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Famous Personalities

Padma Shri Sant Baijnath Maharaj (Demise)

- ❑ Renowned spiritual guide, teacher, and social reformer.
- ❑ **Peeth**: Siddhapeeth Shraddhanathji Ashram, Laxmangarh (Sikar).
- ❑ Padma Shri awarded in 2025 (for 'Spirituality and Social Service').

Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani

- ❑ **Official Tour**: Visit to the Legislative Assemblies of **Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh** from June 8–11, 2026.
- ❑ **Objective**: Participation in the CPA (Commonwealth Parliamentary Association) India Region, **Zone-II Conference**.
- ❑ **Theme**: 'The role of an aware society and public representatives in realizing the goals and future challenges of Viksit Bharat 2047'.
 - ◆ **Chandigarh (June 9)**: Met with the Governor of Punjab (Gulab Chand Kataria) and participated in the CPA India Region, Zone-II Conference held in Chandigarh.
 - ◆ **Shimla (June 10)**: Met with the Governor of Himachal Pradesh (Kavinder Gupta) and visited to historical sites including Jakhu Temple, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (Viceroy's Lodge), and Kufri.
 - ◆ **Kurukshetra (Haryana)**: Visit to the 'Mahabharata Anubhav Kendra' at Jyotisar.

R.D. Baheti, Jaipur (Demise)

- ❑ **Also known as** 'Hasya Samrat'
- ❑ Former President of Shri Maheshwari Samaj, Jaipur.
- ❑ **Hasya Club (Year 1970)**: Established India's first 'Hasya Club' (Laughter Club).
- ❑ **Mass Marriage (Year 1975)**: Organized a mass marriage event—a 'first' for North India—thereby striking a blow against social evils and wasteful expenditure.
- ❑ Established the '**Rajasthan Swasthya Yoga Parishad**'.

Group Captain Animesh Patni, Vir Chakra

- ❑ **Awarded by**: President Droupadi Murmu at the Defence Investiture Ceremony; conferred with the Vir Chakra, India's third-highest wartime gallantry award.
- ❑ **Native place**: Kujed village, Baran district.
- ❑ **Role**: Demonstrated gallantry and strategic acumen during '**Operation Sindoor**'; achieved an extraordinary feat while commanding an S-400 Triumf Air Defence System regiment.

Ranjeet Singh Rathore - Rajasthani Councillor in the UK

- ❑ **Achievement**: Elected as a Councillor for the North Hillingdon seat in the UK local elections.
- ❑ **Native place**: Dhundhla village, Pali district.
- ❑ **Education**: Graduate in Law from Brunel University, London.

Demise of Maand Singer Gavri Devi

- ❑ **Birth**: Born into a family of folk artists in Korna village, Barmer.
- ❑ **Contribution**: Active in Maand singing for the past eight decades.
- ❑ **Residence**: Pali district; an area, 'Gavri Nagar' has been named after her.
- ❑ **Major Musical Heritage**—
 - ◆ **Maand Songs**: Kesariya Balam Padharo, Dhola Thare Desh Mein, Mor Bole Re Malji, Jiyo Re Ghanavar...
 - ◆ **Famous Bhajans**: Main To Liyo Sanwariya, Mastana Re Masti Mein, Thare Re Karan Jivda, Punagar Mataji Ri Lal
 - ◆ **Awards**: Veer Durgadas Rathore Lifetime Achievement Award
 - ◆ Recognized artist of Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR).

Dr. Ashok Gupta - Jaipur

- ❑ **Achievement**: He Represented the Indian subcontinent at the EAACI (European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology) Congress 2026 held in Istanbul, Turkey.

- ❑ **Role:** 'Distinguished Faculty Member' and 'Guest Speaker'
- ❑ **Subject:** 'Environmental Exposure and Immunity'
- ❑ **The global problem:** Three main causes of the rise of allergies and asthma are widespread environmental pollution, climate change, modern lifestyle.
- ❑ **Solution:** Dr. Gupta conceptualized 'One Health' (Integration of Human, Animal and Environmental Health).
- ❑ **At present:** Dean and Principal, Gitanjali Institute of Medical Sciences, Udaipur

❑ EAACI Congress : 2026

- ◆ **Event:** Istanbul, Turkey.
- ◆ **Duration:** June 12-15,
- ◆ **Organizer:** European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.
- ◆ **Theme:** 'Vision Zero: A Future Free from Allergy and Asthma Burden'

Usha Priyadarshi - Jaipur

- ❑ Appointed Chairperson of the 'Haryana State Commission for Women'.
- ❑ Originally a resident of Jaipur; daughter of former Rajasthan government minister Dr. Rohitash Sharma.
- ❑ Has served as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in-charge for the Union Territory of Puducherry.

National Youth Parliament 2026: Ajuni Tiwari

- ❑ She represented Rajasthan at the 'National Youth Parliament 2026'.
- ❑ **Event:** Organized by the Uttarakhand **Young Thinkers Forum** at Doon University, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) from June 17 to 19.
- ❑ **Basis of selection:** Leadership ability and oratory skills.

Agniveer Vayu Khemaram Kumawat

- ❑ **Martyrdom:** Laid down his life in an Indian Air Force AN-32 military transport aircraft crash in Jorhat, Assam.
- ❑ **Last rites:** Performed on June 15 at his ancestral village, Panchauta (Nawa subdivision), with state and military honors.

AN-32 Aircraft Crash

- ◆ June 13 – Rowrah Airbase, Jorhat (Assam)
- ◆ **Martyrs:** Squadron Leader Prashant Singh, Flight Lieutenant Shubham Kumar, Sergeant Jitendra Sharma, Agniveervayu Khemaram Kumawat, Agniveervayu Danish Alam.
- ◆ Originally manufactured by the Soviet Union (Ukraine).
- ◆ **Usage:** Primarily used for transporting troops, logistics, and military equipment in difficult and mountainous terrains, such as the North-East and Ladakh.

New Chairman of RBSE: Hanuman Singh Rathore

- ❑ Appointed as the new Chairman of the 'Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan' (RBSE).
- ❑ **Basis of Appointment:** Recommendations of the committee constituted under Section 16, Sub-section (1) of the Rajasthan Secondary Education Act, 1957.
- ❑ **Tenure:** 3 years from the date of assuming office.

Rohit Kumar: Principal Resident Commissioner, Rajasthan

- ❑ Rohit Kumar (1997-batch IAS officer)
- ❑ He is appointed as Principal Resident Commissioner (New Delhi)
- ❑ **Previous Role:** Served as **Additional Secretary** at NITI Aayog while on deputation to the Central Government.
- ❑ **Scope of Work:** Facilitating coordination between the Government of Rajasthan and various ministries and departments of the Central Government from Rajasthan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Jaipur's Prof. Manoj Pandit Included in the List of World's Top Geologists –

- ❑ The former professor of Rajasthan University and former principal of Maharaja College has been ranked among the top geologists globally.
- ❑ **Organization:** Selected on the basis of research quality and citation standards for the list released by 'Research.com' in its 2026 edition.
- ❑ **Global Rank:** 6,793rd.
- ❑ **National Rank:** 38th (A total of 61 scientists from India were selected).
- ❑ Prof. Manoj Pandit is the only geologist from Rajasthan to feature in this global list.

Appointments to the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC)

- ❑ **Decision:** By the Government of Rajasthan in June 2026.
- ❑ **Newly appointed members (02):**
 - ◆ Prof. Santosh Anand – Presently Principal, MLV College, Bhilwara.
 - ◆ Dr. Deepak Sharma (Assumed office on 22.06.2026): Former State President of the Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh.
- ❑ **Tenure:** 6 years from the date of assuming office or until the age of 62, whichever is earlier.

- ❑ In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (1A) of Article 316 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Haribhau Bagde appointed the senior-most member of the Commission, Lt. Col. (Retd.) Kesari Singh Rathore, as **Acting Chairman**. This appointment was made following the completion of the tenure of Utkal Ranjan Sahu, Chairman of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (Ajmer), on 19.06.2026. Lt. Col. Rathore will discharge the duties of the RPSC Chairman alongside his current responsibilities until a permanent arrangement is made.
(Assumed office: 20.06.2026)

Jaipur-based senior neurosurgeon Dr. Ved Prakash Sinha becomes International President of AASNS –

- ❑ He is elected as the International President of the Asian-Australian Society of Neurological Surgeons (AASNS).
- ❑ **Achievement:** Dr. Sinha is the first neurosurgeon from India to hold this position.
- ❑ **Selection:** At the AASNS biennial international meeting held in Manila, Philippines.
- ❑ **Current Role:** Head of the Department of Neurosurgery at Santokba Durlabhji Hospital, Jaipur.
- ❑ **Previous Role:** Served as a Professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at Sawai Man Singh Hospital, Jaipur.

- ❑ **Global Role:** Has served as the 'Second Vice President' of the World Federation of Neurological Societies (WFNS). Currently, Chairman of the WFNS 'Neurorehabilitation and Reconstructive Neurosurgery Committee'.

Places in News

Hockey Turf and Hockey Sports Academy: Jaitaran, Beawar

- ❑ **Foundation stone** laid by Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Avinash Gehlot (May 31, 2026).
- ❑ Department of Youth Affairs and Sports sanctioned 8 Crore under the State Budget 2025-26.
- ❑ **Target completion date:** January 12, 2027.
- ❑ **Construction:** Synthetic hockey turf developed in accordance with International Hockey Federation (FIH) standards.
- ❑ **President of Hockey Rajasthan Association:** Arun Kumar Saraswat.

Country's first 'Marwari Pravasi Bhawan' Jagatpura, Jaipur

- ❑ **Name:** Marwari Facilitation Center (MFC)
- ❑ **Constructing Organization:** 'Marwari International Federation' (MIF)
- ❑ **Location and Area:** Situated on a 4,000-square-meter plot in the Sirol-Dantli scheme of Jaipur's Jagatpura area.
- ❑ **Global Network:** More than 10,000 Non Resident Rajasthanis settled in over 46 countries worldwide will be connected through a robust global network.

Schemes/ Programme/ Campaign

PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme: Rajasthan (June 2026)

- ❑ **Meeting:** Second meeting of the State-Level Steering Committee.
- ❑ **Chaired by:** Rajasthan Chief Secretary V. Srinivas at the Secretariat, Jaipur.
- ❑ **Allocation:** A total of 1,150 electric buses allocated to 8 major districts/cities of Rajasthan under this scheme.
- ❑ **Focus:** Development of charging stations and 'behind-the-meter power infrastructure'.

- ❑ District-wise bus allocation:
 - ◆ Jaipur: 450 ◆ Jodhpur: 125
 - ◆ Bikaner: 125 ◆ Ajmer: 100
 - ◆ Alwar: 100 ◆ Kota: 100
 - ◆ Udaipur: 50 ◆ Sikar: 50
 - ◆ Bhilwara: 50
- ❑ **Launch:** Flagging off of electric buses by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma from Jaipur (Amar Jawan Jyoti) on June 20.
- ❑ **First Phase:** Jaipur (29 e-buses) and Bhilwara (18 e-buses).
- ❑ **Objective:** To modernize urban transport, reduce pollution, and ensure safe travel for women, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.
- ❑ **Rajasthan is set to receive a total of 1,150 e-buses.**
 - ◆ 675 buses to be operational by Diwali in the first phase.
 - ◆ **Additional provision:** The state government will provide 555 e-buses for urban transport and 50 double-decker e-buses for tourists.

'Rajasthan Industrial Corridors Development Corporation Limited' (RIDCO) Land Allotment and Price determination Policy -

- ❑ **Official Approval:** May 31, 2026
- ❑ **Department:** Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Rajasthan
- ❑ **Key Features and Provisions**
 - ◆ **Financial Incentives:** Concessions on advance payments for Beginner investors and a facility for deferred payment in 11 interest free quarterly installments.
 - ◆ **Special Investments:** Dedicated 'fast-track' allotment process for FDI and large-scale global investments.
 - ◆ **Online and Transparent Process:** Applications for plot allotment and e-auctions.
 - ◆ **Flexibility in Lease Tenure**
 - General Industrial Plots: 99-year lease.
 - Special Zones (Flatbed Factories, Logistics, Warehousing): Flexible lease tenure of 33-66 years with an option for renewal.

