** To build a global network of young leaders to address complex world challenges.

Women and Men in India 2024 – 26th Edition

- **Authority:** Published by the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**.
- **LFPR (Labour Force Participation Rate):** Female LFPR (15+ years) increased to **60.1%** in 2023–24.
- **Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB):** Improved from **899** in 2014 to **913** in 2021.
- **Urban vs Rural:** For the first time, urban SRB (**906**) surpassed rural SRB (**904**).
- **Projection (2036):** India's overall sex ratio expected to improve from **943** (2011) to **952** by 2036.
- **Child Sex Ratio (0–6 years):** Stood at **935** in 2023 — supported by the **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** campaign.

Frontier Technologies Readiness Index 2025: India Ranks 36th

- **Authority:** Report published by **UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**.
- **Ranking:** India improved to **36th position** out of **170 countries** (from 48th in 2022).
- **Key Pillars:**
 - India ranks **3rd globally** in Research & Development (R&D)
 - **10th** in industrial capacity
- **Weaknesses:**
 - ICT implementation: **99th**
 - Skills development: **113th**
- **Private AI Investment:** India ranks **10th globally** with a total investment of **\$1.4 billion**.
- **Global Leaders:** United States leads with **\$67 billion** (70% of global total); Sweden tops in Europe for technological readiness.

Global AI Investment Context 2025

Rank	Country	Key Performance / Milestone
1	United States	Leads in private AI investment — \$67 billion (70% of global total)
2	China	\$7.8 billion investment; leading among developing countries
10	India	10th in private AI investment — total \$1.4 billion

Environment and Health

World Air Quality Report 2024

- **Publisher:** 7th annual edition released by Swiss organization **IQAir**.
- **India's Rank:** 5th most polluted country globally (was 3rd in 2023).
- **Pollution Level:** Annual average PM2.5 concentration: **50.6 µg/m³** (10 times higher than WHO guideline of 5 µg/m³).
- **Capital City:** New Delhi remained the **most polluted capital city** in the world for the 7th consecutive year (**91.8 µg/m³**).
- **Most Polluted City:** **Byrnihat** (on Assam–Meghalaya border) ranked **1st globally (128.2 µg/m³)**.
- **Health Impact:** Air pollution reduces average life expectancy of Indians by **5.2 years**.

Top 5 Most Polluted Countries (2024)

Rank	Country	PM2.5 Level (µg/m³)	Compared to WHO Limit
1	Chad	91.8	18 times
2	Bangladesh	78.0	15 times
3	Pakistan	73.7	14 times
4	DR Congo	58.2	11 times
5	India	50.6	10 times

Top 5 Most Polluted Cities in India (2024)

Rank	City (State)	PM2.5 Level (µg/m³)	Global Rank
1	Byrnihat (Meghalaya)	128.2	1st
2	New Delhi (Delhi)	108.3	2nd
3	Mullanpur (Punjab)	102.3	4th
4	Faridabad (Haryana)	101.2	6th
5	Loni (Uttar Pradesh)	91.7	9th

Clean Air Countries (The Clean Seven)

- **Standard:** Only **7 countries** met WHO safe air quality guideline levels.
- **Countries:** Australia, Estonia, Iceland, New Zealand, Grenada, Barbados, and Bahamas.
- **Cleanest City:** **Zurich (Switzerland)** – cleanest city in the world (**0.49 µg/m³**).

Other Important Environment Facts

- **NCAP Target:** India's **National Clean Air Programme** aims to reduce pollution by **40%** in **131 cities** by 2026.
- **AQLI Report:** Residents of Delhi-NCR lose an average of **8.2 years** of life expectancy due to pollution.
- **Mortality:** Approximately **1.5 million deaths** in India every year are directly linked to PM2.5 pollution.

Similipal: Odisha's Second National Park

- **Declaration:** Odisha government declared **Similipal Tiger Reserve** as a **National Park**.
- **Location:** Mayurbhanj district, Odisha – became India's **107th National Park**.
- **Feature:** World's largest natural habitat of **melanistic (black) tigers**.
- **Biodiversity:** Hosts about **40%** of Odisha's Bengal tiger population.
- **Status in Odisha:** Second National Park in the state after **Bhitarkanika**.

Madhav Tiger Reserve: India's 58th Tiger Reserve

- **Declaration:** Officially notified by the Central Government on **9 March 2025**.
- **Location:** Shivpuri district, Madhya Pradesh – 9th tiger reserve in the state.
- **History:** Area was a National Park since 1958; named after Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia.
- **Area:** **354 sq km**; currently has **5 tigers**.
- **Record:** Madhya Pradesh leads with the **highest number of tiger reserves (9)** and **highest tiger population (785)** in India.

Loss and Damage Fund (LDF) – Climate Change

- **Decision:** Agreed at **COP27** (Egypt); operationalized at **COP28** (Dubai).
- **Purpose:** Provide financial assistance to developing countries severely affected by climate change impacts.
- **Management:** Managed by **UNFCCC**; World Bank serves as interim trustee for the first 4 years.
- **Beneficiaries:** Least Developed Countries (**LDCs**) and small island nations vulnerable to climate disasters.
- **Pledge:** Total commitments of **\$750 million**; **Denmark** became the first official contributor.

Tiger Conservation: Key Figures & Facts

- **Project Tiger:** Launched on **1 April 1973**; tiger population reached **3,682** in 2023.
- **Largest Reserve: Jim Corbett** (Uttarakhand) – highest tiger count (**260**).
- **Recent Tiger Reserves:**
 - 56th: Guru Ghasidas (Chhattisgarh)
 - 57th: Ratapani (Madhya Pradesh)
- **National Park Facts:**
 - First: Jim Corbett
 - Largest: Hemis (Ladakh)
 - Smallest: South Button (Andaman)
- **Assam Progress:** Raimona (105th) and Dehing Patkai (106th) declared in 2021.

- **Cheetah Project:** Plans to introduce cheetahs in **Gandhisagar (MP)** and **Banni Grassland (Gujarat)**.
- **GIB Conservation:** New action plan launched for critically endangered **Great Indian Bustard (GIB)**.

Project Dolphin: First River Dolphin Census 2025

- **Report:** First official population estimate of river dolphins released on **3 March 2025**.
- **Population:** Total **6,324** river dolphins (plus **3 Indus river dolphins**) found across **28 rivers** in India.
- **State-wise Distribution:**
 - Highest in **Uttar Pradesh (2,397)**
 - Followed by **Bihar (2,220)** and **West Bengal (815)**
- **Implementation:** Survey conducted by **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)** across 8 states.

Ganga River Dolphin: Key Facts

- **Local Name:** Known as **“Susu”** in local languages.
- **Feature:** Completely blind; uses **echolocation** for hunting.
- **Conservation Status:**
 - IUCN Red List: **Endangered**
 - Included in **Schedule I** of Wildlife Protection Act
- **National Status:** Declared India’s **National Aquatic Animal** in 2009.
- **Indus River Dolphin:** State aquatic animal of **Punjab**.

Recent Tiger Reserves Timeline

Sr. No.	Tiger Reserve Name	State	Year
54th	Veerangana Durgavati	Madhya Pradesh	2023
55th	Dholpur-Karauli	Rajasthan	2023
56th	Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla	Chhattisgarh	2024
57th	Ratapani	Madhya Pradesh	2024
58th	Madhav Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh	2025

National Board for Wildlife (NBWL): 7th Meeting 2025

- **Meeting:** Held on **3 March 2025** (World Wildlife Day) at **Gir National Park**, Gujarat.
- **Chairperson:** Prime Minister of India
- **Vice-Chairperson:** Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- **Institutional Fact:** Apex advisory body established under **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** (Section 5A).
- **History:** Constituted in 2003; first meeting chaired by then PM **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- **Role:** Formulates policies for wildlife conservation and approves development projects in protected areas.

Key Decisions from 7th Meeting

- **National Wildlife Referral Centre:** Established in Junagadh (Gujarat) for wildlife health and disease management.
- **Lion Census:** 16th Lion Census announced for **2025** (conducted every 5 years; last in 2020).
- **Human-Wildlife Conflict Centres:** Centres of Excellence (CoE) announced at **Coimbatore (SACON)** and **Dehradun (WII)**.

Cali Fund: Biodiversity Conservation Fund

- **Establishment:** Decided on **25 February 2025** during the CBD-COP16 meeting held in Rome, Italy.
- **Objective:** To ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of **Digital Sequence Information (DSI)**.
- **Financial Target:** Mobilize **\$200 billion annually** for biodiversity conservation by 2030.
- **Source of Funds:** Contributions from private companies that commercially utilize genetic resources.

Sugarcane Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) Increase 2025–26

- **Approval:** Approved by the Central Government on **30 April 2025**.
- **Increase:** ₹150 per tonne hike; new FRP fixed at **₹3,550 per tonne**.
- **Basis:** Linked to **10.25% sugar recovery rate**.

- **Adjustment Rule:** For every 0.1% increase in recovery → additional ₹34.46 per tonne; corresponding reduction if recovery decreases.

New Conservation Areas and Discoveries in Maharashtra (Environment Maharashtra)

- **DPS Flamingo Lake:** Declared a **Conservation Reserve** on **17 April 2025** by Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis**.
- **Significance:** First waterbird conservation area connected to the **Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary**.
- **New Spider Species:** Discovery of a new jumping spider species **Habrocestum chittaldarensis** in forests of Amravati district.
- **First Reserve in Maharashtra:** **Bor** (Nashik) was the first conservation reserve declared in 2008.

Cheetah & Tiger Project Updates 2025

- **Kuno National Park:** 5 new cubs born on **27 April 2025**; total tiger population in Kuno now **29**.
- **Gandhisagar Sanctuary (MP):** Successful translocation of two cheetahs on **20 April 2025**; total cheetahs in India now **31**.
- **Future Plan:** 4 more cheetahs expected from Africa by the end of 2025; plans to release cheetahs in **Banni Grassland**, Gujarat.
- **Project Steering Committee:** Special committee established by **NTCA** in 2023 for cheetah monitoring and oversight.

Surat Emission Trading Scheme (Surat ETS)

- **Feature:** World's first emissions trading market for **Particulate Matter (PM)**.
- **Launch:** Started on pilot basis in **Surat, Gujarat** in 2019.
- **Mechanism:** Industries buy and sell emission permits; those emitting below the limit receive financial benefits.
- **Outcome:** Recorded **20–30% reduction** in air pollution levels in Surat.

Other Important Environment Facts

- **Uturruncu Volcano:** Scientists confirmed this Bolivian "zombie volcano" is dormant on the surface but active underground.
- **DSI:** Companies using genetic data for medicines and seeds are now required to contribute to the **Cali Fund**.

ISR "Surya" Turmeric & BatEchoMon System (Agriculture & Technology)

- **ISR Surya:** New light-colored turmeric variety developed by **IISR** (Kerala) suitable for modern processing.
- **BatEchoMon:** India's first real-time monitoring system based on bat **echolocation calls**, developed by **IIT Bombay** and **IIT Gandhinagar**.
- **Purpose:** Use of technology for biodiversity assessment and environmental studies.

Global Volcanic Eruptions 2025

- **Lewotobi Laki-Laki:** Eruption on **21 March 2025** on Flores Island, Indonesia – part of the **Pacific Ring of Fire**.
- **Poás Volcano:** Sudden eruption recorded on **21 April 2025** in Costa Rica.
- **Mount Spurr:** Increased activity due to earthquakes; 11,000 ft high volcano in Alaska, USA.
- **Mount Kanlaon:** Eruption in **April 2025** on Negros Island, Philippines (highest peak).

Southwest Monsoon Forecast 2025 (IMD)

- **Forecast Date:** First monsoon forecast issued by **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** on **15 April 2025**.
- **Rainfall Prediction:** **105% of Long Period Average (LPA)** – above normal rainfall expected.
- **LPA (1971–2020):** **87 cm (870 mm)** – India's long-term average rainfall.
- **Factors Considered:** Pacific Ocean temperatures, **Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)**, and Himalayan snow cover.

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Sanctuary & Pollution Categorization

- **New Sanctuary:** Declared on **14 April 2025** (134th birth anniversary) in Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh – area **258.64 sq km**.
- **Pollution Categories (CPCB):** Industries classified into 4 groups based on **Pollution Index (PI)**:
 - **Red:** $PI \geq 80$
 - **Orange:** 55 to 80
 - **Green:** 25 to 55
 - **White:** $PI < 25$

India's First Climate Change Research Centre

- **Inauguration:** 8 April 2025; inaugurated by Union Minister **Jitendra Singh** in Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir.

- **Name:** Himalayan High Altitude Atmospheric and Climate Research Centre.
- **Institution:** Operates under **Central University of Jammu**; focuses on Himalayan environmental studies.

- **Milestone:** India surpassed Sri Lanka; this is the highest export volume in the last 10 years.
- **Digital Crop Survey (DCS):** Ministry of Agriculture launched a mobile interface to collect real-time data directly from farmers' fields.
- **Objective:** Improve crop planning and better implementation of farmer welfare schemes.

New Biodiversity Discoveries & Science

- **New Snail Species:** *Theobaldius konkanensis* discovered in the Konkan region of Maharashtra.
- **Dire Wolf:** Colossal Biosciences (USA) attempting to revive the extinct dire wolf using genetic technology.

Climate Conference Proposal & Forest Encroachment Report

- **Proposal:** Brazil proposed establishment of a **Climate Change Council** before **COP30** (November 2025).
- **Objective:** Strengthen global climate governance and ensure effective implementation of COP decisions.
- **Forest Encroachment:** According to MoEFCC report, **13,056 sq km** of forest land is under encroachment in India.
- **Highest Encroachment:** Madhya Pradesh (**5,460.9 sq km**) and Assam (**3,620.9 sq km**).

Uttar Pradesh Initiatives: Agrovoltaic & Textile Machine Park

- **Agrovoltaic:** Uttar Pradesh became the **first state** in India to approve an agrovoltaic project.
- **Feature:** Simultaneous solar energy generation and agriculture on the same land.
- **Textile Machine Park:** Country's first textile machinery park to be set up on **875 acres** in Kanpur Dehat.
- **Model:** Based on **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)**; aims to reduce machinery imports.

Punjab Leopard Safari & New Discovery in Odisha

- **Leopard Safari:** Punjab Government (Budget 2025-26) announced the state's **first leopard safari** in a wildlife sanctuary.
- **New Species:** Discovery of a new isopod species **Lobobatrachus bharat** on the Odisha coastline.
- **Feature:** Discovered by Berhampur University and **ZSI**; size less than **3 cm**.

Global Tea Export and Digital Crop Survey (Agriculture & Economy)

- **Tea Export:** In 2024, India exported **255 million kg** of tea, making it the **second largest tea exporter** in the world.

Hingoli Turmeric Research Centre and Blue Flag Beach (Maharashtra & AP)

- **Turmeric Research Centre:** **Balasaheb Thackeray Haridra (Turmeric) Research and Training Centre** operational in Hingoli, Maharashtra.
- **Funding:** State government approved **₹7.84 crore**; it is an autonomous institution.
- **Blue Flag Certification:** **Rushikonda Beach**, Visakhapatnam, has once again received the **Blue Flag** certification.
- **Standard:** Awarded by Denmark-based **FEE** organization based on environmental management and cleanliness criteria.

Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) - Tamil Nadu (Conservation)

- **Declaration:** **Kasampatti** in Dindigul district declared as a new **Biodiversity Heritage Site**.
- **Feature:** Area preserved by local community; known for rich biodiversity.
- **First Site in Tamil Nadu:** **Arittapatti** (declared in 2022) was the first Biodiversity Heritage Site in the state.

India: World's Largest Milk Producer (Dairy Sector)

- **Production:** **239 million metric tonnes (MMT)**; target of **300 MMT** in the next 5 years.
- **Employment:** Provides livelihood to **10 crore people**, of which **75% are women**.
- **Per Capita Availability:** **471 grams per day** in India.
- **National Gokul Mission:** Launched in 2014 for development of indigenous breeds and increasing productivity.

Afforestation and Tree Plantation Report

- **Area Covered:** **1.73 lakh hectares** of non-forest land brought under tree plantation between 2014 and 2024.
- **Leading State:** **Madhya Pradesh** tops with **14,157 hectares**.

- **Authority:** Data released by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on **24 March 2025**.

Himachal Pradesh: Country's First 'Green Energy' Project (Green Hydrogen)

- **Project:** MoU signed for the country's first integrated **Green Hydrogen** and **2G Ethanol** facility in Solan district.
- **Target:** Make Himachal Pradesh India's **first green-energy state** by March 2026.
- **Employment Generation:** Approximately **1,000 direct jobs** expected from the project.

Wildlife Conservation and New Species Discoveries

- **Vantara:** World's largest animal rescue and rehabilitation centre developed by Reliance in **Jamnagar, Gujarat** (3,500 acres).
- **Gharial State:** After releasing 10 gharials in Chambal River, Madhya Pradesh earned the title of '**Gharial State**'.
- **New Species Discoveries:**
 - Fish: **Oryza tamilicum** discovered in Shenkottai Gap, Tamil Nadu.
 - Frog: **Minervarya ghatsborealis** (cricket frog) found in Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra.
- **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (UP):** Plan to create a new **54 sq km** sanctuary for rhinos.

Environment and Disasters 2025

- **Earth Hour:** Observed on **22 March 2025** under the theme "**Give an Hour for Earth**"; lights switched off globally from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm.
- **Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ):** Supreme Court directed tree census in the **10,400 sq km** area.
- **Volcanoes:** Guatemala's **Fuego** and Ethiopia's **Mount Fentale** became active.
- **Cyclones:** Cyclone **Alfred** hit Australia; Cyclone **Gerard** impacted La Réunion (France).

Other Important Points (Quick Facts)

- **Amrit Biodiversity Park:** Inaugurated on **7 March 2025** in Delhi under Yamuna floodplain revival project.
- **'Payodhi' Human Milk Bank:** Launched at **AIIMS Delhi** – country's most comprehensive milk banking facility for premature babies.
- **Chirang-Ripu (Assam):** Declared Assam's **8th National Park** (Sikhna Jawalav).
- **Onion Export:** **20% export duty** on onions completely removed effective **1 April 2025**.

I4C and PMLA Implementation (Cyber Security)

- **Notification:** Issued on **25 April 2025**; Central Government notified **I4C** under Section 66 of PMLA.
- **Objective:** Enhance information exchange and coordination to prevent money laundering linked to cybercrimes.
- **Authority:** Established by Ministry of Home Affairs; officially inaugurated in New Delhi in **January 2020**.
- **Cyber Digidhan Kavach:** Portal launched in **October 2023** to protect citizens from online fraud.

Type 5 Diabetes: New Classification

- **Recognition:** Officially declared as a separate type by **International Diabetes Federation (IDF)** on **7 April 2025**.
- **Cause:** Not due to obesity, but severe **malnutrition**.
- **Prevalence:** Mainly found among malnourished youth in low- and middle-income countries.
- **Comparison:**
 - Type 1: Insulin deficiency (autoimmune)
 - Type 2: Insulin resistance (lifestyle-related)
 - Type 5: Insulin deficiency (due to malnutrition)

National Green Hydrogen Mission and Hydrogen Vehicles

- **Pilot Projects:** Central Government approved **5 projects** for trial of **37 hydrogen buses and trucks**.
- **Testing:** Tata Motors started trials of **H2-ICE** and **H2-FCEV** technology in Delhi on **4 March 2025**.
- **Mission Targets:** Produce **5 million metric tonnes** by 2030 and create **6 lakh jobs**.
- **Ministry:** Implemented under **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**.

ZooWIN Portal and Health Initiatives (Health Tech)

- **ZooWIN:** Digital network providing real-time availability of **Anti-Snake Venom (ASV)** and **Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV)**.
- **NAPSE:** National Action Plan for Snakebite Envenoming launched in 2024 to control incidents and reduce mortality.
- **Pilot Implementation:** Trial of health-tech platforms running in Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, and Assam.

Marburg Virus and Biocomputer (Global Science)

- **Marburg Virus:** Tanzania officially declared the end of **Marburg Virus Disease (MVD)** outbreak on **13 March 2025**.
- **Biocomputer (CL-1):** Developed by Australian company; uses living brain cells (**neurons**) combined with silicon chips.
- **Sarvam AI:** Selected under India AI Mission for developing **Sovereign LLM** by Bengaluru-based startup **Sarvam**.

World's First Commercial Biocomputer: CL-1

- **Developer:** Australian biotech company **Cortical Labs**.
- **Technology:** Runs on living human brain cells (**neurons**) integrated with silicon chips.
- **Intelligence:** Called **Synthetic Biological Intelligence (SBI)** and **Biological Intelligence OS**.
- **Feature:** First commercial system to use biological cells for computational tasks.
- **Significance:** Capable of human-like learning with extremely low energy consumption compared to traditional AI.

India's First Indigenous HPV Test Kit

- **Launch:** Unveiled on **23 April 2025** for screening of **cervical cancer**.
- **Development:** Developed under **DBT** and **Grand Challenges India (GCI)** programme.
- **Implementation:** Carried out by **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)**.

Sarvam AI: Selected for India's Sovereign LLM

- **Selection:** Bengaluru-based startup **Sarvam AI** selected under **India AI Mission**.
- **Facility:** Central government will provide **4,096 NVIDIA H100 high-end GPUs** for 6 months.
- **Objective:** Main goal is to develop India's own sovereign **Large Language Model (LLM)**.

Direct-to-Mobile (D2M) Technology

- **Concept:** Modern technology that enables **direct video and data broadcasting** to mobile phones without internet.
- **Collaboration:** Development underway in coordination with **IIT Kanpur** and global & Indian partners.
- **Benefit:** Educational and emergency information can be directly accessed on mobiles even in areas without network coverage.

'Sachet' App and 'Akshavi' Digital Vault (Disaster Management)

- **Sachet App:** Launched by **NDMA** to provide **early warnings** for floods, cyclones, and earthquakes.
- **Akshavi: E-digital vault** developed by **SEEDS India** for self-reporting of post-disaster damages.

India's First Human Gene Therapy Trial

- **Start Date:** First human trial for **Haemophilia** treatment began on **24 April 2025**.
- **Institutions:** Joint initiative by **BRIC-inStem** (Bengaluru) and **CMC Vellore**.
- **Haemophilia:** Genetic blood disorder where blood does not clot properly.

Uganda: Sudan Ebola Virus Outbreak Declared Over

- **Declaration:** Uganda officially declared the end of **Sudan Ebola** outbreak on **26 April 2025**.
- **Duration:** Outbreak was declared on **30 January 2025** (6th occurrence).
- **Criteria:** Declaration made as per **WHO** guidelines – no new cases reported during the stipulated period.

World's Largest Adrenal Tumour Surgery

- **Record:** Performed on **26 April 2025** at **Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi**.
- **Patient:** 36-year-old woman; tumour measuring **18.2 × 13.5 cm** removed.
- **Technology:** Complex surgery conducted using advanced **robotic surgery** technique.
- **Location:** Tumour developed near the **adrenal gland** close to the kidney.

Discovery of Electrogenic Bacterium: Electrothrix yaqonensis

- **Discovery:** American scientists discovered a new **electrogenic** (electricity-conducting) bacterial species.
- **Name:** Named **Electrothrix yaqonensis** after local **Yaqona** people of Oregon.
- **Feature:** Bacteria naturally capable of generating and conducting electricity.
- **Application:** Potential future use in **bio-energy** generation and environmental cleanup processes.

Supercomputing, AI and Chip Technology

- **Telangana AI Cluster:** On **18 April 2025**, plan announced to build India's most powerful data centre in Hyderabad with **25,000 GPUs** at investment of **₹10,500 crore**.
- **Aryanwood AI Chip:** Google-supported **Alphacode** launched 7th generation advanced **AI inference chip** on **9 April 2025**.
- **Gemma 3:** Google launched lightweight **open AI model** for efficient AI processing on phones and laptops.
- **AI Kosha:** Launched on **6 March 2025** by Ashwini Vaishnav – platform with **300+ datasets** and **80+ models**.
- **Pratibimb:** Geo-mapping tool developed by **I4C**; successfully identified **6,046 cybercriminals**.

- **Organ-On-Chip:** **IISc Bengaluru** developed chip that mimics functioning of human organs; reduces need for animal testing.
- **BioSaarthi:** Launched on **21 March 2025** – new initiative to support Indian biotech startups globally.
- **DNA Repository:** India's first repository for preserving wildlife samples from cold regions established in **Darjeeling** (2,150 m altitude).

Quantum Technology and Communication

- **QpiAI-Indus:** Launched on **14 April 2025** – India's most powerful quantum computer with **25 superconducting qubits**.
- **Q-Shield:** Developed by **IIT Madras (QNu Labs)** – world's first quantum security platform for cloud and hybrid environments.
- **6-Qubit Computer:** Final stage completed by **TIFR** for India's first indigenous quantum computer.
- **QKD Trial:** Successful secure communication test using **4-core fibre** by **C-DOT** and **Sterlite Tech**.
- **Ocelot Chip:** Amazon launched its first quantum computing chip with **9 qubits** on **27 February 2025**.

Important Digital Initiatives and Discoveries

- **Kavach 5.0:** Launched on **11 April 2025** – Indian Railways' advanced **automatic train protection** system based on RFID and optical fibre.
- **3D-Printed Station:** World's first **3D-printed railway station** built in just **6 hours** in Arida city, Japan.
- **Gyan Dhara (Metaverse):** **IIT Guwahati** developed India's first indigenous **VR-based metaverse platform** for school education.
- **Digi Kerala:** Kerala became India's first state to achieve **100% digital literacy** (training provided to 21 lakh people).
- **Supersolid Light:** Italian researchers transformed light into **supersolid state** – exhibiting properties of both solid crystal and liquid flow.

Defence

Energy and Environment Technology

- **Amaravati Solar City:** Andhra Pradesh's target to become world's first sustainable **Solar City** with **2,700 MW** green energy (solar, wind, hydro).
- **LOX-Methane Engine:** Developed by **ISRO** – next-gen launch vehicle engine using methane fuel produced from waste.
- **10G Broadband:** China launched world's first **10-gigabit network** based on **Passive Optical Network (PON)** technology.
- **Plastic Ice VII:** Scientists discovered new form of water – solid crystalline yet capable of **plastic flow**.

Pahalgam Terror Attack 2025

- **Date:** **22 April 2025**; the attack took place in **Baisaran Valley**, Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir.
- **Casualties:** Targeted Hindu tourists; total **26 civilians** killed.
- **Claim of Responsibility:** Claimed by **The Resistance Front (TRF)**, a proxy outfit of **Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)**.

Operation Sindoor – May 2025

- **Date:** Carried out by India on **6 May 2025**.
- **Target:** Terrorist launch pads and camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).
- **Reason:** Retaliation for the cowardly Pahalgam terror attack (22 April 2025) in which **26 civilians** were killed.
- **Scale:** India destroyed a total of **9 launch pads** and **24 terrorist camps** (belonging to LeT and JeM).
- **Weapons Used:** French-origin **HAMMER bombs** (70 km range) and **SCALP missiles** (300 km range).

Health and Biotechnology

- **Indigenous MRI:** India's first indigenous **1.5 Tesla MRI machine** ready for trials at **AIIMS Delhi**.

- **Message:** India once again demonstrated its **zero-tolerance** policy towards terrorism on the global stage.

S-400 'Sudarshan Chakra' Air Defence System

- **Introduction:** India procured this most advanced air defence system from Russia in 2018.
- **Capabilities:**
 - Maximum range: **400 km**
 - Can simultaneously engage **36 targets** and neutralize up to **80 targets**.
- **Limitation:** Cannot accurately target aircraft flying below **30,000 feet** at long range.
- **Detection & Interception:**
 - Detection range: **600 km**
 - Can intercept missiles travelling at **4.8 km/second**.

Pakistan's Decision to Withdraw from Simla Agreement (1972)

- **Action:** After India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty, Pakistan announced its withdrawal from the **Simla Agreement**.
- **Historical Context:** Signed on **2 July 1972** between **Indira Gandhi** and **Zulfikar Ali Bhutto**.
- **Background:** Signed after the 1971 war when more than **90,000 Pakistani soldiers** surrendered.

Successful MR-SAM Missile Test from INS Surat

- **Date:** Successful test conducted on **24 April 2025** from Indian Navy's **INS Surat**.
- **Missile:** **Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MR-SAM)**.
- **Capabilities:**
 - Range: Approximately **70 km**
 - Capable of intercepting aircraft, drones (UAVs), and cruise missiles.
- **Development:** Jointly developed by **DRDO** (India) and **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)**.
- **Production:** Manufactured in India by **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)**.
- **Significance:** Significantly enhances the Indian Navy's air defence capability.

Surrender in 1971 War - Historical Fact

- **Record:** Considered the **largest public surrender** in modern military history.
- **Details:** Over **90,000 Pakistani soldiers** laid down arms before Indian Army's **Lt Gen Jagjit Singh Aurora**.

Global Arms Imports: India Ranks 2nd (SIPRI 2020-24)

- **Ranking:** India is the **second largest arms importer** globally (share: **8.3%**).
- **First Place:** Ukraine (**8.8%**) due to Russia-Ukraine war.
- **India's Suppliers:**
 - Russia: **36%**
 - France: **33%**
 - Israel: **13%**
- **Trend:** India reduced dependence on Russia and increased procurement from France and Israel.
- **Comparison:** Pakistan ranks **5th** with **4.6%** share.

Global Military Expenditure 2024: India Ranks 5th

- **India's Spending:** **\$86.1 billion** - 5th position globally.
- **Change:** Dropped from 4th in 2023 to 5th in 2024.
- **Global Total:** Increased by **9.4%** to **\$2,718 billion**.

Top 3 Countries:

1. United States: **\$997 billion**
 2. China: **\$314 billion**
 3. Russia: **\$149 billion**
- **Europe Trend:** Defence budgets rose by **17%** due to Russia-Ukraine war.

Top 5 - Arms Exporters & Military Spenders (2024)

Rank	Top Arms Exporter (Share)	Military Spending (USD bn)	Global Share
1	United States (43%)	997 (USA)	37%
2	France (9.6%)	314 (China)	12% (China)
3	Russia (7.8%)	149 (Russia)	5.5% (Russia)
4	China (5.9%)	88.5 (Germany)	3.3% (Germany)
5	Germany (5.6%)	86.1 (India)	3.2% (India)

Key Trends:

- US dominance strengthened with **43%** share in arms exports.
- Russia's export share declined sharply.
- Record annual increase (**9.4%**) in global military spending.

'Scramjet' Technology Test – India (DRDO)

- **Success:** On **25 April 2025**, successful test of **Active Cooled Scramjet Combustor** for over **1,000 seconds**.
- **Speed:** Enables **hypersonic** (Mach 5+) speeds (> **6,100 km/h**).
- **Feature:** Uses atmospheric oxygen for combustion (no need for onboard oxidizer).
- **Significance:** Places India in the elite club of hypersonic-capable nations (USA, Russia, China).
- **Applications:** Hypersonic cruise missiles and future space launch vehicles (SLV).

Operation Sankalp – Chhattisgarh (Anti-Maoist)

- **Date:** Launched on **7 May 2025** along Chhattisgarh–Telangana border.
- **Scale:** India's largest anti-Naxal operation; covered **~800 sq km** forest area with **24,000 security personnel**.
- **Target:** To neutralize the armed wing of CPI (Maoist) – **People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA)**.

Fighter Aircraft Emergency Landing Trial on Ganga Expressway (Uttar Pradesh)

- **Event:** Successful trial on **2 May 2025** near Shahjahanpur, UP.
- **Aircraft:** **Rafale, Jaguar, and Su-30 MKI** landed on the **3.5 km** stretch.
- **Note:** First expressway in India prepared for **24x7 fighter aircraft operations**.
- **Location:** Section connected to **Jalalabad airstrip**.

Baglihar Dam & Indus Waters Treaty Developments

- **Baglihar Dam (J&K):** On **4 May 2025**, India completely stopped water flow from Chenab River to Pakistan.
- **Legal Position:** Under Indus Waters Treaty, India has full rights for power generation and flow regulation.
- **Other Missile Tests:**
 - **Abdaali** (Pakistan): 450 km range ballistic missile test.
 - **Ghasem Basir** (Iran): Announced medium-range ballistic missile (**MRBM**) with **1,200 km** range.