- ❑ **Pilot Project:** Why was Jodhpur Pali-Marwar Industrial Area (JPMIA) selected?
 - ◆ **Strategic:** JPMIA is situated at the junction of NH-62 and SH-64, making it an ideal hub for freight and logistics.
 - ◆ **Connectivity:** Proximity to major cities like Jodhpur and Pali, along with the facility of a doubled railway line (Rohat-Marwar Junction), ensures seamless connectivity.
 - ◆ **Resource Availability:** Significant investments have already been made for essential utilities such as gas pipelines (Indraprastha Gas Limited), PHED services, and electricity.

- ❑ **RIDCO:** A company formed as a joint venture between the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) Government of India and RIICO.
 - ◆ **Objective:** To develop integrated industrial townships and infrastructure under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP).

Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana: Rajasthan (Up to May 2026)

- ❑ **At the 'Two Years of PM Surya Ghar Yojana'** national ceremony held in New Delhi (on June 4), Union Power Minister Pralhad Joshi presented a total of six awards to Rajasthan across various categories.
- ❑ **Details of the awards:**
 - ◆ **State Level (Second Prize) -**
 - In the category of states with 90 lakh to 1.50 crore electricity consumers, Rajasthan received the **second prize** in **four sub-categories:**
 - **Ms. Aarti Dogra**, Energy Secretary and Chairperson of Rajasthan DISCOMs, received the awards.
 - Highest number of solar plant applications.
 - Highest number of solar panel installations.
 - DISCOM inspections - technical checks and clearances.
 - Vendor registration - expansion of the large network of solar plant vendors.

◆ District Level –

- Jaipur ranked 7th among the country's top 10 districts.
- Mahima Sarabhai, Superintending Engineer at Jaipur Discom, received the honor.

◆ Vendor Category (North Zone) – for the month of May 2026:

- 'Milan Solar Energy Center' received the second prize for the highest number of rooftop solar installations.

❑ Rajasthan's performance in May 2026 –

- ◆ Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Ajmer Distribution Corporations –
- ◆ Total registrations: 39,279 applicants.
- ◆ Physical verifications: 27,700 applications.
- ◆ Rooftop solar installations: 26,632.
- ◆ New vendors: 177 new vendors added.

NH-62 Four-Laning Project Approved

- ❑ **Route:** Nagaur-Bikaner National Highway.
- ❑ **Approval:** Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- ❑ **Cost:** Approximately Rs. 1,359.33 crore.
- ❑ **Model:** BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer).

Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC)

- ❑ **Total Length:** 1,506 kilometers (from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Dadri, near New Delhi).
- ❑ **Total Cost:** Over Rs. 1.24 lakh crore.
- ❑ **Rajasthan:**
 - ◆ **Share:** Approximately 39%.
 - ◆ **Passes through:** Sikar, Reengus, Phulera, Beawar, Sirohi.
- ❑ **Key Features:**
 - ◆ **'Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro-Ro)' or (Truck on Train) service:** Trucks are loaded onto goods trains for transport.
 - ◆ **Enhanced Capacity:** Train length of 1,500 meters.
 - ◆ **Average train speed increased** from 25 km/h to 65 km/h.
 - ◆ **Multi-modal Connectivity:** At Saradhna (Ajmer). Inauguration of a new 'Gati

Shakti Multi-modal Cargo Terminal', capable of handling 1.5 million tonnes of cargo annually. This will facilitate the transport of marble, granite, and minerals from Kishangarh to global markets via the Mundra and Pipavav ports.

Rajasthan (Allotment of Plots in Saline Areas) Amendment Rules, 2026 –

- ❑ **Amendment:** Plots for salt production will be allotted through an 'e-auction' process.
- ❑ **Previous Status:** The allotment process was lottery-based.
- ❑ **Allotment Process:** Allotment proceedings will take place only after the survey, demarcation, and measurement of plots in districts with saline land.
- ❑ **Lease Renewal: – Previous rules lacked a provision for renewal** after 4 year of expiry of lease, leaving approximately 300 salt-producing units unable to renew their leases. The state government has granted a one-time six-month exemption to such units.

Sei Dam Tunnel Expansion Project

- ❑ Fourfold increase in the capacity of the Sei-Jawai tunnel.
- ❑ **Key Work:** A tunnel transporting water from the Sei Dam (located in the Kotra region of Udaipur district) to the Jawai Dam.
- ❑ **Objective:** To prevent surplus monsoon water from flowing wastefully into Gujarat and to address the water crisis in Western Rajasthan.
- ❑ **Inspection:** Review of construction work by Rajasthan's Animal Husbandry Minister, Joraram Kumawat (scheduled for June 2026).
- ❑ **Tunnel Length:** 6.7 kilometers.
- ❑ **Total Budget:** Provision of Rs. 100 crore.
- ❑ **Water Supply:** Pali, Sirohi, and Jalore (Marwar region).
- ❑ Approximately 95% of the work is complete (target set to finish the remaining 90 meters by July 15, 2026).

VB G-RAM G: Rajasthan Budget Allocation

- ❑ Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission (Rural) – Effective from July 1, 2026.
- ❑ The 'VB G-RAM G Mission' will replace MGNREGA; allocation of Rs. 11,581 crore in Rajasthan.

- ❑ **Total Budgetary Allocation (National)** for Financial Year 2026-27 Rs. 95,692 crore (highest-ever budget allocation for the rural employment program).

- ❑ **Budget Allocated for Rajasthan**
 - ◆ Central Government's interim allocation: Over Rs 7,581 crore.
 - ◆ State Government's provision: Rs 4,000 crore.
 - ◆ Total Budget: Over Rs 11,581 crore.

Viksit Bharat Vibrant Village Programme: 2026

- ❑ **Organizers:** Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- ❑ **Rajasthan:** 15 talented volunteers ('My Bharat Volunteers') from Rajasthan were selected as part of a 100-member youth team chosen from across the country.
- ❑ **Selection Process:** Through the 'Viksit Bharat Vibrant Village Quiz' held on the 'My Bharat Portal' (May 10-20).
 - ◆ National Quiz: A total of 2.59 lakh youths participated.
 - ◆ Over 16,000 youths from Rajasthan participated.
 - ◆ Action Plan for Selected Youths
 - **Base Camp:** Reckong Peo (Himachal Pradesh).
 - **Adaptation Process:** Preparation to adapt to geographical and climatic conditions (June 3-5).
 - **Border Visit:** To 20 identified border villages in Himachal Pradesh (June 6-12).

RKVY-RAFTAAR Agri-Business Incubation Program-2026 at CCS NIAM

- ❑ 7 new agri-startups received financial support in Jaipur: Cohort 12 signing ceremony concluded.
- ❑ **Venue :** Chaudhary Charan Singh National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (CCS NIAM), Jaipur
- ❑ **Financial Support:** A total of Rs. 80 lakh grant-in-aid has been recommended to selected startups for agriculture and rural development-based innovations.
- ❑ These startups are from five states

(Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Telangana, and Jharkhand) and one Union Territory (Jammu & Kashmir).

- ❑ **Full name of RKVY-RAFTAAR:**
 - ◆ Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana
 - ◆ Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation

'Kshitij' Program - Chartered Accountants: The Backbone of the Nation's Economy

- ❑ **Organized by** The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- ❑ **Venue:** Birla Auditorium, Jaipur (June 27)
- ❑ **Theme:** In the context of India's excellence in 2047.
- ❑ **Chief Guest:** Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde
- ❑ Reference was made to the ICAI motto 'Ya Esha Supteshu Jagarti' (a mantra from the Kathopanishad), which means 'One who remains awake even when others are asleep.'
- ❑ **Launch:** Of the 'Kshitij' souvenir.

Vande Ganga Jal Sanrakshan-Jan Abhiyan 2026

- ❑ **Edition:** Second (First Edition-2025)
- ❑ **Duration:** Conducted from May 25 to June 5, 2026.
- ❑ **State-wide Launch:** Launched on May 25, 2026 (on the occasion of Ganga Dashami) from Bisalpur Dam (Tonk) and Bandh Baretha Dam (Bharatpur) By Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma.
- ❑ **Closing Ceremony:** Marked by a water worship ceremony performed by Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari at **Buddha Pushkar Sarovar, Ajmer.**
- ❑ **Objective:** To rejuvenate traditional water sources before the onset of the monsoon and to enhance public participation in improving groundwater levels.
- ❑ **Key Activities** (by the Water Resources Department):
 - ◆ Cleaning of water bodies.
 - ◆ Conducting '**Catch the Rain**' programs.
 - ◆ '**Run for Environment**' on June 4, 2026.
 - ◆ Inauguration of the Nindad-Bainad Biodiversity Project Eco-Trail.

'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' : Rajasthan-2026

- ❑ **Launch:** Shri Ram Nath Thakur (Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare)
- ❑ **Venue:** Village Bagar Rajput, Alwar
- ❑ **Duration:** June 1-30, 2026 (Nationwide Abhiyan)
- ❑ **Main Slogan:** 'Less fertiliser, right fertiliser, right advice'
- ❑ **Experts from participating institutions:**
 - ◆ Karan Narendra Agriculture University (Jobner)
 - ◆ ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ICAR-ATARI Zone-II, Jodhpur)

'Hariyalo Rajasthan': 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Abhiyan: 2026

- ❑ **Hariyalo Rajasthan:** Inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on June 5, 2026 (World Environment Day) by planting a banyan sapling at the World Forestry Tree Park, Jhalana (Jaipur).
- ❑ **'Harit Pradesh' (Green State):** In the state budget for the financial year 2026-27, an ambitious target was set to plant 10 crore saplings to transform Rajasthan into a 'Green State'.
- ❑ **World Environment Day:** State-level ceremony held at the Constitution Club of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
 - ◆ **'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam':** Rajasthan secured the first position in achieving the allocated target for this campaign.
 - ◆ **Tree Plantation Target:** The state government has set a mission to plant 50 crore saplings over 5 years; approximately 19 crore saplings have been planted so far.
 - ◆ **Early Warning System (EWS):** Launched in Alwar and Bhiwadi for air quality forecasting.
 - ◆ Foundation stone laid for 4 regional offices of the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB).
 - ◆ Inauguration of 7 new nurseries and 8 pre-base augmentation enclosures.
 - ◆ **MoU:** Signed between RSPCB and CSIR for technology transfer.

- ◆ **'Oxy-zone' parks and biogas plants (under the 'Gobardhan Project')** are being established across 16 and 21 districts, respectively.

'Yuva Aapda Mitra' Training Campaign: 2026

- ❑ **Context:** A special training campaign conducted in Rajasthan under the National Disaster Management Authority's (NDMA) 'Yuva Aapda Mitra Yojana'.
- ❑ **Duration:** From June 12-18, 2026.
- ❑ **Conducted by:** Rajasthan State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and 'Aapda Mitra' master trainers.
- ❑ **Coverage:** 13 disaster-prone districts of Rajasthan (Jaipur, Ajmer, Alwar, Jodhpur, Barmer, Bharatpur, Jalore, Jhalawar, Kota, Bikaner, Nagaur, Sirohi, and Pali).

National Pulse Polio Campaign: 2026

- ❑ **Duration:** June 28-30 across the entire state.
- ❑ **Target:** To administer anti-polio drops to over 10.4 million (1.04 crore) children (up to 5 years of age) in the state.
 - ◆ **Day 1:** Vaccine drops to be administered at 59,217 booths across Rajasthan.
 - ◆ **Next 2 days:** Door-to-door vaccination to ensure no child is left out.
 - ◆ **Special focus:** Settlements of nomadic tribes, children of brick-kiln workers, and children residing in remote areas.

India's Polio Status (Statistics)

- ◆ Campaign launch: Year 1995
- ◆ Last case: No new cases in India since January 2011.
- ◆ Polio-free certification: March 27, 2014
- ◆ India declared 'Polio-free'. Global context (2026): So far, 3 polio cases have been detected in Pakistan and 4 in Afghanistan.

Awards

Manoj Mathur Journalism Award 2026

- ❑ **Edition:** Second
- ❑ **Event:** Held in Jaipur on May 14, 2026.
- ❑ **In Memory of:** Late Manoj Mathur.
- ❑ **Chief Guest:** Former Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Vasundhara Raje, honored the winning journalists.