First Woman 'Dog Handler' in Indian Army

- **Name:** Rifleman **Shrilakshmi P. D.**

- **Appointment:** First woman soldier appointed as **Dog Handler** in the Indian Army.
- **Certification:** Successfully completed specialized training and received certificate on **27 April 2025**.
- **Significance:** Highlights increasing participation of women in technical and specialized roles in the armed forces.

India's Laser Weapon (DEW) Test and 3D-Printed Bunker (Advanced Defense Tech)

- **DEW Mk-II(A):** Successful test conducted on **12 April 2025** in Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh) of a **30 kilowatt** Laser-Directed Energy Weapon.
- **Capability:** Capable of instantly destroying enemy drones and **swarm drones** at a range of **3.5 km**.
- **3D-Printed Bunker:** Indian Army and **IIT Hyderabad** constructed the world's highest 3D-printed military bunker at **11,000 feet** in Ladakh.
- **Technology:** Built with assistance from startup **SimplifyForge** — enables rapid construction of defensive infrastructure in remote and difficult terrain.

Defense Production Target and New Aircraft (Defense Production & Aircraft)

- **Target 2029:** India has set a goal of achieving **₹3 lakh crore** in defense production by 2029.
- **SARAS Mk-2:** Indigenous civilian transport aircraft developed by **CSIR-NAL**; planned to be ready by **December 2027**.
- **F-47 Fighter:** Announced by Donald Trump — Boeing's **6th-generation** fighter aircraft.
- **Glide Bomb:** DRDO successfully tested a **1,000 kg** long-range glide bomb from Su-30MKI.

Major Military Exercises and Operations

- **Exercise 'Aakraman':** Major air exercise in **April 2025** at Ambala and Hashimara using Rafale aircraft.
- **Operation All Out:** Launched by Mumbai Police on **26 April 2025** — extensive crackdown and verification drive against illegal immigrants.
- **Operation Tikka:** On **23 April 2025**, Indian Army neutralized **2 terrorists** in Baramulla (LoC).
- **Samudra Pradakshina:** First all-women naval expedition started from Mumbai on **7 April 2025**.
- **Exercise 'Sarvashakti':** Held in **April 2025** in Gangtok (Sikkim) — tri-services coordinated demonstration of **Network-Centric** and **Multi-Domain Operations (MDO)**.

International Defense Developments

- **China's Hydrogen Bomb:** China developed a non-nuclear hydrogen bomb based purely on chemical reaction (temperature **1,000°C**).
- **MNDF Huravee:** Maldives vessel refurbished in Mumbai under **MAHASAGAR** (Ocean) vision cooperation.
- **BrahMos Update:** World's fastest supersonic missile (Mach 2.8); export deal to Philippines completed.
- **9K33 Osa-AKM:** Indian Army tested this Russian-origin low-altitude air defense missile on **30 March 2025**.

Exercise Sarvashakti

- **Organizer:** Conducted by Indian Army in **April 2025** at Gangtok, Sikkim.
- **Format:** Tri-services coordination with demonstration of **Multi-Domain Operations (MDO)**.
- **Focus:** Special emphasis on human-machine interface and network-centric warfare.

Rafale Fighter Aircraft Procurement

- **Approval:** Cleared by Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on **9 April 2025**.
- **Details:** Procurement of **26 Rafale-M (Marine)** aircraft for the Navy at a cost of **₹63,000 crore**.
- **Configuration:** Includes **22 single-seater** and **4 twin-seater** trainer variants.

Naval Exercise (PASSEX)

- **Participation:** Indian warship **INS Tarkash** participated on **4 April 2025**.
- **Partner:** New Zealand warship **HMNZS Te Kaha** — exercise conducted in Andaman Sea.

Hansa-3 NG Aircraft

- **Development:** Indigenous trainer aircraft developed by **National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)**.
- **Purpose:** Advanced version in the Hansa series (since 1998) to achieve self-reliance in pilot training.

IOS SAGAR Mission

- **Flag-off:** Flagged off by Rajnath Singh on **5 May 2025**.
- **Participation:** **INS Sunayna** along with **44 African military personnel**.
- **Linkage:** Connected to the **₹20,000 crore Project MAHASAGAR** infrastructure initiative.

INS Varsha

- **Location:** Under construction at Ramballi, **50 km** south of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Feature:** Secret base for nuclear-powered submarines; expected to be operational by **2026**.

- **Geography:** Situated at the confluence of Sharda and Varaha rivers.

Astra Missile Test

- **Test Date:** Successfully test-fired on **12 March 2025** from **LCA AF Mk-1** at Chandipur, Odisha.
- **Capability:** DRDO-developed **Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM)** with range exceeding **100 km**.

China's Powerful Radar (Chinese LPAR Radar)

- **Location:** Deployed in Yunnan province on China-Myanmar border.
- **Capability:** **Large Phased Array Radar (LPAR)** with detection range over **5,000 km** — capable of monitoring India and Australia.

T-72 Tank Engine Procurement

- **Deal:** Approved on **7 March 2025** — procurement of engines for **1,000 tanks** from Russia.
- **Value:** Contract worth **\$24.80 million** signed with **Rosoboronexport**.

Ban on Awami Action Committee

- **Announcement:** Central Government imposed a **5-year ban** on the organization led by **Mirwaiz Umar Farooq**.
- **Reason:** Involvement in anti-national activities in Jammu & Kashmir.

National Security Council

- **Milestone:** Completed **60 years** of establishment on **4 March 2025**.
- **Role:** Apex body established in 1966 to advise the government on security and strategic affairs.

INS Imphal

- **Visit:** Visited Port Louis, Mauritius on **12 March 2025** on the occasion of Mauritius' **57th National Day**.
- **Type:** Project 15B destroyer-class warship.
- **Built by:** Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai; commissioned in **December 2023**.

Cluster Munitions Convention

- **Decision:** Lithuania withdrew from the global treaty banning cluster bombs.
- **Treaty:** Adopted on **30 May 2008**; entered into force on **1 August 2010**.
- **Members:** **112 countries** are parties; India, USA, Russia, China, and Israel are **non-signatories**.

Gandiv Missile (ASTRA Mk-III)

- **Recognition:** DRDO-developed most advanced **air-to-air** missile in India.
- **Range:** **340 km** at high altitude and **190 km** at low altitude.

BM-04 Missile

- **Unveiling:** DRDO unveiled hypersonic (**Mach 5+**) ballistic missile at **Vigyan Vaibhav 2025** in Hyderabad.
- **Details:** Length **10.2 meters**, weight **11,500 kg** — belongs to the **Agni-1** family.

Tejas Oxygen Generation System Test

- **Test Date:** Conducted on **4 March 2025** on the **Tejas Mk-1A** aircraft at high altitude.
- **Technology:** Indigenous **Onboard Oxygen Generation System (OBOGS / ILSS)** developed jointly by **HAL** and **DRDO**.

Neuve-Chapelle Memorial

- **Location:** France.
- **Purpose:** Memorial built to honour the sacrifice of Indian soldiers during **World War I** (specifically the Battle of Neuve-Chapelle in 1915).

Ozhas Ship

- **Unveiling:** Launched on **31 March 2025** at **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)**, Kolkata.
- **Feature:** Built with indigenous technology.

State Thunder-2025A Exercise

- **Organizer:** Conducted by China in the **South China Sea** (referred to by China as "Blue Domain").
- **Type:** Maritime exercise.

Defense Expenditure Increase

- **Fact:** Defense expenditure in **2024-25** reached **₹2,36,220 crore**.
- **Growth:** **12.04%** increase compared to the previous year.

Perm Dam

- **Inauguration:** Inaugurated by Russian President **Vladimir Putin**.
- **Cost:** **885 billion rubles**.
- **Type:** Hydropower dam project.

NAMIS (Naga Missile System)

- **Approval:** Cleared on **27 March 2025** at a cost of **₹2,500 crore**.
- **Type:** Third-generation **fire-and-forget** anti-tank guided missile.
- **Development & Production:** Developed by **DRDO**; will be produced by **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)**.

Tavasya Warship

- **Unveiling:** Launched on **22 March 2025** by **Goa Shipyard Limited**.
- **Project:** Second warship under **Project 1135.6**.

India-EU Maritime Security Dialogue

- **Meeting:** 4th edition held on **21 March 2025** in New Delhi.
- **Focus:** Cooperation on maritime security.

Flexible Airspace Police Academy

- **Inauguration:** First phase inaugurated by Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** on **15 March 2025** at Dergaon, Assam.
- **Cost:** **₹167 crore** for Phase-I.

Ashwini Radar Contract

- **Contract:** Signed on **12 March 2025** with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, Ghaziabad.
- **Value:** **₹2,906 crore**.
- **Type:** Indigenous **Low-Level Tracking Radar (LLTR)**.

Desert Flag-10 Exercise

- **Period:** **21 April to 8 May 2025**.
- **Location:** United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- **Type:** Multinational air exercise.
- **Indian Participation:** **MiG-29** and **Jaguar** aircraft of the Indian Air Force.

Balikatan Exercise

- **Countries:** Bilateral exercise between **United States** and **Philippines**.
- **Meaning:** "Shoulder to Shoulder" in Filipino.

Dustlik Exercise

- **Countries:** Joint military exercise between **India** and **Uzbekistan** (6th edition).
- **Period:** **16 to 28 April 2025**.
- **Location:** Aundh (Pune), Maharashtra.

AIKEYME 2025

- **Period:** **13 to 18 April 2025**.
- **Location:** Tanzania.
- **Type:** First multinational maritime exercise between **India** and **Tanzania**.

INDRA 2025

- **Type:** 14th edition of India-Russia bilateral **naval exercise**.
- **Started:** Began in 2003.

Tiger Triumph 2025

- **Period:** **1 to 13 April 2025**.
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam.
- **Type:** 4th edition of tri-services **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** exercise between **India** and **United States**.

INIOCHOS-25

- **Period:** **31 March to 11 April 2025**.
- **Location:** Greece.
- **Type:** Multinational air exercise.
- **Indian Participation:** **Su-30 MKI** aircraft.

Prachand Prahar Exercise

- **Period:** 25 to 27 March 2025.
- **Location:** Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Type:** Tri-services integrated warfighting exercise.

Sea Dragon 2025

- **Period:** 4 to 19 March 2025.
- **Location:** Guam (USA).
- **Type:** Multinational naval exercise.
- **Indian Participation:** Yes.

Varuna 2025

- **Period:** 19 to 22 March 2025.
- **Location:** Arabian Sea.
- **Type:** 23rd edition of bilateral naval exercise between **India** and **France**.

Bongosagar 2025

- **Period:** 10 to 12 March 2025.
- **Location:** Bay of Bengal.
- **Type:** Bilateral naval exercise and **CORPAT** (Coordinated Patrol) between **India** and **Bangladesh**.
- **Ships Involved:**
 - India: **INS Ranvir**
 - Bangladesh: **BNS Abu Ubaidah**

XANDAR-XII Exercise

- **Period:** 10 to 23 March 2025.
- **Location:** Kyrgyzstan.
- **Type:** 12th edition of joint military exercise between **India** and **Kyrgyzstan**.

Security Belt-2025

- **Period:** March 2025.
- **Location:** Gulf of Oman.
- **Participants:** **Iran, Russia, and China**.
- **Type:** Joint naval exercise.

TROPEX 2025

- **Period:** January to March 2025.
- **Location:** Indian Ocean Region.
- **Type:** Indian Navy's **Theatre-level readiness and operational exercise**.

Desert Hunt Exercise

- **Period:** 24 to 28 February 2025.
- **Location:** Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- **Type:** Joint exercise involving **Army, Navy, and Air Force**.

Space

Axiom-4 Mission

- **Launch:** Planned for May 2025; actually launched on **June 25, 2025**.
- **Indian Astronaut:** Group Captain **Shubhanshu Shukla** (India).
- **Role:** Mission Pilot.
- **Commander:** Peggy Whitson (USA).
- **Other Crew Members:** Sławosz Uznański (Poland), Tibor Kapu (Hungary).
- **Destination:** International Space Station (ISS).
- **Significance:** Shubhanshu Shukla became the **first Indian citizen** to visit the ISS.
- **Historical Note:** Second Indian in space after Rakesh Sharma.
- **Launch Vehicle:** SpaceX **Falcon-9** rocket.
- **Return:** Successful splashdown on **July 15, 2025**.

ISRO's Tardigrades Experiment

- **Payload:** Tardigrades (microscopic water bears).
- **Mission:** Part of Axiom-4.
- **Significance:** India's first human biology experiment in microgravity.

K2-18b: Potential Signs of Life

- **Type:** Super-Earth exoplanet.
- **Distance:** 124 light-years.
- **Constellation:** Leo.
- **Discovery:** 2015.
- **Orbital Period:** 33 days around its star.
- **Features:** Larger than Earth; may have hydrogen-rich atmosphere and large water oceans.
- **Observation:** By **James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)**.
- **Findings:** Detection of **Dimethyl Sulphide (DMS)** and **Dimethyl Disulphide (DMDS)**.
- **Significance:** Gases associated with life on Earth.
- **Publication:** Research published on **April 18, 2025** (some controversy; confirmation pending).

Fram2 Mission

- **Launch:** By SpaceX on **March 31, 2025**.
- **Location:** NASA Kennedy Space Center, Florida.
- **Significance:** First human mission to fly directly over Earth's polar regions.
- **Name:** Inspired by the 19th-century ship **Fram**.
- **Duration:** Four days.
- **Vehicle:** Falcon-9 rocket + Crew Dragon capsule.
- **Crew:**
 - Chun Wang (Commander)
 - Jannicke Mikkelsen
 - Rabea Rogge
 - Eric Philips

Sunita Williams' Return to Earth

- **Return:** Along with Barry "Butch" Wilmore (NASA).
- **Other Crew:** Nick Hague (USA), Alexander Gorbunov (Russia).
- **Date:** **March 18, 2025.**
- **Vehicle:** SpaceX Crew Dragon.
- **Splashdown:** Off the coast of Florida.
- **Duration in Space:** Launched in June 2024; stayed **286 days** on ISS.
- **Personal Details:**
 - Born: September 19, 1965, Euclid, Ohio
 - Father: Deepak Pandya (from Gujarat)
 - Mother: Slovenian origin
- **Record:** Most spacewalk time by a woman — **62 hours 9 minutes.**
- **Total Time in Space:** **608 days.**

International Space Station (ISS)

- **Launch:** November 20, 1998.
- **Location:** Kennedy Space Center.
- **Partners:** NASA, Roscosmos, ESA, JAXA, CSA.
- **Orbit:** Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
- **Purpose:** Microgravity research; space environment studies.

Chandrayaan-5 Mission

- **Approval:** Cleared by Central Government.
- **Objective:** Detailed study of the Moon.
- **Announcement:** Made by ISRO Chairman **S. Somanath** on **March 16, 2025** in Delhi.
- **Payload:** 250 kg.
- **Focus:** Lunar surface study (in coordination with LUPEX).

SPADEX: Satellite Docking

- **Success:** ISRO successfully completed docking under SPADEX.
- **Date:** **March 13, 2025** (earlier attempt on January 16, 2025).
- **Satellites:** SDX-01 (Chaser), SDX-02 (Target).
- **Orbit:** 460 km circular orbit, 45° inclination.
- **Significance:** India joins elite group (China, Russia, USA) with docking capability.
- **Launch:** December 30, 2024 via **PSLV-C60** from Sriharikota.

SPHEREx Telescope

- **Launch:** NASA (SPHEREx + PUNCH) on **March 11, 2025.**
- **Location:** California.
- **Purpose:** Full-sky mapping; study of galaxies and stars.
- **Vehicle:** SpaceX.
- **Weight:** 500 kg.
- **Duration:** Two-year full-sky survey.

LUGRE Experiment

- **Success:** Received Earth-based navigation signals on the Moon.
- **Institutions:** NASA + Italian Space Agency.
- **Date:** **March 3, 2025.**
- **Lander:** **Blue Ghost** (Firefly Aerospace), landed March 2, 2025.
- **Benefit:** Accurate position and time data on lunar surface.