Category	Winning journalist	Organization
Print Media	Arpit Sharma	Dainik Bhaskar
Electronic Digital Media	• Devankur Wadhwan • Saurabh Awasthi	• Aaj Tak • Bhaskar Digital
Photo journalism	Purushottam Divakar	India Today

Krishak Uphaar Yojana (State-level Award)

- ❑ **Objective:** To bring transparency to agricultural marketing and encourage farmers to use digital platforms like e-NAM.
- ❑ **Eligibility:** Farmers who sold agricultural commodities on the e-NAM platform during the year 2025.
- ❑ **Event:** Winners were announced by Smt. Manju Rajpal, Principal Secretary of the Agriculture Department, at a meeting held at Pant Krishi Bhawan, Jaipur.
- ❑ **State-level Winners -**

Position	Prize Money	Winning Farmers	Associated Mandi Committee
First	₹2.50 lakh	Smt. Vidya Devi	Shri Vijaynagar
Second	₹1.50 lakh	Shri Hansraj	Raisingh Nagar
Third	₹1.00 lakh	Shri Sukhram	Mertacity

Name	Achievement	Key Facts
Puneet Singh Khalsa, Kapurthala (Punjab)	Skating (5th World Record)	8 years of skating experience; traveled across 60% of India's states; mission: promoting de-addiction and the Sikh faith.
Rahul Kumawat, Vadodara (Gujarat)	Portrait of Shaheed Bhagat Singh	Created a portrait as tall as a four-story building in just four days.
Rakesh Saini	Astonishing push-up stunt	Performed push-ups while balancing on a rod resting on glass bottles; set a record for pulling three Thar vehicles using only teeth.
Ileana Chacko	Youngest to perform 'bar hanging'	Set a record for hanging for over a minute at the age of just 11 months and 10 days.

Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni - Travelogue 'Okuhepa'

- ❑ **Award:** The Rajasthan-cadre IAS officer and litterateur has been honored with the 'All India Professor Vishnukant Shastri Award' for his Hindi travelogue, '**Okuhepa**'.
- ❑ **Prize Money:** Rs. 1,00,000 (One lakh rupees)
- ❑ **Organizer:** Awarded by the Sahitya Akademi (Bhopal) – under the Madhya Pradesh Culture Council – as part of the 'All India and Regional Literary Work Awards for the year 2024'.
- ❑ **Residence:** Ghannasar Village, Hanumangarh
- ❑ The work 'Okuhepa' has previously been honored with the 'Hindi Seva Puraskar'.

Ministry of Culture's 'Junior Fellowship' 2025-26

- ❑ Two artists from Rajasthan secured a place in the merit list of artists selected for the prestigious 'Junior Fellowship' for the year 2025-26 by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Artists	District	Genre
Priyadarshini Mishra	Jaipur	Art and Literature
Yusuf Khan	Alwar	Folk - Other

Influencer Book of World Records-2026

- ❑ **Event:** 'Influencer of the Year Award 2026-2027' ceremony on June 14 at the Regional Science Centre and Science Museum (Science Park), Shastri Nagar, Jaipur.
- ❑ **Organizers:** The Influencer Book of World Records team, in collaboration with the Regional Science Centre and Science Museum, Jaipur.

Global Honor to Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam by 'Multinational Book of Records'

- ❑ **Power Generation:** A record high output of 7,171 MW achieved out of a total capacity of 7,580 MW.
- ❑ **June 25:** Under the guidance of the Minister of State for Energy (Independent Charge), **Hiralal Nagar**, the state achieved a historic milestone in power generation. This achievement was officially registered in the '**record category**' by the Multinational Book of Records (India).
- ❑ **Devendra Shringi**, Chairman and Managing Director of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam, was presented with a global certificate of honor at Vidyut Bhawan by Arihant Upadhyay (Manager) and Garima Jain (Coordinator) of the Multinational Book of Records organization, acknowledging this power generation achievement.

- ❑ **Record Details:** On June 2, 2026, the 23 coal-based units of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam, with a combined capacity of 7,580 MW, recorded a peak generation of 7,171 MW.
- ❑ Capacity Utilization: 94.60%
- ❑ **Contribution of Suratgarh Thermal Power Station on June 2, 2026:** All 8 units (total capacity 2,820 MW) achieved a record-breaking generation of 2,790 MW.

'Amrit-Ratna Award' for Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Salil Bhatt (Father-Son) –

- ❑ The renowned father-son musician duo from Rajasthan (Jaipur) – **Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Pandit Salil Vishwa Mohan Bhatt** – were honored with the prestigious 'Amrit-Ratna Award' at a ceremony held in New Delhi.
- ❑ **Organizer:** News18 India's annual show.
 - ◆ Edition: The fourth edition of this national award was held in June 2026.
- ❑ Presented by Former Union Minister Smriti Irani.
- ❑ **Contribution:** Art, music, and Indian classical music.

❑ Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt –

- ◆ Grammy Award winner; recipient of the Padma Bhushan.

- ◆ Inventor of the '**Mohan Veena**'.

❑ Pandit Salil Vishwa Mohan Bhatt –

- ◆ Honoured with the title '**Tantri Samrat**' (Emperor of String Instruments) in the music world.

- ◆ Inventor of the '**Sattvik Veena**'.

- ◆ Note: Honoured with the 'Atal Bharat Gaurav Samman 2026' in New Delhi by the Awards Trust of India.

Writer Jyotsna Saxena honoured with the 'Subhadra Kumari Chauhan Samman 2026' –

- ❑ The Jaipur-based writer was conferred the prestigious 'Subhadra Kumari Chauhan Samman 2026' at an international literary-spiritual symposium held in Singapore in June 2026.
- ❑ Held under the joint aegis of Bhasha Asmita Academy and Chhattisgarh-Mitra.
- ❑ **Research Paper:** On the subject '**Global Impact of Sahaja Yoga**'.
- ❑ Two books were launched by poetess Unveiled by poetess Neetu Gujral. (Author: Jyotsna Saxena)

- ◆ '**Kukdu Koo**' ◆ '**Jhankrit Ninad**'

Dr. Meenu Beriwal - 'Diamond of Asia International Award 2026'

- ❑ Senior Advocate and Counselor from Jaipur.
- ❑ 'New Think Forums' organised 'New Think Forums International Conference and Awards 2026' ceremony held in Dehradun (Uttarakhand).
- ❑ **Contribution:** Excellence in the fields of social awareness, women's empowerment, and counseling.

Science & Technology

Hanumangarh: India's first potash mining hub

- ❑ First-ever successful commercial auction of a 'potash block' in India.
- ❑ **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

- ❑ **Description:** Block and Allocation Company

Potash Block	Allocation - Company
Jandawali-Satipura Amalgamated Potash and Halite	Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)
Jodkiyan, Satipura, Khunja Amalgamated Potash and Halite	Oil India Limited (OIL)

- ❑ **Future Action Plan:** Companies will need to conduct extensive exploration over the next three years to ascertain the quantity, depth, and quality of the potash. Commercial mining will commence only thereafter.
- ❑ **Extent:** An area of 878 hectares in Hanumangarh district.
- ❑ **Reserves:** A potash layer approximately 125 meters thick lies underground, capable of meeting the country's long-term requirements.

OBMS Digital Platform

- ❑ **Development:** Department of Information Technology & Communication, Government of Rajasthan (GoR)
- ❑ **OBMS:** Online Booking Management System. It is the country's first and only government-run multi-site online ticketing platform.
- ❑ **Objective:** To digitize all major tourism and cultural sites in the state.
- ❑ **Features:**
 - ◆ Multi-site centralized system.
 - ◆ Queue-free, real-time booking.
 - ◆ Operation: obms-tourist-rajasthan.gov.in

Extraction of 'Critical Minerals' from Mine Waste/Dumps

- ❑ **Mission:** Extraction of valuable minerals from mine waste (dumps) in Rajasthan under the 'National Critical Mineral Mission' (NCMM).
- ❑ **MoU:** Signed between Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited (RSMML) and IIT (ISM - Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad.
 - ◆ Objective: Scientific assessment and recycling of unused mine waste for commercial production.

- ❑ **Key minerals discovered:**

- ◆ **Nickel, cobalt, chromium, gallium** (from pink and green marble waste)

- ◆ **Tungsten, lithium, rare earth elements** (from other identified dumps)

- ❑ **Identified dumps:** A total of 78 dumps were selected and divided into clusters of 10-10.
- ❑ **Pilot project:** During the study of the Udaipur cluster, 8 pink marble dumps and 2 green marble dumps were analyzed, revealing significant quantities of nickel, cobalt, chromium, and gallium.
- ❑ **Note:** The concentration of these minerals was found to be 25-40 times higher than their abundance in the Earth's crust.

Scientific Evaluation of Date Palm Varieties by CAZRI

- ❑ **Objective:** To identify the date palm varieties best suited for the arid and adverse climatic conditions of Western Rajasthan.
- ❑ **Varieties Studied:** Scientists at the ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur, conducted a comparative evaluation of the 'ADP-1' variety alongside **Barhi, Medjool, Ajwa, Halawy, and Khunezi** (exotic varieties).
- ❑ **ADP-1 (Anand Date Palm-1):**
 - ◆ The country's first indigenous, tissue-cultured commercial variety, sourced from Anand (Gujarat).
 - ◆ **Maturity:** The 'Doka' stage (fresh fruit) is ready as early as the first week of June.
 - ◆ **Quality:** The fruits are sweet and non-astringent even at the 'Doka' stage, resulting in high market demand.

'Mining, Judicial Strengthening, and Civil Security'

- ❑ Approval for Rare Earth Elements Exploration
 - ◆ **Location:** Balotra (Pachpadra) and Shergarh (Navatala and Devigarh villages)
 - ◆ **Area:** 207.63 square kilometers.

- ◆ **License:** Granted to 'M/s Central Mine Planning and Design Institute'.
- ❑ **Establishment of NIA Special Court:** A special court will be constituted in the state for the speedy trial of cases related to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).
- ❑ **Formation of 'Civil Defence Corps' in 8 new districts -**
 - ◆ **Objective:** To strengthen the 'civil defence system' for disaster management and emergency situations. (Under the 2025-26 budget announcement)

1. Balotra	2. Didwana-Kuchaman
3. Phalodi	4. Salumbar
5. Khairthal-Tijara	6. Kotputli-Behror
7. Deeg	8. Beawar

Jodhpur-Pali-Marwar Industrial Area: Rajasthan's 'Silicon Valley' –

- ❑ **Announcement:** Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Rajasthan
- ❑ **Project:** Developing the Jodhpur-Pali-Marwar Industrial Area and the 'Kankani Area' as the 'Silicon Valley of Rajasthan'.
- ❑ Creating an 'Integrated Industrial Ecosystem' –
 - ◆ Part of the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor.
 - ◆ Proximity to the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor.
- ❑ **Three Key Pillars:**
 - ◆ Chip Design.
 - ◆ Electronics Manufacturing.
 - ◆ System Development.

Launch of the ONDC DigiDukaan App –

- ❑ New opportunities for Rajasthan's traders under the Digital India vision.
- ❑ **Venue:** Birla Auditorium, Jaipur (June 19)
- ❑ **Launched by:** CM Bhajanlal Sharma.
- ❑ **Objective:** To expand the businesses of small and medium traders by connecting them to the digital marketplace.

- ❑ **ONDC: 'Open Network for Digital Commerce'** – a digital platform that provides local merchants with the opportunity to reach millions of digital buyers.
 - ◆ **Rising Rajasthan:** Investment agreements worth Rs. 35 lakh crore (with ground-breaking for Rs. 9 lakh crore) under the 'Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit'.
 - ◆ **Policy Reforms:** More than 35 policies, including the '**Rajasthan Trade Promotion Policy 2025**', have been implemented in the state to facilitate ease of doing business.

Smart IoT-based Electricity Management (Jaipur Discom)

- ❑ **Automated Demand Response (ADR) technology:** Ensures grid security and electricity savings.
- ❑ **Technical Collaboration:** Flock Energy.
- ❑ **Objective:** To automatically control the electricity consumption of residential air conditioners during peak hours (periods of high demand).
- ❑ **Pilot Project Areas:** Vaishali Nagar, Mansarovar, and Malviya Nagar in Jaipur.
- ❑ **'Automated Demand Response' (ADR) Technology** – This is the first project of its kind launched in India by any electricity distribution corporation for residential consumers.
 - ◆ **Regulatory Basis:** Operated under the 'Demand Flexibility and Demand Side Management Regulations-2026' of the Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Rajasthan Energy Conservation and Sustainable Building Code-2026

- ❑ **Implementation:** Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation (RREC)
- ❑ **Objective:** To promote energy efficiency and eco-friendly construction in commercial buildings.
- ❑ **Applicability:** This code will be mandatory for commercial buildings with a built-up area of 2,000 square meters or more.

- ◆ Connected load of 100 kW or more.
- ◆ Connected demand of 120 kVA or more.
- ❑ **Incentives:** Special financial and technical benefits (additional Built-Up Area Ratio) provided for the first time to encourage eco-friendly construction.
 - ◆ For buildings meeting 'Plus Standards': 5%
 - ◆ For buildings meeting 'Super Building Code' standards: 10%
- ❑ **Renewable Energy Mandate:** Mandatory reservation of 4% of the contracted power demand or 50% of the available rooftop area for solar/renewable energy.

'DigiVan' Portal - A robust digital platform for forest management.

- ❑ **Jaipur, June 25:** CS V. Srinivas viewed a detailed demonstration of the 'DigiVan' portal at Aranya Bhawan (Forest Department headquarters) and issued directives for its optimal utilization and technical strengthening.
- ❑ **Key Feature:** It is India's first and only multi-layer forest data platform.
- ❑ **Administrative Innovation –**
 - ◆ Portal Performance: Monthly ranking of districts established.
 - ◆ Capacity Building: Regular webinars organized every month.

Lumpy Vaccination Campaign (Phase II)

- ❑ State-level launch by Joraram Kumawat, Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy, and Gopalan, on June 24.
- ❑ **Venue:** Shri Tijarati Sarrafan Chamber Gaushala, Beawar.
- ❑ **Objective:** To protect cattle from 'Lumpy Skin Disease' (LSD) and build immunity.
- ❑ **Vaccine:** 'Homologous Ranchi Strain Live Attenuated'.
 - ◆ The 'Goat Pox' vaccine was used during the initial stages of LSD.
 - ◆ Vaccination target (Year 2026-27): 111.51 lakh cattle at the state level.
 - ◆ During the year 2025-26, 108.95 lakh cattle were vaccinated in the state.

❑ 'Lumpy Skin Disease' (LSD)

- **Disease:** Highly contagious (viral) disease.
- **Causative Agent:** Capripoxvirus, belonging to the same family as the goatpox and sheeppox viruses.
- **Affected Species:** Primarily cattle (cows and buffaloes).
- Non-Zoonotic disease.

Cancer Treatment-Development of 'Biomarkers' by IIT Jodhpur

- ❑ **Key Research:** Development of new 'biomarkers' to predict resistance to chemotherapy in cancer patients.
- ❑ **Objective:** To promote 'personalized cancer treatment' and ensure the selection of the precise drug for the right patient.
- ❑ **Research Leadership:** Dr. Dinesh Kumar Ahirwar, Associate Professor, Department of Bioscience and Bioengineering.
- ❑ **Advanced Technical Basis**
 - ◆ **Single-Cell Sequencing & Analysis:** 'Individual study of each cell' within a tumor to identify specific cancer cells that survive chemotherapy.
 - ◆ **Drug Repurposing:** Using already approved drugs in 'combination therapy' for treatment-resistant tumors, thereby reducing the cost and time associated with developing new drugs.
 - ◆ **Precision Medicine (Preclinical Models)**
 - **Humanized Mouse Models:** These models accurately mimic the actual conditions of the human immune system, enabling better testing of drug efficacy.
 - ◆ **Patient-Specific Lung-on-Chip Systems**
 - **Micro-laboratory model:** Simulates the functioning of human lung tissue.
 - **Application:** Can also be used to study silicosis (an occupational disease).

Major Economic and Political Event

Rajasthan's Food Supply Model Emerges as a 'Best Practice'

- ❑ A high-level delegation from the Madhya Pradesh State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited studied Rajasthan's 'Food and Civil Supplies Model'.
- ❑ **Led by:** Dr. K.P. Yadav (Chairman, MP State Civil Supplies Corporation)

Rajasthan Rajya Sabha Biennial Election – 2026

- ❑ **Polling Venue:** Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Building, Jaipur

Congress Members	Tenure	BJP Members	Tenure
1. Pramod Tiwari	05.07.2022 - 04.07.2028	1. Ghanshyam Tiwari	05.07.2022 - 04.07.2028
2. Randeep Surjewala	05.07.2022 - 04.07.2028	2. Madan Rathore	04.04.2024 - 03.04.2030
3. Mukul Wasnik	05.07.2022 - 04.07.2028	3. Chunnilal Garasiya	04.04.2024 - 03.04.2030
4. Sonia Gandhi	04.04.2024 - 03.04.2030	4. Satish Poonia	22.06.2026 - 21.06.2032
5. Neeraj Dangi	22.06.2026 - 21.06.2032	5. Alka Gurjar	22.06.2026 - 21.06.2032

Four seats in the Rajya Sabha will fall vacant on July 4, 2028. The terms of three Congress members—Pramod Tiwari, Mukul Wasnik, and Randeep Surjewala—and one BJP member, Ghanshyam Tiwari, will expire. Based on numerical strength in the Legislative Assembly, the BJP is certain to secure two seats and the Congress one, while the outcome for the fourth seat will depend on political maneuvering. Consequently, the BJP is set to secure a higher number of seats.

Latest CAG Report: States' Development Expenditure and Rajasthan's Fiscal Position

- ❑ **Issuer:** Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- ❑ **Rajasthan's Fiscal Position:**
 - ◆ Total allocated capital budget: Rs. 56,327 crore
 - ◆ Actual expenditure: Only Rs. 29,190 crore (51.82% of the total allocated budget spent)
 - ◆ Ranked 19th among the country's 20 major states (Category: Very poor performance)
- ❑ Average national expenditure: In the 2025-26 financial year, the country's 20 major states spent, on average, only 77% of their capital expenditure budgets.
- ❑ Constitutional Context: Under Article 151 of the Constitution, the CAG submits its report to the President/Governor, which is then tabled before Parliament and the State Legislature, respectively.

- ❑ Election for 3 vacant Rajya Sabha seats.
- ❑ As no other candidate remained in the contest after withdrawal of nominations, the candidates were elected unopposed.
- ❑ **Returning Officer:** Bharat Bhushan Sharma (Chief Electoral Officer)
- ❑ **Declaration:** June 11, 2026
- ❑ **Elected Members and Parties**
 - ◆ Dr. Alka Singh – BJP
 - ◆ Dr. Satish Poonia – BJP
 - ◆ Shri Neeraj Dangi – INC

World's First 'RTI Living Museum'

- ❑ **Achievement:** To mark the completion of 21 years since the enactment of the RTI Act, the world's first 'RTI Living Museum' is being established in Beawar (Rajasthan), the epicenter of India's historic RTI mass movement.
- ❑ **Construction and Operation:** By the 'School for Democracy'.
- ❑ **Initiator:** Social activist Aruna Roy (Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan - MKSS).
- ❑ **Location:** Narvad Kheda (Kesarpura area), District Beawar.

Rajasthan: A Leader in the Cooperative Sector

- ❑ Rajasthan's participation in the '8th National Cooperative Conference' held in Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) on June 25–26, 2026.
 - ◆ **Theme:** 'Empowering PACS through Business Diversification'.

- ◆ Technical session was chaired by Dr. Samit Sharma, Secretary (Administration), Rajasthan Cooperative Department.
- ◆ **Rajasthan ranks first in the country –**
 - Formation of 1,969 multi-purpose cooperative societies.
 - Seed Cooperatives: 6,753 cooperative societies have obtained membership in the 'Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Ltd.'
 - Construction of 120 warehouses: Modern warehouses built under the world's largest grain storage scheme.
 - ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) operations: Ranked at the top in the country with 10.91 crore entries.

Seminar on Startup Ecosystem at Bhamashah Techno Hub, Jaipur – June 19, 2026

- Organizers: Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Department of Information Technology & Communication, Government of Rajasthan.
- Key Theme: "Celebrating 12 Years of the Government and 10 Years of the Startup India Initiative"

Publications and Distinguished Authors

Literary Discourse: Book Launch and Discussion

- **Organizer:** Progressive Writers' Association (Pragatisheel Lekhak Sangh), Jaipur
- **Venue:** Rajasthan Samagra Seva Sangh Auditorium, Jaipur
- ◆ **'Urf Cinema'**
 - **Authors:** Deepak Kumar Rai, Ram Murari (Jointly)
 - **Significance:** Aids in understanding the social relevance and background of cinema.
- ◆ **'Mukti Ka Sapna Tatha Anya Kavitaeyin'**
 - **Author:** Poonam Bhatia
 - **Themes:** Nature, love, folk life, women, democracy, loneliness, and social concerns are portrayed with depth.

Two works based on the life philosophy of Saint Mirabai

- **Launch Venue:** Nimbark Peeth (Bichun), Jaipur

- **Launched by:** Nimbarkacharya Peethadhiswar Shyamasharan Devacharya.
- **Author:** Pt. Ramswaroop Gaur
 - ◆ 'Meeraji Ki Jivani'
 - ◆ 'Meera ki Bhakti Pranali par Vidvat Sanwad'

Novel: 'Khadda Parking' (Rajasthani language)

- **Author:** Premrata Soni
- **Award:** Suryaprakash Bissa Memorial Award for Women's Writing
- **Subject Matter:** A vivid portrayal of life's ups and downs, struggles, periods of stagnation, and hopes.

Book Launch: 'Travel, Trust & Transform'

- **Author:** Ruby Jain (Corporate Professional)
- **Subject:** Based on life philosophy and personal development.
- **Launched by:** Yogacharya Dhaka Ram (Renowned Yoga Guru)
- The book connects the principles of the 'Panchatattva' (Earth, Water, Fire, Air, and Ether/Space) with modern travel experiences and positive life transformations.

Book on international tax management by Jaipur-based Chartered Accountant Suvarat Jain –

- **Book Title:** 'Offshore Company Formation and Global Tax Optimization: A Complete Legal Guide for Entrepreneurs, Freelancers, and Investors'
- **Subject Matter:** International tax law, corporate law, and global business management.

Miscellaneous

MGSU, Bikaner: 23rd Foundation Day

- **Institution:** Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner
- **Chief Guest:** Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde (via virtual mode)
- **Previous Name:** Bikaner University (established in 2005)

- ❑ It was renamed 'Maharaja Ganga Singh University' after the then Maharaja of Bikaner, Ganga Singh.
- ❑ **MGSU:** Established on June 7, 2003.
- ❑ Current Vice-Chancellor: Professor Manoj Dixit.
- ❑ **MoU signed between MGSU and Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited (RKCL).**
 - ◆ MGSU recognized 11 employment-oriented skill courses offered by RKCL for the internship of undergraduate students under NEP-2020.
 - ◆ **Courses:** 4 credits and a total duration of 120 hours.
 - ◆ **Delivery:** Online, offline, and hybrid modes.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and ABHA

- ❑ Record the number of 'ABHA' (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) IDs across the country has crossed the 90-crore. (Status as of May 30, 2026)
- ❑ **Rajasthan's Achievement**
 - ◆ Ranked **second** in the country by generating over 7.19 crore ABHA IDs. (First-Uttar Pradesh)
 - ◆ There has been a consistent increase in the creation of ABHA accounts over the past five years.
 - ◆ The total number of ABHA accounts rose from 14.7 crore in 2021 to 30.4 crore in 2022, 50.6 crore in 2023, 72.2 crore in 2024, and 84.5 crore in 2025.

State-level celebration of the 301st birth anniversary of Punyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar – May 31, 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Birla Auditorium, Jaipur
- ❑ **Chief Guest:** Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma
- ❑ **Launch:** A book on the life of Ahilyabai Holkar.
- ❑ **Attendees:** Uday Singh Raje Holkar (descendant of Ahilyabai Holkar) and Dushyant Singh Baghel (State President, Vimukt, Ghumantu evam Ardh-Ghumantu Janjati Mahasangh).