Aditya-L1: Solar Flare Images

- **First Image:** Captured on **February 22, 2025.**
- **Instrument:** **SUIT** (on Aditya-L1).
- **Developed by:** IUCAA, Pune.
- **Significance:** Imaging of Sun's upper atmosphere.

NISAR Mission

- **Full Name:** NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar.
- **Launch:** Planned for **June 2025.**
- **Location:** Satish Dhawan Space Centre.
- **Vehicle:** GSLV Mk II.
- **Significance:** First India-USA joint radar mission for Earth observation.

Curiosity Rover – New Finding

- **Rover:** NASA's Curiosity on Mars.
- **Discovery:** Mineral **Siderite** (iron carbonate).
- **Location:** Found in sedimentary rocks.
- **Implication:** Indicates warm and wet conditions in Mars' past.
- **Age:** Rocks billions of years old.
- **Evidence:** Ancient CO₂-rich atmosphere.
- **Significance:** Supports possibility of microbial life in the past.

Blue Origin NS-31 Mission

- **Type:** Suborbital spaceflight.
- **Crew:** All-female crew.
- **Launch Date:** **April 14, 2025.**
- **Location:** West Texas.
- **Significance:** Blue Origin's 11th human spaceflight.
- **Crew Members:**
 - Gayle King (journalist)
 - Lauren Sánchez (pilot & entrepreneur)
 - Aisha Bowe (former NASA rocket scientist)
 - Amanda Nguyen (civil rights activist)
 - Kerianne Flynn (filmmaker)
- **Altitude:** Above 100 km.
- **Experience:** Experienced microgravity.
- **Return:** Capsule safely returned to Earth.

Golden Jubilee of India's First Satellite

- **Satellite:** **Aryabhata** (India's first satellite).
- **Launch:** April 19, 1975.

- **Vehicle:** Kosmos-3M.
- **Country:** USSR.
- **Weight:** 360 kg.
- **Purpose:** Study of solar and cosmic radiation.
- **Celebration:** ISRO observed golden jubilee in 2025.

Kalam-100 Engine Test

- **Test:** Successful test of **Kalam-100** engine.
- **Date:** April 2025.
- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana.
- **Company:** Skyroot Aerospace.
- **Significance:** Third-stage engine for **Vikram-1** rocket.
- **Rocket:** Vikram-1 — India's first privately developed orbital rocket.
- **Named After:** Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.

Biomass Satellite Mission

- **Agency:** ESA (European Space Agency).
- **Launch:** Planned for April 2025.
- **Vehicle:** Vega-C rocket.
- **Type:** Earth observation mission.
- **Purpose:** Study of forests and carbon cycle.
- **Products:** Global forest maps, forest health assessment, carbon storage measurement.

Three Gorges Antarctic Eye Telescope

- **Technology:** Radio/millimeter-wave.
- **Location:** Zhongshan Station, Antarctica.
- **Diameter:** 3.2 meters.
- **Study:** Hydrogen and ammonia gas; interstellar medium; star formation.

SpaceX-Bharti Airtel Starlink Agreement

- **Agreement:** Between Bharti Airtel and SpaceX.
- **Purpose:** Provide Starlink satellite internet service in India.
- **Benefit:** Improved internet access in remote areas.
- **Starlink Project:** SpaceX's satellite-based internet constellation.
- **Started:** 2019.
- **Goal:** Global high-speed, low-latency broadband.
- **Plan:** Approximately 42,000 small satellites.
- **Current Status:** Around 7,000 satellites operational in LEO.

Assam's Own Satellite

- **Satellite:** ASSAMSAT.
- **Announcement:** March 10, 2025 (Assam Budget 2025-26).
- **Purpose:** Socio-economic development; border surveillance.
- **Significance:** First state-owned satellite in India.

Athena Lander – IM-2 Mission

- **Mission:** IM-2.
- **Lander:** Athena.

- **Landing:** Hard landing on **March 6, 2025**.
- **Location:** Near lunar south pole (Mons Mouton).
- **Altitude:** Descent from about 250 meters.
- **Company:** Intuitive Machines.
- **Launch:** February 27, 2025 via SpaceX rocket.

Oldest Meteorite Crater

- **Discovery:** Found by Australian scientists.
- **Publication:** March 6, 2025 in **Nature Communications**.
- **Age:** Approximately **3.47 billion years** old.
- **Location:** Western Australia.

France's Military Satellites

- **Launch:** March 6, 2025.
- **Vehicle:** Ariane-6 rocket.
- **Significance:** First commercial mission of Ariane-6.
- **Location:** Kourou, French Guiana.

First Cellular Network on Moon

- **Agencies:** NASA and Nokia.
- **Mission:** Part of IM-2.
- **System:** **Lunar Surface Communication System (LSCS)**.
- **Purpose:** Enable cellular communication on the Moon.
- **Benefit:** For future human and robotic missions.

Tushar Mehta Space Flight

- **Type:** Blue Origin suborbital flight.
- **Date:** February 25, 2025.
- **Significance:** Blue Origin's 10th human space mission.
- **Achievement:** Tushar Mehta became an Indian space tourist.
- **Vehicle:** New Shepard (NS-30).
- **Location:** West Texas.
- **Mission Name:** "Perfect 10".
- **Note:** Second person of Indian origin in space after Gopi Thotakura.

China's Satellite Launches

- **Launch:** Two high-resolution satellites.
- **Type:** Commercial remote sensing.
- **Benefit:** Enhanced disaster management capability.
- **Applications:** Natural disasters, resource monitoring, urban security.

India's Indigenous Microprocessor

- **Developed by:** ISRO + SCL.
- **Names:** **Vikram 3201** and **Kalpna 3201** (32-bit).
- **Significance:** Vikram 3201 — India's first fully indigenous 32-bit processor.
- **Usage:** Approved for launch vehicles.
- **Features:** Radiation-hardened, operates from -55°C to +125°C.

Ferrihydrite Discovery on Mars

- **Mineral:** Ferrihydrite (hydrated iron oxide).
- **Composition:** 20% FeO₄ + 80% FeO₆ polyhedra.
- **Form:** Poorly crystalline nanominerals.
- **Implications:**
 - Main cause of Mars' red color.
 - Indicates ancient cold-wet environment.
 - Evidence of water history and potential for life.
- **Significance:** Supports possibility of microbial life in the past.

Persons and Appointments

Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey

- **Previous Positions:** Finance Secretary, Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).
- **New Appointment:** Vice-President of **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**.
- **Earlier Role:** Chairperson of **NFRA** (National Financial Reporting Authority) until March 2025 (for three years).
- **Batch:** 1984 IAS, Maharashtra cadre.
- **Important Role:** Former CEO of **UIDAI** (Unique Identification Authority of India).

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

- **Established:** 16 January 2016.
- **Headquarters:** Beijing, China.
- **Members:** 110.
- **Objective:** Promote economic and social development in Asia.
- **Status:** Second largest multilateral development institution in the world.

Justice Dinesh Maheshwari

- **Born:** 15 May 1958, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- **Education:** B.Sc (Physics), LLB.
- **Career:**
 - 1981: Enrolled as an Advocate.
 - Rajasthan High Court Judge (2004–2015).
 - Allahabad High Court (2015–2016).
 - Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court (2016–2018).
 - Supreme Court Judge (2019–2023).
- **New Role:** Chairperson of the **23rd Law Commission**.

23rd Law Commission

- **Established:** 1 September 2024.
- **Tenure:** 3 years (up to 31 August 2027).
- **Chairperson:** Justice Dinesh Maheshwari.

- **Full-time Members:** Tushar Jain, D. P. Verma.
- **Administrative Ministry:** Ministry of Law and Justice.

Shirley Botchwey

- **New Position:** 7th Secretary-General of the **Commonwealth** (effective 1 April 2025).
- **Significance:** First African woman to hold this position.
- **Previous Role:** Foreign Minister of Ghana (2017–2024).

Nidhi Tiwari

- **Appointment:** Private Secretary to the Prime Minister (31 March 2025).
- **Batch:** 2014 IFS.
- **Previous Role:** Deputy Secretary in PMO.

Kirsty Coventry

- **New Position:** 10th President of the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** (effective 23 June 2025).
- **Significance:** First woman and first African IOC President.
- **Voting:** Received 49 out of 97 votes.
- **Tenure:** Until 2033 (8 years).
- **Born:** 16 September 1983, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- **Olympic Achievements:**
 - 2004: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze.
 - 2008: 1 Gold, 3 Silver.

Anna Bansode

- **Position:** Deputy Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (unopposed election).
- **Assumed Charge:** 25 March 2025.
- **Party:** NCP.
- **Constituency:** Pimpri (Reserved) – elected since 2009.

Mukesh Khullar

- **Position:** Chairperson of Maharashtra's **15th State Finance Commission**.
- **Batch:** 1985 IAS.
- **Objective:** Strengthening local self-government institutions.

Praveen Sood

- **Position:** Director of **CBI** – one-year extension (7 May 2025).
- **Original Appointment:** 25 May 2023.
- **Batch:** 1986 IPS, Karnataka cadre.
- **Born:** 1964.

Friedrich Merz

- **Position:** Chancellor of Germany (6 May 2025).
- **Process:** Secured majority in the second round.

Anthony Albanese

- **Position:** Prime Minister of Australia – third term (3 May 2025).

- **Significance:** First Australian PM in 21 years to win three consecutive elections.

Nandeshwar Tiwari

- **Position:** Deputy Chief of Air Staff (Air Marshal).
- **Assumed Charge:** 2 May 2025.
- **Commissioned:** June 1986.

Kamla Persad-Bissessar

- **Position:** Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.
- **Party:** UNC.
- **Seats:** Won 26 out of 41 seats.
- **Previous Tenure:** Prime Minister from 2010–2015.

Deven Bharti

- **New Position:** Commissioner of Mumbai Police.
- **Previous Commissioner:** Vivek Phansalkar (retired on 30 April 2025).
- **Batch:** 1994 IPS.
- **Previous Roles:** Special Commissioner of Mumbai Police; Chief of Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS).

Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul

- **Position:** President of **Badminton World Federation (BWF)**.
- **Elected:** At the 86th BWF Annual General Meeting in Xiamen, China.
- **Tenure:** 2025–2029.
- **Nationality:** Thailand.
- **Significance:** First woman BWF President (after Zhang Jun).

Jitendra Mishra

- **Position:** President of **Centre International du Film pour l'Enfance et la Jeunesse (CIFEJ)** (2025–2027).
- **Profession:** Indian filmmaker.
- **Established:** 1955.
- **Objective:** Promotion of films for children and youth worldwide.
- **Supported by:** UNESCO.

Klaus Schwab

- **Resignation:** Founder of **World Economic Forum (WEF)**.
- **Accepted:** 21 April 2025.
- **WEF Founded:** 1971.
- **Born:** 30 March 1938, Germany.

T. Ravi Shankar

- **Re-appointment:** Deputy Governor of **RBI**.
- **Tenure:** One year from 3 May 2025.
- **First Appointment:** 2021.

Arvind Srivastava

- **Position:** Additional Secretary in Ministry of Finance (1 May 2025).
- **Batch:** 1994 IAS, Karnataka cadre.

Mangi Lal Jat

- **Position:** Director General of **ICAR** (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education.
- **Previous Role:** Worked at ICRISAT.
- **Specialization:** Contribution to climate-resilient agriculture.
- **Experience:** Over 30 years.

Rahul Pandey

- **Position:** Chief Information Commissioner of Maharashtra.
- **Other Commissioners:** Ravindra Thakare, Prakash Indalkar, Gajanan Nimde.
- **Law:** Right to Information Act, 2005.
- **Established:** 2 March 2006.
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai.

Daniel Noboa

- **Re-elected:** President of Ecuador (13 April 2025).
- **Votes:** 55.8%.
- **Opponent:** Luisa González (44%).

Aarti Subramaniam

- **Position:** Executive Director, Chairperson, and COO of **TCS**.
- **Significance:** First woman COO of TCS.

Mirabai Chanu

- **Position:** Chairperson of Athletes Commission under **Indian Weightlifting Federation**.
- **Tenure:** Four years.
- **Achievement:** Silver medal at Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
- **Significance:** First Indian woman weightlifter to win an Olympic medal.

Praveen Pardeshi

- **Position:** Chief Economic Advisor to Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- **Background:** Retired senior officer.

Maria Alexandru Baby

- **Position:** General Secretary of **CPI (Marxist)**.
- **Significance:** First woman General Secretary of CPI(M).
- **Background:** Marxist leader and former minister.

Seema Agarwal

- **Position:** Director General of Police (DGP); in charge of Home Guards and Civil Defence.
- **Date:** 31 March 2025.
- **Background:** Senior IPS officer; appointed after retirement of Amitabh Kumar.

Justice Arun Palli

- **Position:** Chief Justice of the **Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court**.

- **Approval:** Recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium on **4 April 2025**.
- **Born:** 18 September 1964.
- **High Court Judge:** Punjab and Haryana High Court – since **28 December 2013**.

Mohsin Naqvi

- **Position:** President of **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)**.
- **Approval:** 3 April 2025.
- **Previous Role:** Chairman of **Pakistan Cricket Board**.
- **ACC Established:** 1983; Headquarters – Dubai.

Kamal Haasan

- **Position:** Chairman of the **Media and Entertainment Committee** under **FICCI**.

Shivs Subramaniam Raman

- **Position:** Chairperson of **PFRDA** (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority).
- **Tenure:** 5 years or up to age 65.
- **Batch:** 1991 Indian Audit and Accounts Service.

Poonam Gupta

- **Position:** Deputy Governor of **RBI** (2 April 2025).
- **Tenure:** 3 years.
- **Previous Roles:**
 - Director General of **NCAER**
 - Member of 16th Finance Commission
 - 20 years at **IMF–World Bank**
- **Education:** Delhi School of Economics and University of Maryland (USA).

C. S. Setty

- **Position:** Chairman of **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**.
- **Current Position:** Chairman of **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

Jay Bhattacharya

- **Position:** 18th Director of **US National Institutes of Health (NIH)**.
- **Approval:** Confirmed on **25 March 2025** by 53–47 vote.
- **Current Position:** Professor of Health Policy at **Stanford University**.

Justice Harish Tandon

- **Position:** 35th Chief Justice of **Odisha High Court**.
- **Swearing-in:** 26 March 2025.
- **Previous Role:** Judge of **Calcutta High Court**.

Rajiv Gauba

- **Position:** Full-time Member of **NITI Aayog** (25 March 2025).
- **Batch:** 1982 IAS, Jharkhand cadre.
- **Previous Role:** Cabinet Secretary (2019–2024).

Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah

- **Position:** First woman President of **Namibia**.
- **Age:** 72 years.
- **Party:** **SWAPO**.

Ajay Seth

- **Position:** Finance Secretary of India (24 March 2025).
- **Batch:** 1987 IAS, Karnataka cadre.
- **Education:** Mechanical Engineering, IT, and MBA.

Vijay Chafekar

- **Position:** 7th Executive Director of **RECAAP ISC**.
- **Previous Role:** Former Director General of **Indian Coast Guard**.

Amitabh Kant

- **Position:** Vice Chancellor of **NIIT University** (effective 10 March 2025).
- **Previous Role:** Former CEO of **NITI Aayog**.

K. Srikant

- **Position:** Goodwill Ambassador of **Vision 2020 India**.
- **Objective:** Elimination of avoidable blindness.

Ayushmann Khurrana

- **Position:** **Fit India Icon** (appointed by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya).

Stuart Young

- **Position:** Prime Minister of **Trinidad and Tobago** (17 March 2025).
- **Previous Role:** Minister of Energy and Industry.

Anu Rathi Rana

- **Position:** Secretary of Department of Legal Affairs (5 March 2025).
- **Significance:** First woman Secretary in the Legal Affairs Department.

Tanushka Singh

- **Position:** Flying Officer in IAF Jaguar fighter jet squadron.
- **Significance:** First permanent woman pilot in Jaguar squadron.

Amitabh Mujumdar

- **Position:** Chairman and Managing Director of **NMDC** (6 March 2025).
- **Tenure:** Up to 2028.

Ajay Bhadu

- **Position:** CEO of **GeM** (Government e-Marketplace) (3 March 2025).
- **Batch:** 1999 IAS.