- ❑ Ahilyabai Holkar (May 31, 1725 – 1795)
 - ◆ She was the great, just, and visionary Queen of the Malwa (Indore) kingdom under the Maratha Empire of India.
 - ◆ Due to the administrative, religious, and social reforms she implemented in the 18th century, British historian John Keay bestowed upon her the title of 'The Philosopher Queen'.

Yuva Sangam (Phase-6): 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' – Rajasthan-Karnataka Delegation

- ❑ **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Education, Government of India
- ❑ **Delegation:** 47 youth delegates and 6 coordinators from Karnataka (53 members in total) visited Jaipur for a 7-day tour (June 5-12, 2026).
- ❑ **Workshop:** Block printing workshop and awareness session on Indian languages.
- ❑ **Experience Sharing:** Upon the conclusion of the tour, all participants will share their experiences on the theme: 'My Yuva Sangam Story: Experiencing National Integration in Diversity'.
- ❑ **Key Institutions –**
 - ◆ **Host:** MNIT, Jaipur (Rajasthan)
 - ◆ **Delegation:** IIT, Dharwad (Karnataka)
- ❑ **Study of the five pillars ('5 Ps') regarding 'National Integration':**
 - ◆ Prayatan ◆ Parampara ◆ Pragati
 - ◆ Prodhhyogiki ◆ Paraspar Sampark
- ❑ **Visits to key locations in Rajasthan:**
 - ◆ **Jahota Village (Jaipur):** Famous for organic farming and 'Jahota Print'.
 - ◆ **Tilonia (Ajmer):** 'Barefoot College' (Founder: Bunker Roy) – a global model for rural empowerment, innovation, and solar energy training.
 - ◆ **Kishangarh (Ajmer):** Marble market.

'World Environment Day' National Seminar 2026

- ❑ **Organizers:** Rajasthan Autonomous Governance College and Indian Human Ecology Council.
- ❑ **Venue:** Rajasthan Autonomous Governance College, Jaipur
- ❑ **Theme:** 'India's Response to Global Climate Change'
- ❑ **Book Launch:** 'Indian Knowledge System' (Author: Prof. Narendra Bhojak)
- ❑ **Chief Guest:** Naresh Goyal (IAS), Agriculture Commissioner
- ❑ **Green Scholar Award 2026:** Honoring experts for research in the fields of environmental conservation and ecology –
 - ◆ Prof. H.S. Sharma
 - ◆ Prof. K.P. Sharma

- ◆ Prof. Ashwani Kumar
- ◆ Prof. Nandkumar Sawant
- ◆ Prof. Ravindra Jaybhaye

Rajasthan High Court: Directions on Wetland Conservation

- ❑ **Bench:** Rajasthan High Court, Jodhpur
- ❑ **Judges:** Dr. Pushpendra Singh Bhati and Rekha Borana.
- ❑ **Basis:** Registered as a 'Public Interest Litigation' (PIL) based on *suo motu* cognizance of newspaper reports.
- ❑ **The Court highlighted two major challenges –**
 - ◆ **Shrinking expanse:** Encroachment on wetlands due to urbanization and development activities.
 - ◆ **Imbalance:** Rapid loss of wetland biodiversity due to pollution.
- ❑ **Order to submit district-wise reports –**
 - ◆ Physical survey of all wetland areas in the state.
 - ◆ Mapping of precise boundaries and status of wetlands using modern technology (Geographic Information System).

'Formation Commanders Conference' - Sapta Shakti Command, Jaipur

- ❑ **Organized by:** Indian Army's South Western Command (Sapta Shakti Command).
- ❑ **Duration:** June 05-06, 2026.
- ❑ **Focus:** Military modernization and future-oriented warfare; Cyber security and hybrid warfare; Promoting indigenization.

Khushi wins Silver Medal in Environmental Management

- ❑ **Khushi Johri** (Native of Jaipur)
- ❑ She was Honoured with the '**Chairperson's Silver Medal**' at the 15th Convocation of the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal.
- ❑ **Presented by:** Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Representing India at the international level

- ◆ The Government of Nepal invited the youngest independent researcher to the 6th South Asian Conference held in Kathmandu.
- ◆ **Research Paper:** 'Climate Responsive Budgeting'
- ❑ Launched an initiative named '**SFK - Sustainable Finance with Khushi**', focused on climate finance.
- ◆ The first climate workshop was organized in Sikandra village, Dausa district.

Rajasthan included in the country's first RRTS network

- ❑ Rajasthan is set to be connected to the country's first **Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)** network.
- ❑ **Inter-state agreement:** Reached between the governments of Rajasthan and Haryana regarding the operation of the 'Namo Bharat' train from Delhi to Alwar, following an initiative by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma.
- ❑ **Main Route:** Starts from Sarai Kale Khan (Delhi) and passes through Munirka, Aerocity, Gurugram, and Bawal (Haryana) to reach Khairthal and Alwar.
- ❑ **Rajasthan Section:** The second phase of the corridor will be extended from SNB (Shahjahanpur-Neemrana-Behror) to Sotanala via Neemrana and Behror.
 - ◆ **Total network length:** 196 kilometers
 - ◆ **Rajasthan's share:** 91 kilometers
 - ◆ **Number of stations:** A total of 22 main stations in the corridor; 6 stations are located in Rajasthan.
 - ◆ **Train speed:** The maximum operational speed of the 'Namo Bharat' train will be 160 km/h.
 - ◆ **Timeline:** An ambitious target has been set to complete the project by the year 2030.

30th State-level Bhamashah Award Ceremony-2026

- ❑ **Venue:** June 29 at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur
- ❑ **Organizer:** Department of Education, Government of Rajasthan

- ❑ **Objective:** To honor donors who strengthen the education system by providing physical resources (buildings, land, additional construction, etc.) to government schools.
- ◆ **Launch:** 'Bhamashah Prashasti' (Commendation) booklet.
- ◆ **Chief Guest:** Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Premchand Bairwa.
- ◆ **Administrative Innovations:**
 - Formation of a special cell to facilitate donors (Bhamashahs).
 - Inclusion of two donor representatives in the School Management Committee.
- ◆ **Award Categories and Selection Criteria:**
 - Over 276 donors/Bhamashahs honored in total.

Category	Contribution Amount	Honorees - Count
Shiksha Vibhushan	More than ₹1 crore	49 Donors
Shiksha Bhushan	Between ₹30 lakh and ₹1 crore	105 Donors
Prerak Samman/Motivator Award	₹50 lakh or more	Includes 99 Motivators and 23 NRIs.

- ❑ **Key Statistics (Session 2025-26)**
 - ◆ Total contribution amount: Rs. 318 crore
 - ◆ A total contribution of Rs. 1,155.48 crore has been received from 2,331 Bhamashahs up to the 29th felicitation ceremony.
 - ◆ District-level ceremonies will be held across all districts on June 29, honoring donors who have contributed amounts ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 29.99 lakh.
 - ◆ This event was first initiated in the year 1995.

Statewide programs featuring an exhibition based on the theme '12 Years of Trust, Development, and Public Welfare' –

- ❑ **Duration:** June 12-14, 2026.
- ❑ **Occasion:** Marking the completion of 12 years of the Central Government (Bharatiya Janata Party) in power.
- ❑ **Organizer:** Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Rajasthan.

All India Young Artists Exhibition-2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur
- ❑ **Duration:** June 12-14 (three days)
- ❑ **Inaugurated by:** Rajeshwar Singh, State Election Commissioner
- ❑ Presentation of the 'All India Young Artists Award-2026' –

Awards	Winners	District/State
First	Lucky Jaiswal	Indore (MP)
Second	Dheeraj Baliara	Hanumangarh
Third (Joint)	Sakshi Goyal	Jaipur
	Naina Somani	Udaipur
	Rishabh Gautam	Lucknow (UP)
	Benugopal Bhoi	Bargarh (Odisha)

'Haldighati Victory Commemorative Sculpture Exhibition' - June 14

- ❑ **Occasion:** Completion of 450 years since the victory in the Battle of Haldighati.
- ❑ **Inauguration:** Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde.
- ❑ **Venue:** Bharti Shilpakala Private Limited, Jaipur.
- ❑ **Initiator:** Renowned sculptor Mahavir Bharti.

12th International Yoga Day State-Level Ceremony

- ❑ **Event:** Held on June 21, 2026, at Nakki Lake, Mount Abu (Sirohi).
- ❑ **Theme:** "Yoga for Healthy Ageing"
- ❑ **Chief Guest:** Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma.
- ❑ Yoga Day events were organized at district, block, and Gram Panchayat levels, as well as in all government and private educational institutions, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, prisons, and police stations.

Achievements of Rajasthan

- ◆ **Kota Record (2018):** Over 1.05 lakh People set a Guinness World Record by performing yoga together.
- ◆ **Yoga Sangam Portal (2025):** Over 85 lakh Rajasthan secured the top position nationwide in terms of registrations.

14th India Stone Mart-2028

- ❑ **Tripartite MoU:** Between RIICO, CDOS, and Laghu Udyog Bharati.
- ❑ **MoU Signing:** At Constitution Club, Jaipur, on June 16, 2026.
- ❑ **Event Dates:** Scheduled for February 17-20, 2028.
- ❑ **Significance:** A unique convergence of technology (CDOS), infrastructure (RIICO), and the trust of the MSME sector (Laghu Udyog Bharati).
- ❑ **13th Edition (2026): Key Statistics.**

Details	Statistics
Exhibition Area	Approximately 45,000 square meters
Total Exhibitors	450 (59 foreign companies)
International Pavilion	3 (Turkiye, China, and Iran)
Participation 8 Countries 15 Indian States	States such as Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Odisha participated as 'organized state pavilions' for the first time.
Total Visitors	27,256
Trade Visitors	21,431
International Delegates	From 58 countries
Architects & Design Professionals	429

New Logo of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation (RREC)

- ❑ **Unveiled by** Energy Minister Hiralal Nagar (Government of Rajasthan)
- ❑ **Venue:** Vidyut Bhawan, Jaipur
- ❑ **Organization:** Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation (RREC)
- ❑ **Reason for the change:** Incorporation of new sources in the renewable energy sector, such as decentralized solar energy conservation, pumped storage, green hydrogen, and compressed biogas.

Rajasthan's First White Tiger Safari: Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur

- ❑ Arrival of 'White Tiger **Bhim**' and 'Golden Tigress **Skandhi**' in the safari zone.
- ❑ Nahargarh Biological Park has become the first and only park in Rajasthan to feature a white tiger safari.

- ❑ **Management:** By the 'Tourism Management Team'.

PM SHRI and Chief Minister's Sikshit Rajasthan Abhiyan Review and Innovations.

- ❑ **Review Meeting:** June 22, 2026
- ❑ **Chaired by:** Chief Secretary V. Srinivas
- ❑ **Achievement 1:** Rajasthan secured the third position nationwide in the 'Clean and Green School Rating 2025-26', with 11 schools (Government and Kendriya Vidyalayas) selected.

School Name	District
Rajkiya Uchch Prathamik Vidyalaya (RUPV) Khariya Gogaliya	Barmer
PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, AFS Uttarlai	Barmer
RUPV Ujinsingh Ka Nada Beri	Sikar
Rajkiya Prathamik Vidyalaya (RPV) Rodewala	Dungarpur
RUPV Abhaypura	Churu
PM SHRI School Parliya Ki Dhani	Kota
Sophia Girls Senior Secondary School, Vallabh Nagar	Kota
Swami Vivekananda Government Model School	Tonk
GHSS, Babra	Beawar
Darbar Government Senior Secondary School (English Medium)	Jaipur
Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Talwara	Banswara

- ❑ **Achievement 2:** Rajasthan ranked among the top 10 states across all three grade categories (3, 6, and 9) in the 'National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2025'.
- ❑ Currently, **649 PM SHRI schools** are operational in the state.
- ❑ **NITI Aayog Report 2026:** The 'Chief Minister's Educated Rajasthan Campaign' (Mukhyamantri Shikshit Rajasthan Abhiyan) was recognized as the state's 'Best Practice'.

- ❑ The 'Chief Minister's Sikshit Rajasthan Abhiyan' was launched on March 29, 2025. Under this initiative, remedial activities were implemented in over 69,000 government schools across the state.