Dr. Snehal Lata Joshi

- **Position:** Executive Director of **RBI**.
- **Experience:** 30+ years.

Manan Kumar Tripathi

- **Position:** Chairman of **Bar Council of India (BCI)** (unanimously elected).

Dr. Manak Sharma

- **Position:** Controller General of Defence Accounts (**CGDA**) (1 March 2025).
- **Cadre:** IDAS – since 1989.

Ananya Panday

- **Position:** First Indian brand ambassador of **Chanel** (16 April 2025).

K. Kasturirangan

- **Full Name:** Krishnaswami Kasturirangan.
- **Born:** 24 October 1940, Ernakulam, Kerala.
- **Died:** 25 April 2025, Bengaluru.
- **Known As:** Indian space scientist.
- **Key Roles:**
 - Chairman of **ISRO** (1994–2003)
 - Chairman of Space Commission & Secretary, Department of Space
 - Vice Chancellor of **NIIT University**
 - Vice Chancellor of **JNU**
 - Chairman of Karnataka Knowledge Commission
 - Member of Rajya Sabha (2003–2009)
 - Director of **NIAS** (2004–2009)
- **Awards:** Padma Shri (1982), Padma Bhushan (1992), Padma Vibhushan (2000).
- **Contributions:** Leadership in Earth observation satellites and space programmes.

M. G. S. Narayanan

- **Full Name:** Murali Dhar Govind Menon Shankar Narayanan.
- **Born:** 20 August 1932, Ponnani, Madras Presidency.
- **Died:** 26 April 2025, Kozhikode, Kerala.
- **Known As:** Historian and educationist.
- **Key Roles:**
 - Chairman of **ICHR** (2001–2003)
 - Head of History Department, University of Calicut (1976–1990)
- **Famous Book:** "Fellows of Kerala" (1996).
- **Other Works:** Cultural Symbiosis in Kerala (1972), Calicut: The City of Truth Revisited (2006).

Mathew Kalliarkal

- **Born:** 6 January 1948, Kottayam, Kerala.
- **Died:** 18 April 2025, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu.
- **Known As:** Indian cardiologist.
- **Title:** Father of Indian Angiography.
- **Contributions:** Books on cardiology and angiography.
- **Awards:** Multiple national and international honours.

Pope Francis

- **Position:** 266th Pope of the Catholic Church.
- **Died:** 21 April 2025, Vatican City.
- **Birth Name:** Jorge Mario Bergoglio.
- **Born:** 17 December 1936, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- **Significance:**
 - First Latin American Pope
 - First Jesuit Pope
 - First Pope named Francis
- **Elected:** 13 March 2013.
- **Known For:** Message "Protect the Earth"; meetings with Islamic and Shia leaders.

Kumudini Lakhia

- **Born:** 17 May 1930, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **Died:** 12 April 2025, Ahmedabad.
- **Known As:** Kathak dancer and choreographer.
- **Style:** Innovative Kathak.
- **Institution:** Kadamb School of Dance and Music (founded 1967).
- **Awards:**
 - Padma Shri (1987)
 - Padma Bhushan (2010)
 - Padma Vibhushan (2025)
 - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1982)

Daripalli Ramaiya

- **Born:** 1 July 1937, Reddypalli, Khammam.
- **Died:** 12 April 2025, Khammam, Telangana.
- **Known As:** Social activist.
- **Work:** Plantation and environmental conservation.
- **Award:** Padma Shri (2017).
- **Nicknames:** "Vanajeevi Ramaiya", "Chettu Ramaiya", "Tree Man of India".
- **Achievement:** Planted more than one crore trees.

Manoj Kumar

- **Born:** 24 July 1937, Abbottabad (now Pakistan).
- **Died:** 4 April 2025, Mumbai.
- **Known As:** Actor and director.
- **Nickname:** "Bharat Kumar".
- **Famous Films:** Upkar (1967), patriotic roles.
- **Awards:**
 - Padma Shri (1992)
 - Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2015)
 - Filmfare Awards (7 times)
 - National Film Awards

Ramakant Rath

- **Born:** 13 December 1934, Cuttack, Odisha.
- **Died:** 16 March 2025, Bhubaneswar.
- **Known As:** Odia poet.
- **Career:** IAS (1957), Chief Secretary of Odisha (1992).

- **Awards:**
 - Sahitya Akademi Award (1977)
 - Saraswati Samman (1992)
 - Padma Bhushan (2006)
- **Famous Works:** Shri Radha (1985), Saptama Ritu (1971)

Devendra Pradhan

- **Born:** 16 July 1941, Talcher, Odisha.
- **Died:** 17 March 2025, Delhi.
- **Party:** BJP.
- **Roles:** Union Minister of State (Transport, Agriculture); Odisha BJP President.
- **Family:** Father of Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Lieutenant General S. Padmanabhan

- **Position:** Former Vice Chief of Army Staff.
- **Died:** 27 April 2025.
- **Service:** 40+ years; first DG of Military Information System.

Madhav Vaze

- **Known As:** Playwright.
- **Famous Role:** Shyam in "Shyamchi Aai".
- **Died:** 7 May 2025.

Ram Sahay Pandey

- **Known As:** Folk artist.
- **Died:** 8 April 2025, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.
- **Work:** 60 years promoting folk art.
- **Award:** Padma Shri (2022).
- **Nickname:** "Nriya Shiromani".

Kushal Chand

- **Known As:** Agricultural scientist; fruit production expert.
- **Born:** 1936, Sialkot (now Pakistan).
- **Died:** 2012 (age 88).
- **Career:** Joined ICAR in 1964.
- **Position:** Former National Professor of ICAR.
- **Contributions:** Headed several research institutions.
- **Literature:** 30 books on agriculture and fruit science.
- **Award:** Padma Shri.

George Edward Foreman

- **Known As:** American professional boxer, minister, and author.
- **Nickname:** "Big George".
- **Died:** 21 March 2025.

Garamela Balakrishna Prasad

- **Known As:** Carnatic devotional singer and composer from Karnataka.
- **Died:** 9 March 2025, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Career:** Served at Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam until 2006.

- **Position:** Asthana Vidwan (court singer).
- **Award:** Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2020).

Fred Stolle

- **Known As:** Australian tennis player.
- **Died:** 6 March 2025.
- **Achievements:**
 - Three Davis Cup titles
 - French Open (1965)
 - US Open (1966)
 - Four Grand Slam doubles titles

Ron Draper

- **Known As:** Oldest living Test cricketer in the world.
- **Died:** 28 February 2025 (age 98).
- **Nationality:** South African cricketer.

Padmakar Shivalkar

- **Known As:** Indian cricketer.
- **Died:** 3 March 2025, Mumbai.
- **Career:** 20+ years of domestic cricket.
- **Record:** Highest wicket-taker in Ranji Trophy history.
- **Active Period:** Nearly 50 years.
- **Award:** C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award (2016) – BCCI's highest honour.
- **Book:** "Ha Chendu Daivagaticha".

Boris Spassky

- **Known As:** Russian chess grandmaster.
- **Died:** 27 February 2025, Moscow (age 88).
- **Achievement:** World Chess Champion in 1969.
- **Famous Match:** 1972 vs Bobby Fischer – "Match of the Century".

Awards and Honors

Oscars 2025 (97th Academy Awards)

- **Venue:** Dolby Theatre, Hollywood, Los Angeles
- **Date:** 2 March 2025
- **Host:** Conan O'Brien
- **Most Awarded Film:** Anora — won 5 awards
- **Major Winners:**
 - **Best Picture:** Anora
 - **Best Actor:** Adrien Brody (The Brutalist)
 - **Best Actress:** Mikey Madison (Anora)
 - **Best Director:** Sean Baker (Anora)
 - **Best Supporting Actress:** Zoe Saldaña (Emilia Pérez)
 - **Best Supporting Actor:** Kieran Culkin (A Real Pain)
- **Other Key Winners:**
 - **Best Original Screenplay:** I'm Still Here
 - **Best Adapted Screenplay:** No Other Land

- **Best Original Score:** The Brutalist
- **Best Original Song:** El Mal (Emilia Pérez)
- **Best Animated Feature:** Flow
- **Best Visual Effects:** Dune: Part Two
- **Best Costume Design:** Paul Tazewell (Wicked)
- **Best Production Design:** Wicked
- **Special Mentions:**
 - Adrien Brody — longest acceptance speech (5 minutes 40 seconds)
 - Paul Tazewell — first Black winner in Costume Design category
 - Priyanka Chopra’s Hindi short film **Anuja** — nominated but did not win
 - Brazilian film **I’m Still Here** — first Oscar win for Brazil

59th Jnanpith Award

- **Winner:** Vinod Kumar Shukla (Hindi writer)
- **Announcement:** 22 March 2025
- **Significance:** India’s highest literary honour
- **Special Note:** First winner from Chhattisgarh
- **Hindi Language:** 12th Hindi writer to receive it
- **Reason:** Creative excellence and distinctive style in Hindi literature
- **Previous Award:** Sahitya Akademi Award (1999) for “Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rahti Thi”
- **First Jnanpith Winner:**
 - Recipient: G. Shankar Kurup
 - Year: 1965
 - Language: Malayalam
 - Work: Odakkuzhal
- **Key Works of Vinod Kumar Shukla:**
 - Naukar Ki Kameez (1979)
 - Sab Kuch Hona Bacha Rahega (1992)
- **Background:**
 - Established: 1961
 - First awarded: 1965
 - Awarded by: Jnanpith Award Trust
 - Eligibility: Writers in languages listed in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution (English added later)
- **Award Components:**
 - Cash prize: ₹11 lakh (current amount)
 - Bronze statue of Vagdevi (Saraswati)
 - Citation
- **Notable Hindi Jnanpith Winners:**

Sr. No.	Year	Winner	Notable Work
1	1974	V. S. Khandekar	Yayati
2	1987	V. V. Shirwadkar (Kusumagraj)	Natsamrat
3	2003	Vinda Karandikar	Ashtadarshane

Sr. No.	Year	Winner	Notable Work
4	2014	Bhalchandra Nemade	Hindu: Ek Samridh Adagal

Maharashtra Bhushan Award

- **Winner:** Ram Sutar (senior sculptor)
- **Announcement:** 20 March 2025 — by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis
- **Special Note:** Awarded in his 100th year
- **Profile — Ram Vanaji Sutar:**
 - Born: 19 February 1925, Gondur, Dhule
 - Famous for: Large monumental statues
 - Major Works:
 - Statue of Unity (182 meters) — world’s tallest statue
 - Several statues at Ayodhya Ram Temple
- **Awards:** Padma Shri (1999), Padma Bhushan (2016)
- **Maharashtra Bhushan Details:**
 - Established: 1995
 - Prize: ₹25 lakh + memento + citation
 - First recipient: P. L. Deshpande (1996)
- **Recent Winner (2023):** Ashok Saraf (Acting - Marathi/Hindi)

Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize 2024

- **Marathi Winner:** Sudhir Awate
- **Work:** Marathi translation of “The Difficulty of Being Good” by Gurcharan Das
- **Announcement:** 7 March 2025
- **President:** Madhav Kaushik (Executive Board)
- **Marathi Advisory Board Chairman:** Nileshwar Thakur
- **Prize Details:**
 - Established: 1989
 - Amount: ₹50,000 + citation
 - First Marathi winner: Uma Kulkarni (1989)

Hockey India Annual Awards 2024

- **Event Date:** 15 March 2025, New Delhi
- **Major Winners:**
 - **Balbir Singh Sr. Award (Best Male Player):** Harmanpreet Singh (second time)
 - **Balbir Singh Sr. Award (Best Female Player):** Savita Punia (third time)
 - **Baljeet Singh Award (Best Goalkeeper):** Savita Punia
 - **Pargat Singh Award (Best Defender):** Amit Rohidas
 - **Ajit Pal Singh Award (Best Midfielder):** Hardik Singh

- **Dhanraj Pillay Award (Best Forward):** Abhishek
- **Asunta Lakra Award (Best Emerging Female Player – U-21):** Deepika
- **Jugraj Singh Award (Best Emerging Male Player – U-21):** Arijit Singh Hundal

- **Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award:** Kajol Devgan (₹6 lakh)
- **Ganasangramini Lata Mangeshkar Award:** Bhimrao Panchale (Ghazal singer)

Pritzker Architecture Prize 2025

- **Winner:** Liu Jiakun (China)
- **Significance:** 54th recipient
- **Firm:** Jiakun Architects (founded 1999)
- **Prize Details:**
 - Established: 1979
 - Amount: \$100,000 USD + bronze medal
 - Known as: Nobel Prize of Architecture
 - Sponsored by: Hyatt Foundation
 - First winner: Philip Johnson (1979)
 - First woman: Zaha Hadid (2004)
 - Only Indian: Balkrishna Doshi (2018)

IIFA Awards 2025

- **Full Name:** International Indian Film Academy Awards
- **Venue:** Jaipur, Rajasthan
- **Dates:** 8 and 9 March 2025
- **Edition:** 25th
- **Most Awarded Film:** Laapataa Ladies — won 10 awards
- **Major Winners:**
 - **Best Film:** Laapataa Ladies
 - **Best Actor (Male):** Kartik Aaryan (Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3)
 - **Best Actor (Female):** Nitanishi Goel (Laapataa Ladies)
 - **Best Director:** Kiran Rao (Laapataa Ladies)
 - **Best Supporting Actor (Male):** Ravi Kishan (Laapataa Ladies)
 - **Best Supporting Actor (Female):** Janaki Bodiwala (Shaitaan)
 - **Outstanding Contribution:** Rakesh Roshan

Laureus World Sports Awards

- **Ceremony:** Held on 22 April 2025 in Madrid.
- **Winners:**
 - **Best Male Sportsperson:** Mondo Duplantis (Pole Vault)
 - **Best Female Sportsperson:** Simone Biles (Gymnastics)
 - **Best Team:** Real Madrid (Football)
 - **Breakthrough of the Year:** Lamine Yamal (Football)

Raj Kapoor Awards

- **Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award:** Anupam Kher (₹10 lakh)

MacGregor Memorial Medal

- **Purpose:** Special honour for military service
- **Date:** Presented on 16 April 2025
- **Presented by:** CDS General Anil Chauhan
- **Established:** 3 July 1888
- **Institution:** United Service Institution of India (USI) (founded 1870)
- **2023 Winners:**
 - D. Panda (Indian Air Force)
 - Rahul Kumar Pandey (Indian Navy)
- **2024 Winners:**
 - Ram Ratan Jat (Indian Navy)
 - Dushyant Ram Punia (Indian Air Force)
 - Kapil Raghav Singh Jamwal (Indian Army)

Maharashtra Cultural Department Awards

- **Announcement:** 17 April 2025
- **V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award:** Mahesh Manjrekar (₹10 lakh)
- **V. Shantaram Special Contribution Award:** Mukta Barve (₹6 lakh)

Maharashtra State Sports Awards 2023–24

- **Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Lifetime Achievement Award:** Shakuntala Khatavkar (former Kabaddi player and coach)
- **Significance:** First woman recipient in this category
- **Announcement:** 15 April 2025
- **Announced by:** Sports Minister Dattatray Bharne
- **Total Awards:** 88 (Men: 50, Women: 38)
- **International Achievers:** 20 athletes honoured
- **Lifetime Achievement Prize:** ₹5 lakh + citation + memento
- **Shiv Chhatrapati Award:** ₹3 lakh + citation + memento
- **Profile – Shakuntala Khatavkar:**
 - Arjuna Award (1978)
 - Native of Khatav taluka, Satara district
 - Started Kabaddi: 1975–76
 - Previous Award: Shiv Chhatrapati (1975–76)

Pulitzer Prizes

- **Winner:** Mosab Abu Toha (Palestinian poet and writer)
- **Category:** Literary Pulitzer

- **Work:** Essays on physical and mental suffering in Gaza
- **Publication:** The New Yorker

Fiji's Highest Award – Companion of the Order of Fiji

- **Winner:** Madhusudan Sai
- **Date:** 25 April 2025
- **Reason:** Humanitarian service
- **Previous Recipients:** Narendra Modi (2023), Droupadi Murmu (2024)

France Honour – Payal Kapadia

- **Winner:** Filmmaker Payal Kapadia
- **Date:** 23 April 2025
- **Honour:** Officer of Arts and Letters
- **Reason:** Contribution to India-France cultural relations

Goldman Environmental Prize

- **Announcement:** 21 April 2025
- **Known As:** "Green Nobel"
- **Winners:** Seven environmental activists from different regions (Europe, Africa, Asia, Americas)

Panchayat Raj Awards 2023-24

- **Date:** National Panchayati Raj Day
- **Location:** Madhubani, Bihar
- **Purpose:** Excellence in rural governance
- **Special Mention:** Gandhi Gram Panchayat (Goa)
- **Prize Components:** Cash, trophy, certificate

Smt. Shyam Benegal Honour

- **Winner:** Filmmaker Shyam Benegal
- **Reason:** Lifetime contribution to cinema
- **Event:** Indian Film Festival (20-22 June 2025)
- **Significance:** Festival's 25th anniversary

Yashraj Bharati Award 2025

- **Presented by:** Governor of Maharashtra
- **Winners:** Three institutions from India
- **Categories:** Governance, Sustainable Development, Good Administration
- **Institution:** Yashraj Ramesh Foundation (YRF)

Sant Tukaram Maharaj Award

- **Date:** On the 375th Nirvan Din of Sant Tukaram
- **Winner:** Eknath Shinde
- **Reason:** Social and cultural contribution

Marathi Films at Cannes Festival

- **Selection:** Three Marathi films (cultural exchange programme)
- **Films:** Sthal, Snow Flower, Khalid ka Shivaji
- **Cannes Dates:** 14-22 May 2025

Vishwa Marathi Sahitya Sammelan Award

- **Amount Increased:** Up to ₹10 lakh
- **Announcement:** Maharashtra Government

- **Purpose:** Promotion of Marathi language and literature

Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana Honour

- **Presented by:** Wisden Cricketers' Almanack
- **Smriti Mandhana:** Recognised for women empowerment through sport
- **Announcement:** During the annual publication release

Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award 2025

- **Winner:** Kumar Mangalam Birla
- **Reason:** Outstanding contribution to society
- **Institution:** Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Smriti Pratishthan

Dr. Nagesh Reddy Award

- **Winner:** Dr. Nagesh Reddy
- **Presented by:** AIG Hospitals
- **Reason:** Contribution to Gastroenterology

UIDAI Awards

- **Winner:** Meghalaya — received two awards
- **Reason:** Aadhaar-based digital initiatives

President Droupadi Murmu – Portugal and Slovenia Honours

- **Visit:** 7-10 April 2025
- **Honours:**
 - Key of Honour — Lisbon Mayor
 - Honorary Doctorate — University of Ljubljana
- **Significance:** Marking 50 years of diplomatic relations

Master Humor Award 2025

- **Date:** 13 April 2025
- **Venue:** Beijing International Comedy Festival
- **Winner:** Aamir Khan
- **Reason:** Contribution to comedy cinema

James Anderson – Knighthood

- **Winner:** Former England cricketer James Anderson
- **Honour:** Knighthood by British Government
- **Significance:** Only fast bowler to receive this honour

International Booker Prize – Shortlist

- **Shortlisted:** Banu Mushtaq — "Heart Lamp"
- **Announcement:** 8 April 2025
- **Significance:** First Kannada-language book on the shortlist
- **Translator:** Deepa Bhathi

INSCR 2025 Award

- **Winner:** Devendra Fadnavis
- **Name:** India-Nepal-Sri Lanka Cooperation Award

- **Date:** 10 April 2025
- **Reason:** Governance and development initiatives

TiE Mumbai Hall of Fame Award

- **Winner:** Devendra Fadnavis
- **Date:** 12 March 2025
- **Reason:** Infrastructure, governance, water management

Sudarshan Patnaik Award

- **Winner:** Sand artist Sudarshan Patnaik
- **Name:** Fred Darrin & Master Award
- **Significance:** First Indian artist to receive it
- **Date:** 5 April 2025, UK
- **Theme:** World peace and environment

PM Modi – Mauritius Highest Civilian Honour

- **Date:** 5 April 2025
- **Significance:** First Indian recipient
- **Presented by:** President of Mauritius

Sangeet Kala Nidhi Award 2025

- **Winner:** R. K. Srikumar
- **Reason:** Contribution to Carnatic music
- **Presented by:** Madras Music Academy

Tom Cruise Honour

- **Winner:** Tom Cruise
- **Presented by:** British Film Institute (BFI)
- **Date:** 12 March 2025, London
- **Reason:** Contribution to cinema

Bhupen Hazarika National Award 2025

- **Winner:** Dr. Vijay Kelkar
- **Reason:** Contribution to economics and public policy
- **Previous Role:** Chairman of Finance Commission (2008–2010)

Chiranjeevi Honour

- **Date:** 19 March 2025
- **Presented by:** Indian Institute of Management (IIM)
- **Reason:** Contribution to cinema and public service

Stockholm Water Prize 2025

- **Winner:** Gunther Blöschl
- **Reason:** Work related to water and climate change

Vijay Shankar Award

- **Winner:** Vijay Shankar (Consul General of Denmark for South India)
- **Location:** Chennai
- **Date:** 18 March 2025

Jamnial Sharma Award

- **Category:** Promotion and propagation of hockey
- **Presented by:** Hockey India

- **Year:** 2024
- **Included in:** Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Amount:** ₹50 lakh
- **Other Winners:** Savita Punia and Harmanpreet Singh (Balbir Singh Sr. Player Award 2024)

Mumbai Airport – ACI Award

- **Airport:** Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)
- **Presented by:** Airports Council International (ACI)
- **Date:** 10 March 2025
- **Category:** Best Airport in Asia-Pacific handling 40 million+ passengers
- **Other:** ASQ (Airport Service Quality) Award

A. M. Turing Award 2024

- **Announcement:** March 2025
- **Winners:** Dr. Andrew Barto (USA) and Dr. Richard Sutton (Canada)
- **Reason:** Contributions to artificial intelligence and reinforcement learning
- **Known As:** Nobel Prize of Computing
- **Presented by:** ACM (Association for Computing Machinery)
- **Amount:** \$1 million USD

Suman Chakravarty – TWAS Award

- **Winner:** Prof. Suman Chakravarty (IIT Kharagpur)
- **Award Name:** TWAS Prize 2026
- **Field:** Engineering Sciences and Physical Sciences

INSCR 2025 Award

- **Winner:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- **Date:** 10 April 2025
- **Reason:** Promotion of the “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao” campaign
- **Presented by:** India–Nepal–Sri Lanka Social Coalition
- **Significance:** First year of the award

TiE Mumbai Hall of Fame Award

- **Winner:** Devendra Fadnavis (Chief Minister of Maharashtra)
- **Date:** 12 March 2025
- **Reason:** Contributions in infrastructure, governance, and water management
- **Organisation:** TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs) – established 1992

Sudarshan Patnaik Honour

- **Winner:** Sand artist Sudarshan Patnaik
- **Award Name:** “The Fred Darrington Sand Master Award”
- **Significance:** First Indian artist to receive it
- **Date:** 5 April 2025, UK

- **Work:** 10-foot sand sculpture on the theme of world peace and environment

PM Modi – Mauritius Highest Civilian Honour

- **Date:** 5 April 2025
- **Award Name:** “Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean”
- **Significance:** First Indian recipient
- **Total International Awards received by PM Modi:** 21

Modi – Barbados Honour

- **Winner:** Narendra Modi
- **Reason:** Contribution to COVID-19 management
- **Award Name:** Order of Freedom of Barbados
- **Announcement:** November 2024 (by Barbados PM Mia Mottley)
- **Acceptance:** March 2025
- **Significance:** First Indian recipient

Dr. Suborno Bose – Lifetime Achievement

- **Winner:** Dr. Suborno Bose (Chairman, IIHM)
- **Field:** Hospitality and Education
- **Presented by:** Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- **Event:** Bharat 24 Global Summit 2025 (India Today Network)

Kusumagraj Memorial Award

- **Winner:** Dr. Aruna Dhere (senior poet and researcher)
- **Significance:** Former President of Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan
- **Date:** 10 March 2025 (Kusumagraj Nirvan Din)

Jay Shah Honour

- **Winner:** Jay Shah (youngest ICC Chairman)
- **Award Name:** Forbes India Leadership Award (FILA) 2025
- **Event:** 14th edition (Forbes India)

Animal Friend & Jeev Daya Awards

- **Organisation:** Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)
- **Location:** New Delhi
- **Animal Friend Award:** Instituted in 1966
- **Jeev Daya Award:** Instituted in 2001

Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) Award

- **Winner:** Researcher from Kerala
- **Work:** Conservation of threatened species in the Western Ghats
- **Focus:** Local and endangered species

Skytrax World Airport Awards 2025

- **Venue:** Madrid
- **Winner:** Singapore Changi Airport — World’s Best Airport

- **Note:** Retained the top position (multiple years)

Government Schemes and Initiatives

Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana (PM-SYM)

- **Completed 6 years:** February 2025
- **Launch:** February 2019 (Interim Budget)
- **Objective:** Social security for workers in the unorganised sector
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Labour and Employment
- **Implementation:** Through LIC and CSC-SPV
- **Pension:** Minimum ₹3,000 per month after age 60
- **Type:** Contribution-based scheme
- **Contribution:** Equal share by beneficiary and government
- **On death:** 50% family pension to spouse
- **Monthly Contribution:** ₹55 to ₹200 (depending on age)
- **Registered Beneficiaries:** 46,12,330 (as of March 2025)
- **e-Shram Portal:** 30.51 crore unorganised workers registered (as of 31 December 2024)
- **Top States in Registration:** Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra
- **Eligibility:** Age 18–40, monthly income ₹15,000 or less, unorganised sector worker

MISHTI Scheme

- **Full Name:** Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes
- **Launch:** 5 June 2023
- **Announcement:** Union Budget 2023–24
- **Objective:** Mangrove restoration, strengthening coastlines, climate change response, sustainable livelihoods
- **Duration:** 2023–2028
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- **Progress:** 19,020 hectares of mangroves planted in 2 years
- **Mangrove Cover in India:** 4,991.68 sq km (0.15%)
- **Highest Coverage:** West Bengal – 2,114 sq km (42.30%)
- **Maharashtra:** 324 sq km (6.50%)

Sagarmala Programme – 10 Years Completed

- **Launch:** March 2015
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

- **Objective:** Increase maritime and inland waterways traffic, reduce logistics cost, enhance global trade competitiveness
- **Significance:** Core pillar of Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047
- **Resources:** 7,500 km coastline and 14,500 km navigable waterways

SMILE Scheme

- **Launch:** 2022
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- **Full Name:** Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise
- **Coverage:** 81 major cities and towns
- **Identified Persons:** 9,958
- **Components:** Rehabilitation of beggars, empowerment of transgender persons

National Zero Measles-Rubella Elimination Campaign

- **Launch:** 24 April 2025
- **Inaugurated by:** Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda
- **Objective:** Elimination of measles and rubella by 2026
- **Vaccination:** Two doses of MR vaccine (9–12 months and 16–24 months)
- **Coverage (2024–25):** First dose 93.7%, second dose 92.2%

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) – 10 Years Completed

- **Completed 10 years:** 8 April 2025
- **Objective:** Collateral-free loans for micro and small enterprises
- **Launch:** April 2015
- **Women Beneficiaries:** 68% of accounts
- **SC/ST/OBC:** 50% of accounts
- **Top States in Disbursement:** Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra (5th position)
- **Loan Categories:**
 - Shishu: Up to ₹50,000
 - Kishore: Up to ₹5 lakh
 - Tarun: Up to ₹10 lakh
 - Tarun Plus: Up to ₹20 lakh

Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana (Delhi)

- **Launch:** Delhi Government
- **Eligibility:** Age 70+, resident of Delhi
- **Documents:** Aadhaar and Delhi residence proof
- **Benefit:** Cashless treatment up to ₹10 lakh

AI Kiran Initiative

- **Objective:** Encourage women leadership in AI field
- **Target:** AI market to reach USD 17 billion by 2027

- **Implementation:** Led by PSA and OPSA

SVAMITVA Scheme

- **Completed 5 years:** 24 April 2025
- **Launch:** 24 April 2020
- **Technology:** Drone and mapping
- **Benefit:** Legal property cards for houses and land in villages
- **Budget (current year):** ₹566.23 crore
- **Duration:** 2020–21 to 2025–26

Resham Sakhi Yojana (Uttar Pradesh)

- **Objective:** Economic empowerment of rural women
- **Activities:** Sericulture cocoon rearing, training
- **Training Locations:** Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand

Pink E-Rickshaw Scheme (Maharashtra)

- **Launch:** 21 April 2025, Pune
- **Inaugurated by:** Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar
- **Department:** Women and Child Development Department
- **Cities:** Pune, Nashik, Nagpur, Ahmednagar, Solapur, Kolhapur, Amravati, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar
- **Target:** 10,000 e-rickshaws
- **Priority:** Widows, divorced women, economically weaker women (age 20–50)

Mukhyamantri Seva Samvad Yojana (Uttarakhand)

- **Launch:** 21 April 2025
- **Chief Minister:** Pushkar Singh Dhami
- **Objective:** Direct dialogue with beneficiaries, evaluation of scheme implementation

Kisan Kalyan Abhiyan (Uttar Pradesh)

- **Started:** April 2025
- **Approval:** Cabinet under Chief Minister Mohan Yadav
- **Objective:** Integration of farmer welfare schemes, fair prices for produce, sustainable agriculture, increase in farmer income

EVolutionS Programme

- **Full Name:** Electric Vehicle Solutions led by Startups
- **Launch:** Department of Science and Technology, Government of India
- **Objective:** Promote manufacturing of electric vehicle components
- **Focus:** Support startups in EV innovations
- **Goal:** Convert technological innovations into commercial implementation

PARTH Scheme

- **Full Name:** Police Army Recruitment Training & Skills

- **Launch:** May 2025
- **Implementation:** In 9 major cities of Madhya Pradesh
- **Department:** Sports and Youth Welfare Department
- **Pilot Phase:** Started January 2025

HEALD Initiative

- **Launch:** 19 April 2025 (World Liver Day)
- **Inaugurated by:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- **Full Name:** Healthy Liver Education and Alcohol-associated Liver Disease Prevention
- **Objective:** Treatment and prevention of liver diseases
- **Significance:** India's first large-scale liver health campaign
- **First Centre:** ILBS, Delhi
- **Focus:** Liver health awareness, alcohol abuse prevention, early diagnosis

Udyam Careers for Women

- **Joint Initiative:** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship + Microsoft
- **Objective:** Reduce gender gap in technology sector
- **Target:** 20,000 women
- **Focus:** Six states in Tier-II and Tier-III cities
- **Curriculum:** 240 hours industry-oriented

Mahila Samvad Rath Abhiyan

- **Launch:** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar
- **Objective:** Promote women empowerment
- **Vehicles:** 600 special raths
- **Activity:** Awareness generation at village level

PMFME Scheme

- **Full Name:** Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises
- **Launch:** 2020
- **Objective:** Support self-reliant micro food enterprises
- **Uttar Pradesh:** Leading in implementation
- **Loan Approval Time:** Uttar Pradesh – 101 days
- **Loan Disbursement:** Uttar Pradesh – 14% of total

National Civil Services Capacity Building Programme

- **Organizer:** Department of Personnel and Training
- **Date:** 16 April 2025
- **Venue:** Ayush Bhawan, New Delhi
- **Objective:** Improve capacity and administrative skills of civil servants
- **First Phase:** Started 18 March 2025

Zero Poverty Campaign (named after Ambedkar)

- **Announcement:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath – 14 April 2025
- **Name:** Named after Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
- **Objective:** Poverty eradication
- **Focus:** Every village and eligible person

NAMASTE Scheme

- **Full Name:** National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem
- **Objective:** Formalisation of sanitation workers
- **Benefit:** Linkage with social security schemes
- **Ministries:** Housing & Urban Affairs, Social Justice, Jal Shakti, Panchayati Raj
- **Implementation:** National Safai Karamchari Finance and Development Corporation
- **Pilot City:** Pune – started 26 March 2025
- **Facility:** NAMASTE web portal and mobile app