Fertilizer Sales Application System (FSAS) - Ensuring transparency in fertilizer distribution:

- ❑ **Launched by:** Naresh Kumar Goyal (Agriculture Commissioner)
- ❑ **Pilot Project:** Rajsamand and Sirohi
- ❑ **Objective:** To bring transparency to the distribution of subsidized fertilizers and spare farmers from standing in long queues.
- ❑ **Operational Mechanism:** This system is based on a 'Farmer ID'. Through this, farmers will be able to book fertilizers directly using their mobile phones.

Rajasthan's Goal: To become number one in the country in the sanitation sector.

- ❑ Review and effective implementation of Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules-2026.
- ❑ **Leadership:** Panchayati Raj Minister Madan Dilawar.
- ❑ **Targets:** To secure the top rank in the country in sanitation by March 31, and to achieve 100% rural sanitation by March 31, 2029.
- ❑ **Key Targets:**
 - ◆ **Bartan Banks:** Establishment in 4,000 Gram Panchayats by July 31.
 - ◆ **Waste Segregation:** Four-tier segregation in 1,600 Gram Panchayats by October 31.
 - ◆ **Legacy Waste:** Removal of all old waste dumps from rural areas by July 31.
 - ◆ **Vilayati Babool Eradication:** Revenue generated from the wood/charcoal obtained through eradication will go to the respective Gram Panchayats.

Jaipur-Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express

- ❑ **Inauguration:** The Amrit Bharat Express was flagged off from Khatipura Station by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma. (21 June 2026)
- ❑ **Significance:** Khatipura has been developed as a 'Mega Coaching Terminal,' which will reduce traffic congestion at Jaipur Junction.
- ❑ Announcement regarding the development of a new railway station at Sundarpura in Sikar district for the convenience of Khatu Shyam Ji devotees.
- ❑ Approximately 3,000 km of new railway tracks have been constructed in Rajasthan since 2014.
- ❑ Currently, five pairs of Vande Bharat Express trains are operating in Rajasthan.

National Conference on Medicinal Plants and Hydroponic Technology

- ❑ **Event:** Held at Keshoraipatan (Bundi) on June 25-26, 2026, focusing on new advancements in medicinal plants and the use of hydroponic technology.
- ❑ Scientists, academicians, and researchers from six states across the country shared their research findings at the conference.
- ❑ **Organizer:** Ideal Public Education Society.
- ❑ **Chaired by:** Dr. Avinash Singh, a senior scientist from Meerut.
- ❑ Hydroponic Technology 'Green Gold'
 - ◆ Special discussion on hydroponic technology—a method of growing plants without soil, using only water and nutrients.

'Date Palm Day' in Jodhpur

- ❑ **Event:** Celebrated on June 9, 2026, at the ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur.
- ❑ **Objective:** To promote advanced cultivation, processing, and marketing of date palms in arid and desert regions.
- ❑ **Foreign :** Halawi, Barhi, Medjool, Khunezi.
- ❑ **Indigenous:** Variety ADP-1

10th International MSME Day (2026)

- ❑ A state-level function marking 'International MSME Day' was held for the first time in Rajasthan at the Constitutional Club, Jaipur, on June 27, 2026.
- ❑ **Achievement:** With over 33 lakh enterprises, Rajasthan has become the fourth-largest MSME state in India.
- ❑ **Key announcements made by the Chief Minister:**
 - ◆ **Haat Development:** Development of 'Haats' (markets) for artisans, weavers, and micro-enterprises based on the 'PPP model' (First phase: Pushkar, Nathdwara, Jaisalmer, Alwar).
 - ◆ **Financial Assistance:** To be provided to 25 new startups this year through the Rajasthan Venture Capital Fund.
 - ◆ **Electronics/Semiconductor (under RIPS-2024):** The minimum investment threshold was reduced to Rs. 15 crore. The skill allowance for women and differently-abled personnel was increased from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 6,000 per month.

- ◆ **RIPS-2024 Amendment:** The capital subsidy period for MSMEs reduced from 10 years to 7 years.

❑ **Industrial Reforms and Policies:**

- ◆ **Direct Allotment Policy-2025:** Allotment of over 1,600 industrial plots within a year.
- ◆ **List of 'White Category' (non-polluting) industries** expanded from 104 to 877.
- ◆ **Launch:** Rajasthan Industrial Development Policy, 'One District, One Product' coffee table book, and the RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) portal.

Completion of 18 years of Sariska tiger reintroduction: National workshop in Alwar on June 28, 2026.

- ❑ **Theme:** 'Tiger Reintroduction: Opportunities and Challenges'
- ❑ **Guests:** Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav and Minister of State for Forest Sanjay Sharma.
- ❑ **Context:** Marking the completion of 18 years (June 28, 2008 – June 28, 2026) of tiger reintroduction in Sariska Tiger Reserve.
- ❑ **Released Publications:** Three significant documents
 1. Roadmap for active management of tigers in India.
 2. Booklet on tiger reintroduction and restoration in India.
 3. Project Cheetah Annual Report.
- ❑ Efforts to secure 'Ramsar Site' status for Manglasar and Mansarovar dams in Alwar.
- ❑ **Subject Matter:** 'Tiger reintroduction' and 'active management' in areas devoid of tigers or with low tiger density.
- ❑ **Participating States:** Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Mizoram, Karnataka, and Telangana.
- ❑ **Wildlife Institute of India:** Emphasis placed on the reintroduction of 'Gaur' (Indian Bison) and 'Barasingha' (Swamp Deer) to strengthen the 'prey base' for tigers. A preview was shown of a documentary being created by renowned photographer Nallamuthu to showcase Sariska's identity on the global stage.

MoU: Between the Department of Local Bodies (DLB) and HUDCO.

- ❑ New impetus for Rajasthan's cities: Foundation stone laid for infrastructure projects worth Rs. 15,800 crore.
 - ◆ Signed by HUDCO Regional Head Sudhir Bhatnagar and DLB Director Prateek Chandrashekhar Juikar.
- ❑ **Funding Structure:**
 - ◆ Government of India (under UCF): 25% (Rs. 3,950 crore for Rajasthan)
 - ◆ State Government and Local Bodies: 25%
 - ◆ Financial Institutions/HUDCO: 50%
- ❑ **Initiative:** Development of urban infrastructure through the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF).
- ❑ **Key focus areas:** Roads, sewerage, drainage, solid waste management, street lighting, and beautification.
- ❑ **Objective:** To realize the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' and expand modern amenities in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

20th State-Level Statistics Day Celebration

- ❑ **Date:** June 29, 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Constitution Club, Jaipur.
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data'
- ❑ **Chief Guest:** Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Premchand Bairwa.
- ❑ **Occasion:** Commemorating the birth anniversary of Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, the father of modern Indian statistics.
- ❑ **Key Releases:**
 - ◆ Rajasthan Statistical Yearbook-2026
 - ◆ Rajasthan Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Status Report-2026
- ❑ **Awards:** 15 officers and employees were honored with the "State-Level Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis Statistics Award" for outstanding and notable contributions in the field of statistics; key recipients include –
 - ◆ Joint Secretary (Finance-Budget): Krishna Sharma

- ◆ Joint Director: Ranveer Singh
- ◆ ACP: Sunil Kumar Chaudhary
- ◆ Deputy Director: Ajit Singh
- ◆ Assistant Director: Virendra Singh
- ◆ Statistical Officer: Devendra Kumar Bairwa

Yamuna Water Agreement: A new hope for water security in Rajasthan's Shekhawati region –

- ❑ **Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)** between Rajasthan and Haryana for the 'Yamuna Water Project'
- ❑ **Event Venue:** Kartavya Bhawan, New Delhi (29.06.2026)
- ❑ **Presided over by:** Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah.
- ❑ **Signatories:** Union Minister for Jal Shakti, C.R. Patil; Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Bhajanlal Sharma; Chief Minister of Haryana, Nayab Singh Saini.

- ❑ **Project Budget:** Approximately Rs. 34,102 crore.

- ◆ An underground pipeline spanning approximately 295.5 km will be laid from Hathnikund Barrage to the Hasiyawas reservoir in Rajasthan's Churu district.
- ◆ The project comprises three underground pipelines, an inspection road, and an artificial reservoir.

- ❑ **Beneficiaries:** The Shekhawati region of Rajasthan (Churu, Sikar, Jhunjhunu) and 10 locations in Haryana.

- ❑ **Construction and Operation:** A 'Rajasthan-Haryana Yamuna Water SPV' (Special Purpose Vehicle) will be constituted.

- ❑ **Historical Context:** Under the 1994 Upper Yamuna Basin Agreement, Rajasthan was allocated 1,917 cusecs of water at the Tajewala Head; however, this allocation could not be utilized for the past 32 years due to the absence of a conveyance system.



11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog

- ❑ **Chaired by** the Prime Minister; held in New Delhi on June 11, 2026.
- ❑ **Theme:** Inclusive Human Development for 'Viksit Bharat' @2047.
- ❑ **Objective:** To focus on the well-being and development of every Indian, irrespective of age, region, gender, or socio-economic background.
- ❑ Discussion on **four key pillars** of inclusive human development:
 - (i) Foundational human capital and future-ready skills.
 - (ii) Productive employment, entrepreneurship, and decentralized development.
 - (iii) Health, nutrition, and well-being.
 - (iv) Equality and dignity for all.
- ❑ The meeting also discussed recommendations from the 5th **National Conference of Chief Secretaries** (December 26 to 28, 2025).
- ❑ **Composition:** the Prime Minister of India; Chief Ministers of all states and Union Territories with legislatures; Lieutenant Governors/Administrators of other Union Territories; ex-officio members; the Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog; and full-time members and special invitees of NITI Aayog.
- ❑ For the first time, Chief Ministers from all 28 states participated in the Governing Council meeting.

Fundamental Right to Walk on Footpaths

- ❑ In a judgment, the Supreme Court has declared that **the freedom to walk safely on designated** and well-maintained footpaths is a fundamental right of citizens.
- ❑ The right to walk is an integral part of the fundamental rights guaranteed under **Article 21** (Right to Life and Personal Liberty),

Article 19(1)(d) [Right to move freely throughout the territory of India] and Article 19(1)(a-c) of the Constitution.

- ❑ **Priority over vehicular movement:** The Court clarified that the citizens' right to walk is paramount and takes precedence over the movement of motorized vehicles.

DISHA 2.0

- ❑ The **Union Ministry of Law and Justice** has approved the restructuring of the 'DISHA' scheme into 'DISHA 2.0'.
- ❑ **DISHA:** Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice.
- ❑ **Implementation Period:** 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031 (5 years, aligned with the 16th Finance Commission cycle).
- ❑ **Budget:** Rs 255 crore; Central Sector Scheme.
- ❑ **Target Beneficiaries:** The program aims to reach a total of 30 lakh new beneficiaries.
- ❑ **Objective:** To fulfill the constitutional mandate of 'access to justice' as enshrined in the **Preamble and Articles 14, 21, and 39A** of the Constitution of India.
 - ◆ Supports the implementation of UN Sustainable Development Goal 16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions..
- ❑ **Scope:** This scheme will be implemented across all states and Union Territories at an all-India level.

Four key components of DISHA 2.0

1. Tele-Law (Reaching the Unreached):

- ◆ Free legal advice will be provided through a network of **250,000 Common Service Centres (CSCs)** at the Gram Panchayat level.

♦ It covers **784 districts** across 36 States/UTs.

♦ In Aspirational Blocks, '**Nyaya Sahayaks**' will provide legal assistance through door-to-door outreach. This will be further enhanced through multilingual access, AI integration, and the upgrading of digital platforms.

2. Nyaya Bandhu (Pro-Bono Legal Services) Programme:

♦ Providing free (pro-bono) legal aid and representation in court to eligible persons under **Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987**.

♦ Promoting a culture of pro-bono service among lawyers and law students (under the Pro-Bono Club Scheme).

3. Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme (LLLAP):

♦ Spreading legal literacy among the public through online and offline campaigns in collaboration with various Ministries, PSUs, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and law universities.

4. Vidhi Sanjeevani (New Component):

♦ A centralized, integrated dashboard will be established for program monitoring and data-driven decision-making, consolidating real-time data streams from all four components.