Niveshak Didi Initiative

- **Joint Venture:** IEPFA + India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- **Launch:** 8 April 2025
- **Objective:** Financial literacy among rural and semi-urban women
- **Type:** Community-based awareness programme

India Skills Accelerator Initiative

- **Launch:** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship – 8 April 2025
- **Partner:** World Economic Forum (WEF)
- **Objective:** Future-ready skills and inclusive workforce development
- **Type:** National public-private platform

M-CADWM Scheme

- **Full Name:** Modernisation of Command Area Development and Water Management
- **Approval:** 9 April 2025
- **Sub-scheme:** Under PMKSY (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana)
- **Initial Allocation:** ₹1,600 crore
- **Duration:** From 2025–26
- **Objective:** Improve efficiency of irrigation water use

POSHAN Tracker

- **Coverage:** All Anganwadi centres registered on POSHAN Tracker mobile app
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Women and Child Development
- **Objective:** Real-time monitoring of attendance, growth, and nutrition services

Vibrant Villages Programme – Phase II

- **Approval:** 4 April 2025 (Union Cabinet)
- **Type:** 100% centrally funded scheme

- **Total Amount:** ₹6,839 crore
- **Phase I:** Started 2023; Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Ladakh
- **Phase II:** Includes Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Home Affairs

Humari Parampara Hamari Virasat

- **Organizer:** Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- **Date:** 4 April 2025, New Delhi
- **Collaboration:** In association with the Government of Jharkhand
- **Format:** One-day national programme
- **Dedicated to:** 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda

Lakshpati Baideo Yojana

- **Launched by:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **Meaning:** "Baideo" means woman (sister) in Assamese
- **Significance:** Assam's largest women entrepreneurship scheme
- **Objective:** Provide financial assistance and training to promote entrepreneurship among women

'School Chale Hum' Campaign

- **Launched by:** Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav
- **Duration:** 1 to 4 April 2025
- **Objective:** Improve enrollment, retention, and textbook distribution

Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan (Assam)

- **Launched by:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **Date:** 1 April 2025
- **Location:** Baihata, Assam
- **Objective:** Promote self-employment and economic self-reliance among women

Zero Poverty - P4 Model Initiative (Andhra Pradesh)

- **Launched by:** Government of Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** 30 March 2025
- **Part of:** Swarna Andhra - 2047 Vision
- **Objective:** Eradicate poverty by 2047
- **Model:** Public-Private-People Partnership (P4)
- **Focus:** Inclusive and participatory poverty elimination

MGNREGS Wage Increase

- **Applicable Year:** 2025-26
- **Increase Range:** 2% to 7%
- **New Daily Wages:** ₹349 to ₹370 (effective 1 April 2025)

- **Entitlement:** 100 days of guaranteed employment per rural household
- **Annual Income Potential:** ₹37,000 (previously ₹34,900)
- **Highest Wage:** Haryana - ₹400 per day
- **Parliamentary Committee Recommendations:**
 - Minimum wage should be ₹400 per day
 - Guaranteed employment days should be increased from 100 to 150

Ayushman Bharat Scheme Coverage

- **Full Coverage:** All states and union territories
- **Information Source:** Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda
- **Total Empanelled Hospitals:** 30,957
 - Private: 13,866
 - Government: 17,091

'Balpan Ki Kavita' Initiative

- **Launched by:** Ministry of Education
- **Target Group:** School-going students
- **Objective:** Promote Indian poetry and creativity
- **Linkage:** Aligned with NEP 2020
- **Focus:** Children up to pre-primary level
- **Languages:** Indian languages and English
- **Feature:** Age-appropriate and culturally rooted content

'Catch the Rain 2025' Campaign

- **Launched by:** Ministry of Jal Shakti
- **Collaboration:** Government of Haryana
- **Date:** 22 March 2025 (World Water Day)
- **Theme:** Catch the Rain - 2025
- **Venue:** Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula
- **Objectives:**
 - Community participation
 - Water conservation
 - Water management through local planning
 - Rainwater harvesting and awareness

PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

- **Launch:** 13 February 2024
- **Led by:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- **Significance:** World's largest rooftop solar scheme
- **Progress:** 10 lakh rooftop installations completed (10.09 lakh as of 10 March 2025)
- **Maharashtra Rank:** Second position - 1,92,936 households installed
- **Total Applications:** Over 47.3 lakh
- **Target:** 1 crore households by 2026-27
- **Benefits:** Free electricity up to 300 units; annual savings up to ₹18,000
- **Loan Facility:** Collateral-free loan up to ₹2 lakh; interest rate 6.75%
- **Total Outlay:** ₹75,021 crore
- **Duration:** Up to 2026-27

Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)

- **Implementation:** For central government employees
- **Notification:** Issued by PFRDA on 20 March 2025
- **Eligibility:** Minimum 12 months of service
- **Pension:** 50% of average basic pay
- **Key Condition:** Minimum 25 years of service
- **Calculation:** Based on average pay of last 12 months

Revised Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)

- **Approval:** 19 March 2025 – by Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister
- **Objective:** Enhance livestock sector
- **Total Allocation:** ₹3,400 crore
- **Additional Funding:** ₹1,000 crore (2021–22 to 2025–26)
- **Ministry:** Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- **Original Launch:** 2014

Samarth Incubation Programme

- **Launched by:** Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- **Focus:** Innovation in telecom and IT sector
- **Areas:** Cybersecurity, 5G/6G, AI, IoT, quantum technology
- **Benefits:** Funding up to ₹5 lakh, office space, labs, technical guidance

SwaYaan Initiative

- **Launched by:** Ministry of Electronics and IT – 18 March 2025
- **Partner:** Digital India Foundation (DFI)
- **Component:** NIDAR (National Innovation Challenge for Drone Applications and Research)

Science Dhaar Yojana

- **Launch:** 16 January 2025
- **Budget Increase:**
 - 2024–25: ₹330.75 crore
 - 2025–26: ₹1,425 crore
- **Objective:** Promote scientific research, innovation, and technology development

Lado Laxmi Yojana (Haryana)

- **Announcement:** Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini – 17 March 2025
- **Benefit:** ₹2,100 per month financial assistance to women

Rajiv Yuva Vikas Yojana (Telangana)

- **Launched by:** Government of Telangana
- **Target Group:** SC, ST, BC, and minority youth
- **Objective:** Promote self-employment
- **Loan Limit:** Up to ₹3 lakh

Prime Minister Internship Scheme

- **Launched by:** Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman – 17 March 2025
- **Announcement:** Union Budget 2024–25
- **Target:** 1 crore internships in top 500 companies over 5 years
- **Facility:** Mobile app launched

PM-ABHIM Scheme

- **Full Name:** Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- **Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- **Total Outlay:** ₹64,180 crore (2021–22 to 2025–26)
- **Objective:** Strengthen healthcare services and public health infrastructure
- **Launch:** 1 February 2021
- **Previous Name:** PM Swasth Bharat Yojana

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

- **Launch:** 2015
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Tourism
- **Objective:** Sustainable and responsible tourism destination development
- **Type:** 100% centrally funded scheme

'75/25' Initiative

- **Launch:** 17 May 2023
- **Target Group:** Citizens aged 75 years and above
- **Objective:** Timely treatment for major diseases
- **Duration:** Up to December 2025
- **Progress (as of 5 March 2025):**
 - 42.01 lakh elderly received treatment
 - 25.27 lakh treated for major diseases

Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan

- **Part of:** Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign
- **Objective:** Water conservation and rejuvenation
- **Target:** Minimum 75 water bodies per district
- **Launch:** 24 April 2022
- **Progress (as of October 2024):** Over 68,000 water bodies completed
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Rural Development

PM-YUVA 3.0 Scheme

- **Launch:** 11 March 2025
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Education
- **Full Name:** Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors
- **Objective:** Promote reading, writing, and book culture
- **Focus:** Young writers under 30 years
- **Special Feature:** Global exposure for Indian writers
- **Mentorship:** 50 writers selected
- **Institution:** National Book Trust (NBT)
- **First Started:** 2021

Mahila Samridhi Yojana (Delhi)

- **Approval:** 8 March 2025
- **Benefit:** ₹2,500 per month financial assistance
- **Eligibility:** Women in urban poor households
- **Total Outlay:** ₹5,100 crore

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Vasatigrh Yojana (Uttar Pradesh)

- **Launched by:** Government of Uttar Pradesh
- **Objective:** Provide hostel facilities to students
- **Focus:** SC and other deprived sections of society students

Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme 2025 (PMIS)

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- **Second Phase Deadline:** 31 March 2025
- **Duration:** 12-month internship
- **First Phase:** Started 3 October 2024
- **Applications:** Over 6 lakh
- **Benefits:**
 - ₹5,000 monthly stipend
 - ₹6,000 one-time assistance
- **Age Group:** 21–24 years
- **Eligibility:** 12th pass / Diploma / Graduate
- **Insurance:** PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima and PM Suraksha Bima

Project NAMAN

- **Implementation:** HDFC Bank + CSC e-Governance Services
- **Objective:** Welfare of ex-servicemen, their families, and dependents

Mahila Samridhi Yojana (Delhi – Women’s Day Announcement)

- **Launch:** 8 March 2025 (International Women’s Day)
- **Benefit:** ₹2,500 per month
- **Eligibility:** Annual income up to ₹2.5 lakh; age 18–60 years

“A Million Women Arise” Initiative

- **Launch:** 6 March 2025
- **Collaboration:** NITI Aayog + India SME Forum (Mumbai)
- **Objective:** Empower women entrepreneurs
- **Focus:** Women-led MSMEs
- **MSME Statistics:** India has 6 crore MSMEs; 35% are women-owned

Project HAKK

- **Launch:** March 2025 – by HDFC Bank
- **Participants:** Retired Indian Air Force personnel, ex-servicemen, and families
- **Objective:** Establish comprehensive welfare and service centres

Pashu Aushadhi Programme

- **Objective:** Provide affordable generic animal medicines
- **Under:** Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJK)
- **Approval:** 5 March 2025 – Union Cabinet
- **Duration:** 2024–25 and 2025–26
- **Total Budget:** ₹3,880 crore (includes vaccination, deworming, disease control)

Aadarsh Mahila – Anukool Gram Panchayat

- **National Conference:** 5 March 2025, New Delhi
- **Organizer:** Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- **Target:** At least one model women-friendly Gram Panchayat in every district
- **Focus:** Gender-sensitive facilities and administration

Vividhta Ka Amrit Mahotsav

- **Second Edition:** Inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu on 5 March 2025
- **Venue:** Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- **Objective:** Celebrate India’s cultural diversity

Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP)

- **New Component:** Inclusion of Pashu Aushadhi
- **Budget:** ₹3,880 crore (2024–25 and 2025–26)
- **Objective:** Vaccination, treatment, surveillance, deworming

Project Himmat

- **Launch:** Punjab Government – 7 March 2025
- **Objective:** Empowerment of women and girls facing violence/abuse
- **Focus:** Safe environment, quick grievance redressal

Swavalambini Programme

- **Launch:** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (in collaboration with NITI Aayog)
- **Location:** Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut (started March 2025)
- **Target:** Young women in higher education institutions for self-reliant business and skill development
- **Institution:** NIESBUD

Mukhyamantri Ekla Mahila Swarozgar Yojana

- **Launched by:** Government of Uttarakhand
- **Benefit:** Financial assistance up to ₹2 lakh
- **Objective:** Economic self-reliance for single women

Make the World Better – Khadi Abhiyan

- **Launch:** Ministry of Information and Broadcasting + AAI

- **Objective:** Global promotion of Khadi and village industries
- **Focus:** Sustainable fashion and livelihood

Shiksha Sanjeevani Bima Yojana

- **Launch:** Government of Rajasthan – 26 February 2025
- **Benefit:** Accidental death/disability insurance for school students
- **Coverage:** Government schools

Skill Uday Togai Programme

- **Launch:** Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha
- **Objective:** Skill development training for school and college students
- **Target:** Empower 80,000 students

Kisan Vidyut Bill Bhaar Kami Upakram

- **Launch:** Government of Madhya Pradesh
- **Benefit:** Electricity connection for farming at token ₹5
- **Objective:** Reduce financial burden on farmers for agricultural electricity

Mission 300 (AfDB)

- **Launch:** African Development Bank – 2025
- **Objective:** Provide electricity to 300 million people in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030

- **Runner-up:** Kerala
- **Player of the Tournament:** Harsh Dubey (Vidarbha)
- **Most Runs:** Yash Rathod (Vidarbha) – 960 runs
- **Most Wickets:** Harsh Dubey (Vidarbha) – 69 wickets
- **Organizer:** BCCI
- **Most Titles:** Mumbai – 42 times

Archery World Cup 2025 (Stage 1)

- **Location:** Abilene, Texas (USA)
- **India's Position:** 4th overall
- **India's Medals:** 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze (total 4)
- **Top Medal Winner:** Mexico – 6 medals (3 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze)
- **Stage 2:** 6–11 May 2025, Shanghai, China
- **India's Gold:** Navya Yadav & Jyothi Surekha Vennam (Compound Mixed Team)

Khelo India Youth Games 2025

- **Location:** Bihar (Begusarai, Bhagalpur, Gaya, Rajgir, Patna)
- **Duration:** 4–15 May 2025
- **Mascot:** Elephant (symbol of strength)
- **Theme:** "Khel Ke Rang, Bihar Ke Sang"
- **Objective:** Promote sports culture, identify young talent for Olympics

Khelo India Para Games 2025

- **Edition:** Second
- **Location:** New Delhi
- **Duration:** 20–27 March 2025
- **Mascot:** Uchhalta (Sparrow)
- **Participants:** 1,300+ para-athletes

Sports

ICC Champions Trophy 2025

- **Winner:** India (third time)
- **Runner-up:** New Zealand
- **Final Match:** Dubai (UAE)
- **Duration:** 19 February to 9 March 2025
- **Teams:** 8
- **Player of the Tournament:** Rachin Ravindra (New Zealand)
- **Most Runs (Orange Cap):** Rachin Ravindra – 263 runs
- **Most Wickets (Golden Ball):** Matt Henry (New Zealand) – 10 wickets
- **Special Note:** Afghanistan participated for the first time
- **India's Wins:** 2002, 2013, 2025
- **Rohit Sharma:** First captain to reach the final of every ICC event and win the Champions Trophy
- **Prize Money:**
 - Winner (India): ₹19.54 crore
 - Runner-up (New Zealand): ₹9.77 crore

Ranji Trophy 2024–25

- **Edition:** 90th (started in 1934–35)
- **Duration:** 11 October 2024 to 26 February 2025
- **Winner:** Vidarbha (third time – 2017–18, 2018–19)

Medal Table (Top 5 States):

Rank	State	Total Medals
1	Haryana	104
2	Tamil Nadu	74
3	Uttar Pradesh	64
4	Rajasthan	64
5	Maharashtra	43

Women's Premier League (WPL) 2025

- **Edition:** Third (started 2023)
- **Winner:** Mumbai Indians
- **Runner-up:** Delhi Capitals
- **Duration:** 14 February to 15 March 2025
- **Teams:** 5

Khelo India Winter Games 2025

- **Edition:** Fifth
- **Phase 1:** Leh (23–27 January 2025)
- **Phase 2:** Jammu & Kashmir (9–12 March 2025)

- **Participants:** 400+ athletes
- **Sports:** 7
- **Medal Table (Top)**

Rank	State/UT	Total Medals
1	Ladakh	18
2	Himachal Pradesh	18

Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025

- **Edition:** 12th
- **Location:** Turin, Italy
- **Duration:** 8–15 March 2025
- **Theme:** “The Future is Here”
- **India’s Participation:** First time
- **India’s Medals:** 33 (8 Gold, 18 Silver, 7 Bronze)

Global Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025

- **Location:** Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
- **Duration:** 11–13 March 2025
- **Edition:** 12th
- **India’s Medals:** 95 (33 Gold, 29 Silver, 33 Bronze)

Women’s Basketball Championship 2025 (Asia)

- **Winner:** India
- **Runner-up:** Maldives
- **Location:** New Delhi
- **Duration:** 23–26 February 2025
- **Organizer:** South Asian Basketball Association (SABA)

Asian Women’s Kabaddi Championship 2025

- **Edition:** Seventh
- **Location:** Tehran, Iran
- **Duration:** 6–8 March 2025
- **Teams:** 7
- **Winner:** India (most titles – 5 times)
- **Runner-up:** Iran

Rohit Sharma ODI Retirement

- **Announcement:** 7 May 2025
- **Previous Retirement:** T20 International
- **Continuing:** Test cricket
- **ODI Statistics:** 67 matches, 4,301 runs, 12 centuries, 18 half-centuries

Aryna Sabalenka Victory

- **Tournament:** Madrid Open
- **Win:** Defeated Coco Gauff
- **Total Titles:** 20th career title

Asian U18 Athletics Championship 2025

- **Location:** Dammam, Saudi Arabia
- **Date:** 18 April 2025
- **India’s Performance:** 1 Gold, 5 Silver, 5 Bronze (total 11 medals)
- **Gold Medal:** Himanshu Jakhar

Virat Kohli’s IPL Record

- Virat Kohli (RCB) holds the record for the most fours in IPL history
- Broke the career record for most boundary fours

HUMANOID 2025 Robot Competition

- **Location:** Beijing, China
- **Date:** 19 April 2025
- **Winner:** Chinese humanoid robot
- **Task:** Height measurement (120 cm to 1.8 meters)
- **Significance:** Showcased progress in robotics

Sayani Das Record – Bengal

- Sayani Das (Bengal) set a record in Asian Women’s Javelin Throw
- Broke the previous Asian women’s javelin throw record
- 2023: Received National Bravery Award (Tenzing Norgay Award)

Asian Yogasana Sports Championship 2025 (Second Edition)

- **Location:** Kediya Zaveri Arena / Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi
- **Main Events:** 25–27 April 2025
- **Conclusion:** 27 April 2025
- **India’s Performance:** 83 Gold (out of 88), 3 Silver, 1 Bronze → total 87 medals
- **Medal Table:** India at top
- **Participants:** 21 countries (17 countries won at least one medal)
- **Significance:** Showcased yoga as a sport of strength and culture

National Hockey Championship Trophy 2025

- **Winner:** Punjab (fifth title)
- **Organizer:** Hockey India
- **Duration:** 4–15 April 2025
- **Final Match:** Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium, Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh)
- **Final Result:** Punjab defeated MP 4–1
- **Full Name:** 15th Hockey India Senior Men’s National Championship Trophy 2025

FIDE Chess Championship

- **Location:** Pune (Maharashtra)
- **Organizer:** Maharashtra Chess Association
- **Winner:** Koneru Humpy (fifth title in this event)

Vaibhav Suryavanshi Record

- Vaibhav Suryavanshi (Rajasthan Royals) set an IPL record
- Youngest player to make debut at 14 years 23 days
- Broke the previous debut age record
- Fastest to complete IPL career in 157 days (16 innings)

Athlete Passport Management Unit Inauguration

- **Inaugurated by:** Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya – 17 April 2025
- **Location:** National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), New Delhi
- **Objective:** Monitoring and regulation of anti-doping passport system for athletes
- **Target:** Fair play, clean sport, and strict surveillance
- **Special Unit:** For NDTL (National Dope Testing Laboratory)

ICC Programme for Afghanistan Women Cricketers

- ICC established a special task force for Afghanistan women cricketers
- **Objective:** Promote women's cricket in Afghanistan
- **Part of:** ICC's global initiative for gender equality
- **Collaboration:** With BCCI, ECB, Cricket Australia

Dhoni Record

- M. S. Dhoni (CSK captain) holds the record for most catches (200) in IPL history
- Most stumpings (46)
- First player: 155 sixes and 46 stumpings in IPL

Saurabh Chaudhary Bronze

- Saurabh Chaudhary (Uttar Pradesh) won bronze in 10m Air Pistol at ISSF World Cup 2025
- **Location:** Lima, Peru
- **Category:** Men's 10m Air Pistol

Virat Kohli 100th Half-Century

- Virat Kohli scored his 100th half-century in T20 cricket – 13 April 2025
- **Location:** Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur (IPL)
- **Opponent:** Rajasthan Royals
- **Significance:** First Indian to reach 100 half-centuries in T20 history
- **Global Rank:** Second overall (after Chris Gayle)

Abhishek Sharma Record

- Abhishek Sharma (Sunrisers Hyderabad) set the record for highest individual score by an Indian batsman in IPL history
- **Date:** 12 April 2025
- Broke previous Indian batsman record

Virat Kohli First Indian – 13,000 T20 Runs

- Virat Kohli became the first Indian to score 13,000 runs in T20 cricket
- **Date:** 7 April 2025
- **Match:** RCB vs Mumbai Indians (Wankhede Stadium)
- **Global Rank:** Fifth overall
- **Fastest Indian** to reach this milestone

Global Boxing Cup 2025

- **India's Performance:** 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 4 Bronze (total 6 medals)
- **Gold:** Hitesh Gulia (70 kg category)
- **Bronze:** Abhinash Jamwal (65 kg category)
- **Location:** Brazil

Kamindu Mendis Record

- Kamindu Mendis (Sri Lanka) became the **first ambidextrous bowler** in IPL history (capable of bowling with both hands).
- **Date:** 3 April 2025
- **Significance:** First ambidextrous bowler in IPL

Hockey Asia Cup 2025

- **Edition:** 7th (Men's)
- **Overall Edition:** 12th
- **Location:** Rajgir (Bihar)
- **Duration:** 27 August to 7 September 2025
- **Organizer:** Hockey India

Vandana Katariya Retirement

- **Announcement:** 1 April 2025
- **Significance:** Most capped player in Indian women's hockey (320 international matches)
- **Goals:** 158
- **Record:** 4th highest caps in Indian women's hockey
- **Native:** Uttar Pradesh
- **Award:** Padma Shri (2022)
- **Association:** Linked with Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign

Manisha Bhanwala Gold

- **Competition:** Asian Wrestling Championship
- **Category:** 62 kg
- **Location:** Amman (Jordan)
- **Date:** 28 March 2025
- **Final Match:** Defeated Ok Ju Kim (North Korea)
- **Previous Record:** 3 bronze medals in this championship

Sunil Kumar Bronze

- **Competition:** Asian Wrestling Championship
- **Category:** 87 kg (Greco-Roman)
- **Location:** Jordan
- **Date:** 25 March 2025
- **Bronze Match:** Defeated Chinese wrestler
- **Style:** Strong performance in Greco-Roman

International Masters League 2025

- **Winner:** India Masters (led by Sachin Tendulkar)
- **Final Match:** Defeated West Indies Masters
- **Location:** Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
- **Duration:** 22 February to 16 March 2025
- **Other Venues:** New Mumbai, Vadodara

All India Police Shooting Championship – 18th Edition

- **Duration:** 24–29 March 2025
- **Location:** Indore (Madhya Pradesh)
- **Organizer:** Sports Department of Police Forces
- **Participants:** Multiple states

National Maritime Games 2025

- **Inaugurated by:** Dr. P. T. Usha – New Mumbai
- **Full Name:** National Maritime Games 2025
- **Organizer:** Indian Maritime University + Uttar Pradesh Taekwondo Association
- **Sports:** 20+ (maritime/water-based)
- **Objective:** Promote coastal culture, adventure sports, and water discipline
- **Focus:** Rowing, kayaking, sailing, swimming, diving
- **Significance:** First edition successfully conducted

Ravichandran Ashwin Road Naming

- **Announcement:** 21 March 2025 – Greater Chennai Corporation
- **Road Name:** Named after Ravichandran Ashwin
- **Approval:** Unanimously accepted

Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship

- **Winner:** India
- **Date:** 8 March 2025
- **Final Match:** Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
- **Final Score:** India defeated Iran 35–22
- **Organizer:** Uttar Pradesh Taekwondo Association under Khelo India

150th ODI Anniversary

- **First ODI:** 150 years ago (Australia vs England)
- **Inauguration:** 11–15 March 2027
- **Main Venue:** Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)

Commonwealth Games Federation Name Change

- **New Name:** Commonwealth Sport
- **Date:** 10 March 2025

Pranav Venkatesh Winner

- Pranav Venkatesh (Bengaluru) won an international competition
- **Final Match:** Defeated Indian Grandmaster
- **Date:** 7 March 2025

Khelo India Women's Taekwondo Competition

- **Date:** 8 March 2025
- **Location:** Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
- **Organizer:** Uttar Pradesh Taekwondo Association under Khelo India
- **Objective:** Celebrate International Women's Day

Australia-India Sports Excellence Forum

- **Inaugurated by:** Union Sports Minister Raksha Khadse – 5 March 2025
- **Location:** Gandhinagar (Gujarat), GIFT City
- **Objective:** Strengthen India-Australia sports cooperation
- **Significance:** First bilateral sports excellence initiative

LeBron James Record

- LeBron James (USA) became the first player to score 50,000 points in NBA + playoffs
- **Date:** 6 March 2025
- **Significance:** First in NBA history

Mushfiqur Rahim ODI Retirement

- **Announcement:** 6 March 2025
- **ODI Statistics:** 274 matches, 7,795 runs, average 36.42, 56 half-centuries, 243 sixes

Achanta Sharath Kamal Retirement

- **Announcement:** Retirement from table tennis
- **Significance:** India's most successful table tennis player
- **Olympics:** Participated 5 times
- **Born:** 12 July 1982, Chennai
- **Awards:** Padma Shri (2019), Khel Ratna (2022), Arjuna (2004)

Rohit Sharma Record

- Rohit Sharma holds the record for most sixes in Asia Cup (65)
- **Innings:** 42
- **Previous Record:** Chris Gayle – 64 sixes (51 innings)

FIFA World Cup 2026 – Ban on Three Countries

- **Banned Countries:** Pakistan, Russia, Congo
- **Reason:** Administrative issues, government interference, third-party interference
- **Hosts:** USA, Canada, Mexico
- **Teams:** 48

One-Liner News (Brief & Factual)

- **Chile Open 2025 Tennis:** Rohan Bopanna (India) and Nicolás Barrientos (Colombia) won the title
- **Global Para Athletics Grand Prix:** Held 11–13 March 2025 in New Delhi; first time hosted in India
- **WFI Suspension Lifted:** Suspension on Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) lifted by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports on 4 March 2025
- **Abhishek Raho Record:** Abhishek Raho became the first Indian to take three fielding dismissals (catch + stumping) in one IPL innings

- **Japan World Cup Qualification:** Japan became the first country to qualify for FIFA World Cup 2026 on 20 March 2025
- **Archana Jatav Record:** Archana Jatav set national long jump record on 18 March 2025; banned from dope testing for four years
- **Asian U15 & U17 Boxing Championship:** Held in Amman (Jordan)
- **South African Open Javelin:** Neeraj Chopra won gold with 84.52 m throw
- **Asian U18 Athletics:** Himanshu Jakhar won gold – first Indian in Asian U18
- **Khelo India Youth Games 2025:** Held in Pune and other cities
- **Mumbai T20 League:** Rohit Sharma appointed ambassador for third season

Important Days

Important Days – March 2025

- **1 March** – World Civil Defence Day Theme: Civil Protection – A Guarantee of Security for the Population
- **1 March** – World Sea Turtle Day
- **1 March** – Zero Discrimination Day Theme: We Stand Together
- **3 March** – World Wildlife Day Theme: Wildlife Conservation Finance – Investing in People and Planet
- **3 March** – World Hearing Day Theme: Changing Mindsets – Let’s Make Ear and Hearing Care a Reality for All
- **3 March** – National Safety Day
- **4 March** – World Obesity Day Theme: Changing Systems, Healthier Lives
- **5 March** – International Day of Remembrance for Slavery Victims
- **6 March** – International Anti-Discrimination Day
- **6 March** – National Dentist Day
- **8 March** – International Women’s Day Theme: For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment / For All
- **10 March** – International Day of Women Judges Theme: 50th Women’s Day
- **12 March** – World Kidney Day
- **13 March** – World Sleep Day Theme: Prioritising Sleep Health
- **14 March** – World Rivers Day Theme: Our Rivers, Our Future / Our Rivers, Our Future – Art & Creativity
- **14 March** – International Day of Mathematics Theme: Mathematics, Art and Creativity
- **15 March** – International Day Against Islamophobia

- **15 March** – International Consumer Rights Day Theme: Sustainable Lifestyles / Fair Transition
- **16 March** – National Vaccination Day
- **20 March** – International Day of Happiness Theme: Caring and Sharing
- **20 March** – World Sparrow Day
- **20 March** – World Oral Health Day Theme: A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind
- **21 March** – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- **21 March** – World Poetry Day Theme: Poetry Bridges for Peace and Inclusion
- **21 March** – World Down Syndrome Day Theme: Improving Our Support Systems
- **21 March** – International Day of Forests Theme: Forests and Food
- **21 March** – World Snow Leopard Day
- **22 March** – World Water Day Theme: Protecting Glaciers
- **23 March** – World Meteorological Day Theme: Early Warning – Closing the Gap / Together
- **24 March** – World Tuberculosis Day Theme: Yes! We Can End TB – Commitment, Investment, Delivery
- **25 March** – International Day of the Unborn Child
- **27 March** – World Theatre Day Theme: Theatre and the Culture of Peace
- **28 March** – World Piano Day
- **30 March** – International Zero Waste Day Theme: Zero Waste in Fashion and Textiles
- **30 March** – World Bipolar Disorder Day

Important Days – April 2025 (Beginning)

- **2 April** – World Autism Awareness Day Theme: Neurodiversity – Development and Sustainable Future / SDGs
- **4 April** – International Day of Mine Awareness Theme: A Safe Future Starts Here
- **5 April** – International Day of Conscience
- **5 April** – National Maritime Day
- **6 April** – International Day of Sport for Development and Peace Theme: Leveling the Playing Field – Sport for Social Inclusion
- **7 April** – World Health Day Theme: Healthy Start, Hopeful Future
- **10 April** – World Homeopathy Day
- **11 April** – World Parkinson’s Disease Day
- **11 April** – National Safe Motherhood Day Theme: Kasturba Gandhi Jayanti / Healthy Start, Hopeful Future
- **12 April** – International Day of Human Space Flight Theme: The Dawn of Humanity’s Space Age

- **14 April** – World Chagas Disease Day Theme: Prevention, Control, Care – Everyone’s Role in Chagas Disease
- **14 April** – National Fire Service Day
- **15 April** – World Art Day
- **16 April** – World Voice Day Theme: Empower Your Voice
- **17 April** – World Hemophilia Day Theme: Access for All
- **18 April** – World Heritage Day
- **19 April** – World Liver Day Theme: Food is Medicine
- **21 April** – World Creativity and Innovation Day
- **21 April** – Civil Service Day
- **22 April** – World Earth Day / Vasudha Day Theme: Our Power, Our Planet
- **23 April** – World Book and Copyright Day Theme: The Role of Literature in Achieving SDGs
- **24 April** – World Day for Laboratory Animals
- **25 April** – National Panchayati Raj Day
- **25 April** – International Delegate Day
- **25 April** – World Malaria Day Theme: Malaria Ends with Us – Renew Investment, Renew Ideas, Renew Momentum
- **25 April** – World Veterinary Day Theme: Animal Health Takes a Team
- **25 April** – National DNA Day
- **26 April** – World Intellectual Property Day Theme: IP and Music – Feel the Beat of IP
- **27 April** – World Tapir Day
- **28 April** – World Day for Safety and Health at Work Theme: Revolutionizing Health and Safety with AI and Digitalization
- **29 April** – International Dance Day
- **First Yoga Day:** Started in 2015 on India’s initiative

Important Weeks / Fortnights – April 2025

- **Anishuraksha Week 2025** – 21 to 25 April 2025
- **World Immunization Week** – 24 to 30 April 2025 Theme: Immunization for All is Humanly Possible
- **Water Management Action Fortnight** – 15 to 30 April 2025
- **Poshan Pakhwada 2025** – 8 to 22 April 2025 Ministry: Ministry of Women and Child Development Objective: Increase nutrition awareness, improve health, empower communities Edition: Seventh Part of: Mission Poshan 2.0

International Day of Yoga 2025 Theme

- **Announcement:** Declared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mann Ki Baat
- **Theme:** Yoga for One Earth One Health
- **Date:** 21 June 2025
- **Significance:** Yoga for global health and sustainability