Rajya Sabha Biennial Elections and By-elections

- ❑ **Announcement:** Election Commission of India (ECI)
- ❑ **Biennial Elections:** For seats held by 24 members retiring in June-July across 10 states.
- ❑ **By-elections:** For 3 vacant Rajya Sabha seats in **Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu**.
- ❑ State-wise details of biennial elections (Total 24 seats):

State	Number of seats
Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat	4 seats (each)
Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan	3 seats (each)
Jharkhand	2 seats
Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya	1 seat (each)

❑ Uncontested election for 24 seats

♦ **NDA:** 19 members; Congress: 5 members

♦ **Key elected members:** Mallikarjun Kharge, Pawan Khera

❑ Election for 03 seats:

♦ **Jharkhand (2):** Baidyanath Ram (Jharkhand Mukti Morcha), Parimal Nathwani (Independent)

♦ **Mizoram:** K.Laltluangkima; Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) (first time).

❑ Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda's parliamentary tenure, spanning five decades, concluded on June 25, 2026.

Visit of PM Modi and President Murmu to Odisha

❑ '**Vikas Dhara, Odisha Sara**' program: President Droupadi Murmu and PM Modi participated in the event on June 20.

♦ **Venue: Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj.**

♦ Organized to mark the completion of **two** years of the Odisha government.

❑ Projects worth over **Rs. 47,600 crore** were inaugurated and their foundation stones laid during the event.

❑ Key projects include the 600 MW **Upper Indravati Pumped Storage**, the **Ib Thermal Power Station** expansion (two new units of 660 MW each), and the Coal Gasification Project (BCGCL) in **Jharsuguda**.

❑ **Pahadpur:** Visited the **ancestral village of president** in Mayurbhanj district on the President's birthday.

♦ Announced plans to develop it as a 'Suryagram' (Solar Village).

Prime Minister's Visit to West Bengal

❑ West Bengal Day 2026

♦ Theme: '**West Bengal: Heritage, Harmony, and Development**'

♦ Event Venue: **Tarakeswar, Hooghly** (a

historic site associated with Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee).

- ❑ Released the **23rd installment** of the **PM-KISAN** scheme.
- ❑ **Launch of major central agricultural schemes in West Bengal:**
 - ◆ Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
 - ◆ AgriStack (Digital Agriculture Mission)
 - ◆ National Mission on Natural Farming
 - ◆ Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026

- ❑ **Inauguration:** By Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on June 16.
- ❑ The national round was held in New Delhi from June 15 to 17.
- ❑ **Organized by:** Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the **Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE)** of the Lok Sabha Secretariat.
- ❑ In the competition, **Riya Pandey** (Best Opening Speaker, Delhi), **Apoorva Sharma** (Best Question, Haryana), **Kepozo Kapuh** (Best Respondent, Nagaland), and **Sai Chirag Kumar** (Best Short Discussion, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu) were felicitated for their outstanding performances.

Land Port Management System (LPMS): 'Vinimay'

- ❑ **Launch:** By Home Minister Amit Shah on June 9.
- ❑ This centralized digital platform has been developed to integrate the operations of all land ports in the country into a unified system; it has been named 'Vinimay'.
- ❑ **Developed by:** Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI).
- ❑ **Objective:** To modernize India's border infrastructure and make it fully digital, akin to airports and seaports.
- ❑ It has been integrated with key national platforms like **ICEGATE**, **ULIP**, and the motor vehicle ecosystem, as well as agencies such as the Central Board of Indirect Taxes

and Customs (CBIC) and the Border Security Force (BSF).

'Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee' (GSICC)

- ❑ The GSICC has been reconstituted by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) to ensure the safety of women and gender sensitization within the Supreme Court premises.
- ❑ **Chairman:** Supreme Court Judge **Justice B.V. Nagarathna**
- ❑ **Legal Basis:** Under **Section 4(2)** of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act).

Organization of 'Vande Mataram Camps'

- ❑ The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, recently announced the organization of 'Vande Mataram Camps' across the country under the **'MY Bharat' campaign**.
- ❑ **Objective:** To foster national unity, constitutional values, and leadership qualities among the youth.
- ❑ **First Camp:** To be held in **Kolkata, West Bengal**, from June 24 to June 30.
 - ◆ **Occasion:** This event is being organized to mark the birth anniversary (June 27) of the great writer **Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay**.
- ❑ A total of 20 camps will be organized across selected districts of the country.
- ❑ Each camp will host 150 young participants aged between 15 and 29 years.
- ❑ **Representation:**
 - ◆ Representatives from **six states** will participate in each camp.
 - ◆ Representation from **Northeastern states** is mandatory.
 - ◆ At least **50% participation** of women and socially disadvantaged sections will be ensured.

Vision Document on Drug Control (2026-2029)

- ❑ Released by the Union Home Minister at the 10th apex-level meeting of the Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD).
- ❑ **4 Key Pillars:** The roadmap to achieve the goal of a drug-free India is divided into four pillars:
 1. Enforcement, Intelligence, and Operations
 2. Precursor and Synthetic Drug Control
 3. Demand and Harm Reduction
 4. Capacity Building, Coordination, and Monitoring
- ❑ Launch of the '**Online Drugs Disposal Fortnight Campaign**' at the meeting: It aims to destroy 2,09,500 kg of narcotics worth over Rs. 6,000 crore.

'Easy Connect' Flight

- ❑ India's first '**Easy Connect**' flight launched under the Government of India's new hub-and-spoke aviation model.
- ❑ **Launch:** By Union Minister of Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu on June 25, 2026.
- ❑ **Location:** Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ **Objective:** To establish India as a global aviation hub.
 - ◆ To provide seamless international connectivity to passengers in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
- ❑ Under the **hub-and-spoke model**, international passengers complete check-in, immigration, and customs formalities at the spoke airport itself.

PM Family Care Tracker (PM-FCT) Initiative

- ❑ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched the pilot project of PM-FCT in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- ❑ **Objective:** To deliver the benefits of government welfare schemes to the needy in a transparent and seamless manner through an integrated monitoring system.
- ❑ Under this, every child will be assigned a '**Unique ID**' by integrating **birth and death registration databases**.

- ❑ This platform will digitally track everything from the birth of children to their education, nutrition, and health facilities.

Appointments

Appointments of Judges to the Supreme Court

- ❑ **Appointment:** By the President of India under **Article 124(2)** of the Indian Constitution.
- ❑ Currently, the sanctioned maximum strength of judges in the Supreme Court is **38** (1 Chief Justice + 37 other judges).
- ❑ **The 5 newly appointed, judges:**
 1. Justice Sheel Nagu (Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court)
 2. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar (Chief Justice, Bombay High Court)
 3. Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva (Chief Justice, Madhya Pradesh High Court)
 4. Justice Arun Palli (Chief Justice, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court)
 5. **Senior Advocate Venkita Subramani Mohana:** The **second woman** in the country to be appointed directly as a Supreme Court judge from the Bar.
 - ◆ Prior to this, **Justice Indu Malhotra** was appointed directly as a Supreme Court judge from the Bar in **2018**.

Extension of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's Tenure

- ❑ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has **extended the tenure** of Senior **Advocate Tushar Mehta** for a **period of three** years, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.
- ❑ This marks his third consecutive appointment; this will be the second-longest tenure after that of **C.K. Daphtary** (13 years).
- ❑ **1st Solicitor General of India (SGI):** C.K. Daphtary (from January 28, 1950)

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar

- ❑ Congress leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka, DK Shivakumar, took the oath as the 25th Chief Minister of Karnataka on June 3, 2026.
- ❑ Shivakumar succeeded **Siddaramaiah**, who had resigned from the post of CM on May 28.
- ❑ **G. Parameshwara**: Became the new Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka.
- ❑ **Governor of Karnataka**: Thawar Chand Gehlot .

Lokhande Prashant Sitaram

- ❑ **Appointed**: Chairman of the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)**.
- ❑ **Varun Bhardwaj**: Appointed as Secretary of CBSE.

Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai

- ❑ **Appointed**: Chief Justice of Patna High Court.

Dr. Yvan Hutin

- ❑ Appointed as the World Health Organization (WHO) **Representative** to India.

General N.S. Raja Subramani

- ❑ Appointed as the country's 3rd **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)**.
- ❑ He will also serve as the Secretary of the **Department of Military Affairs (DMA)** under the Government of India.
- ❑ Assumed office on May 31, 2026.

Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai

- ❑ Appointed as the new Military Advisor to the **National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)**.
- ❑ The NSCS operates directly under the **National Security Advisor (NSA)**.

IPS Mahesh Dixit

- ❑ Appointed Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB).
- ❑ **Tenure**: 2 years.

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh

- ❑ Assigned additional charge as Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) effective May 31, 2026.
- ❑ Former Chairman: Dr. Samir V. Kamat.

Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth

- ❑ Appointed **Army Chief (31th)** effective June 30, 2026.

Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay

- ❑ Appointed as **Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC)**.
- ❑ The NSC, a non-statutory body, was established in 2005.

Economist Professor Alakh N. Sharma

- ❑ Appointed Chairman of the **High-Level Technical Expert Committee on Labour Statistics**.
- ❑ Professor Sharma is currently the Director of the Institute for Human Development.
- ❑ The committee will also study employment and the changing labour market in India.

Reconstitution of the 'Expert Committee on Agrobiodiversity'

- ❑ **Reconstituted by**: National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) under **Section 13(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002**.
- ❑ **Tenure**: 1 year.
- ❑ **Objective**: To provide guidance on the conservation, sustainable use, and Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) of agricultural biodiversity.
- ❑ **Chairman**: **Dr. P.L. Gautam**, an eminent agricultural scientist and recent recipient of the Padma Shri award.
- ❑ This committee has been a key advisory body to the NBA since 2005.

Persons in News

Narendra Modi: Record of continuous service as an elected Prime Minister (4,399 days)

- ❑ On June 10, he became the country's longest-serving '**elected**' Prime Minister.
- ❑ The Union Cabinet passed a special resolution declaring June 10, 2026, a historic moment in the journey of Indian democracy.
- ❑ **1st time Prime Minister's Oath of office:** May 26, 2014.
- ❑ By setting the record for 4,399 days of continuous service as an elected Prime Minister, he has surpassed Jawaharlal Nehru's previous record (4,398 days from 1952 to 1964).
- ❑ Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru first took the oath as an elected Prime Minister on May 13, 1952, and remained in office until May 27, 1964.
- ❑ This historic milestone was achieved alongside the completion of 12 years of his leadership of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government.
- ❑ Additionally, Indira Gandhi served continuously as Prime Minister from January 24, 1966, to March 24, 1977; her tenure lasted 4,077 days.

Minister of State George Kurian

- ❑ George Kurian, Minister of State for Minority Affairs and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, has resigned from the Union Council of Ministers.
- ❑ His tenure as a Rajya Sabha MP had concluded on June 21.

Justice Pratibha M. Singh

- ❑ Justice Pratibha M. Singh of the Delhi High Court has been inducted into the '**International IP Hall of Fame**'.
 - ◆ She has become the first Indian judge to be inducted into it.
- ❑ She was honored in San Diego, **California**, for her pioneering contributions to intellectual property law in India and globally.

Justice P.S. Narasimha

- ❑ He has become a **new member of the Supreme Court Collegium**. He joined

following the retirement of Justice J.K. Maheshwari.

- ❑ Judges currently part of the Collegium: Chief Justice Surya Kant, Justice Vikram Nath, Justice B.V. Nagarathna, Justice M.M. Sundresh, Justice P.S. Narasimha

Binita Soren (Jharkhand)

- ❑ The country's **first tribal woman** to climb Mount Everest, the world's highest peak.
- ❑ This expedition was supported by '**Tata Steel**' under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program.

Demise

Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap

- ❑ **Former Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:** Served as Secretary-General during the 7th, 8th, and 9th Lok Sabhas (1984 to 1990).
- ❑ Honoured with the **Padma Bhushan in 2015**.
- ❑ Dr. Kashyap was the first Indian to lead the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)** documentation efforts in **Geneva**.
- ❑ In 2023-24, Dr. Kashyap was a member of the '**One Nation, One Election**' committee chaired by former President Ram Nath Kovind.

Malayalam Actor Salim Kumar

- ❑ He received the National Film Award and the Kerala State Film Award for Best Actor in 2010 for his performance in the film 'Adaminte Makan Abu'.

Popular Singer Suman Kalyanpur

- ❑ **Award:** Lata Mangeshkar Award (the Government of Maharashtra in 2009), the Padma Bhushan (2023).

Renowned Poet and Author Bashir Badr

- ❑ Dr. Bashir Badr passed away in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, at the age of 91.
- ❑ **Major Awards:** 'Padma Shri' (1999), Urdu Sahitya Akademi Award (1999 for the poetry collection Aas).

Thiru Bharathiraja

- ❑ A popular filmmaker, actor, and director.
- ❑ He received 6 National Film Awards, 4 Filmfare Awards, and 6 Tamil Nadu State Film Awards.

Pahlaj Nihalani

- ❑ Served as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) from 2015 to 2017.

Dhanendra Kumar

- ❑ Dhanendra became the first Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in 2009.
- ❑ Dhanendra established the competition regulatory framework at the CCI.

Places in News

Sikkim

- ❑ President Droupadi Murmu declared Sikkim a 'fully literate state'.
- ❑ This announcement was made under the Ministry of Education's **ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) initiative**.
- ❑ **Objective:** To promote adult education, functional literacy, and lifelong learning for individuals aged 15 and above, while also encouraging continuous learning and skill development.
- ❑ The state cabinet has approved a proposal to declare **Uttarakhand a 'fully literate state'** in accordance with the revised standards of the Central Government.
- ❑ **ULLAS:** March 2026 Current Affairs (Page No.27)

Jonnagiri (Andhra Pradesh)

- ❑ Recently, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated a commercial gold mining and processing project at Jonnagiri in Kurnool district.
- ❑ It is the **largest private sector gold mining venture** in the country.

- ❑ **Established:** Jointly by **Geo Mysore Services India Private Limited** and **Deccan Gold Mines Limited** etc.
- ❑ **Historically name:** 'Suvarnagiri' (Mountain of Gold). It was one of the four provincial capitals of the Mauryan Emperor Ashoka.

Portal

'Common Landing Portal'

- ❑ This has been launched as www.unclaimedassetsportal.in.
- ❑ **Nodal Agency:** Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance.
- ❑ **Collaborating Entity:** Public Sector Bank Alliance (PSBA).
- ❑ **Objective:** To provide information regarding unclaimed assets—such as bank deposits, insurance claims, shares, dividends, and mutual funds—on an integrated platform.

NAFEX-in Portal and NAFED's New Initiatives

- ❑ Recently, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched four key initiatives of the **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) in New Delhi**.
- ❑ **NAFEX-in:** An e-auction portal for the transparent auctioning and trading of agricultural produce.z
- ❑ **DRISHTI Portal:** For monitoring operations and ensuring better management regarding pulses and oilseeds.
- ❑ **'NAFED-KALYAN Scholarship' Scheme:** Under this initiative, NAFED will provide **1% of its profits** as scholarships for the higher education and career development of children from farming families.
- ❑ **NAFED Establishment:** It was established on October 2, 1958, and is registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act.

'Air Suvidha 2.0' Portal

- ❑ **Launch:** Ministry of Civil Aviation, in collaboration with Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL).

- ❑ It is an upgraded contactless passenger health self declaration portal.
- ❑ **Objective:** To further strengthen public health surveillance at international airports.
- ❑ Developed in collaboration with the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ❑ International travelers arriving in India from Ebola-affected countries are required to fill out a mandatory form via this portal.
- ❑ In this form, travelers must provide details of their travel history over the past 21 days, as well as information regarding potential contact or exposure.

'Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal'

- ❑ This is the country's first dedicated digital platform aimed at streamlining the wind energy supply chain.
- ❑ **Developed:** jointly by the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** and the **Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association**.

'Mera Yuva Bharat' (MY Bharat) Platform

- ❑ **'MY Bharat'** – the flagship platform of the Department of Youth Affairs (DoYA) – has entered the Guinness World Records by securing the highest number of participants (over 3.90 lakh) in an online quiz conducted within a single week.
- ❑ **The 'Mera Yuva Bharat' platform** was launched by the Government of India on October 31, 2023.
 - ◆ A technology-driven '**phygital platform**' (physical + digital).
 - ◆ It includes opportunities for digital connectivity alongside physical activities.

Green Hydrogen Certification Portal (GHCI)

- ❑ **Launched by:** Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- ❑ This portal will facilitate transparent certification and compliance with regulatory requirements under India's Green Hydrogen

Certification Scheme.

Environment

Skycast

- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen weather monitoring and fog forecasting at the airport, and to detect hazardous weather conditions in real-time.
- ❑ **Inaugurated by:** Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- ❑ **Inauguration Venue:** Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi.
- ❑ **Developed and installed :-** under 'Mission Mausam'.
- ❑ **Scope:** The system is capable of continuously monitoring atmospheric conditions up to an altitude of **approximately 3 kilometers**.
- ❑ It is **India's first integrated**, next-generation aviation weather and fog monitoring system.
- ❑ The Skycast system integrates state-of-the-art atmospheric remote sensing technologies, including radar wind profilers, microwave radiometers, and fog aerosol spectrometers.
- ❑ India has become the 19th country in the world to acquire such unprecedented capability in the aviation sector.

Flex Fuel & Flex-Fuel Vehicles (FFV)

- ❑ **Launch:** Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched E-85 fuel at an Indian Oil retail outlet in New Delhi on the occasion of World Environment Day 2026.
 - ◆ **Maruti Suzuki's first** flex-fuel passenger vehicle (launched in New Delhi on June 4).
 - ◆ **Hero MotoCorp's first** flex-fuel motorcycle (launched on June 3).
- ❑ Flex fuel is used in specially designed flex-fuel vehicles.
- ❑ **Flex-fuel vehicles:** These vehicles can run on various blends of petrol and ethanol. They can utilize fuel ranging from **20 percent to 100 percent ethanol**.

- ❑ E85
 - ◆ E85 is a **high-ethanol blended fuel** containing **80-85 percent ethanol** and **14-19 percent petrol**.
 - ◆ Initially, it will be available at **48 retail outlets (ROs)** of public sector oil marketing companies across the country.

Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal)

- ❑ Declared India's **100th Ramsar site**.
- ❑ **Declaration date:** June 5, 2026 (World Environment Day).
- ❑ **Location:** Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ Established in **1991 as 'Surha Tal'** by combining lands from **45 villages** in the Bansdih area of Ballia city.
- ❑ **Renamed** 'Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary' in 2002.
- ❑ It is a natural **perennial oxbow lake**.
- ❑ It is situated within the catchment area of the Ganga and Ghaghara rivers.
- ❑ It serves as a **refuge** for thousands of **migratory birds** arriving from Siberia and Central Asia during the winter season.
- ❑ Uttar Pradesh now has **13 Ramsar sites**. (**Highest number: Tamil Nadu - 20**)

Inauguration of the 'Regional Meteorological Centre' (RMC)

- ❑ **Inauguration:** By Union Minister of Earth Sciences **Dr. Jitendra Singh** in Jammu.
- ❑ It will provide weather services, disaster warnings, and climate support specifically tailored for Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, and Himachal Pradesh.
- ❑ A similar centre has also been established in **Lucknow** to manage weather services for **Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand**.
- ❑ **Other 6 RMCs:** Located in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Nagpur, and Guwahati.

Delhi Bird Atlas

- ❑ This atlas has been jointly prepared by the Delhi Forest Department and 'Birds Count India'.

- ❑ According to it, Delhi has become the **second-richest capital in the world in terms of bird diversity**. 471 bird species are found in the capital.
- ❑ **Nairobi**, the capital of Kenya, ranks ahead of Delhi.

Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project

- ❑ **Participating States:** Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan have agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the implementation of this project.
- ❑ It has been designated as a project of national importance by the **Government of India**.
- ❑ **Financial Structure:** **90%** of the cost of the water component is to be borne by the Central Government, and **10%** by the participating states. (**6 states**)
- ❑ **Special Provision:** Himachal Pradesh's share of water will be allocated to Delhi & Rajasthan in return for sharing cost of Himachal Pradesh's portion of power component of project.
- ❑ **River:** Tons River (a major tributary of the Yamuna).
- ❑ **Location:** Situated on the border of Uttarakhand (Dehradun) and Himachal Pradesh (Sirmaur).
- ❑ **Capacity:** The project will generate approximately 660 MW of hydroelectric power.

MoUs/Agreements

MoU between the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) and Cograde (Supervision Educare Pvt. Ltd.)

- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen AI-enabled academic support in **Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)**.
- ❑ Cograde will provide free access for a period of two years to a customized version of '**Medha AI**'—a digital platform specifically designed for teachers.

MoU between the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) and Learning Links Foundation (LLF)

- ❑ **Objective:** To implement the **Amazon Future Engineer (AFE)** program for students in Classes VI to IX of **Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)**.
- ❑ The AFE program will comprise **three key** components: fundamental concepts of **computer science, AI literacy, and career exposure**.

West Bengal Legislative Assembly signs MoU for the implementation of the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)

- ❑ The West Bengal Legislative Assembly has become the **33rd legislative** assembly in the country **to join the NeVA initiative**.
- ❑ Speaker of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly: **Rathindra Bose**.
- ❑ **National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)**
 - ◆ Ministry: Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
 - ◆ It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
 - ◆ Objective: To integrate the functioning of legislative assemblies & **legislative councils across all 37 states/Union Territories** of the country and to make operations streamlined and paperless through a digital platform.
 - ◆ Technical basis: Hosted on the NIC cloud 'Meghraj'.
- ❑ Currently, **21 legislative assemblies** have successfully **transitioned into fully digital** and paperless houses using the NeVA platform.

MoU between the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)

- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen evidence-based policy formulation in the road transport sector and promote high-quality research.
- ❑ Under this agreement, a center named the 'NHAI Center for Economics of Transportation, Mobility, and Logistics' will be **established at NCAER**.
 - ◆ This institute will be the **country's first independent** and permanent research center dedicated to the economic analysis of transportation and logistics.

MoU between the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, and the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital.

- ❑ A climate observation station will be established at **ARIES, Devasthal, Uttarakhand** as part of the Bharat Climate Observation Network (BCON).
- ❑ **Objective:** Long-term monitoring of various climate parameters, including meteorological data, greenhouse gases, short-lived climate forcers, and soil moisture.
- ❑ **Bharat Climate Observation Network (BCON)**
 - ◆ It is a national initiative implemented by IITM under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
 - ◆ **Objective:** To establish a high-precision, long-term climate monitoring network across the country.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and IIT Hyderabad.

- ❑ **Objective:** To promote indigenous research, innovation, and capacity building in advanced communication sectors.
- ❑ Under this agreement, a **Centre of Excellence (CoE)** is being established at **IIT Hyderabad**.
- ❑ This is the **fourth Centre of Excellence** to be established by C-DOT in the country; (similar CoEs have previously been set up at IIT Kanpur, IIT Gandhinagar, and IIT Roorkee).

MoU with IIT Roorkee by the 'Bhakra Beas Management Board' (BBMB).

- ❑ **Objective:** To ensure a thorough safety assessment of the **Bhakra Dam**—located on the Sutlej River—addressing the significant '**hydraulic stress**' generated by immense water pressure on the dam's main concrete wall.

MoU with the Quality Council of India (QCI) and the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI).

- ❑ **Objective:** To establish a systematic

framework for capacity building, certification, development of testing infrastructure, and strengthening quality mechanisms across major footwear clusters, including Agra, Bahadurgarh, Ranipet, Chennai, Calicut, and Kanpur.

Agreement between Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and Common Service Centre (CSC) e-Governance Services India Limited

- ❑ **Objective:** To streamline government procurement processes and ensure market access in rural and remote areas.
- ❑ Under this partnership, **50 GeM Suvidha Kendras (GSKs)** will be developed in the pilot phase with the support of the CSC network.

National Conference

2nd National Conference of ECI Counsels 2026

- ❑ **Event :** 31 MAY 2026 ,Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** Election Commission of India (ECI)
- ❑ **Theme:** "A Year of Legal Challenges, Experiences, Learnings and the Way Forward"

- ◆ India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM)
- ◆ IIIDEM celebrated 15th Foundation Day in June 2026 and organised a two-day Conference on Capacity Building and Strategic Roadmap on 16-17 June, 2026 in New Delhi.

BIOPSF 2026

- ❑ **Event :** 1-2 June, New Delhi at National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC), New Delhi.
- ❑ **Organizer:** The Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), Gurugram under the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- ❑ **Title** -"BIOPSF 2026: NextGen Bio-Inputs - Bio-based Pesticides, Stimulants and Fertilizers".

- ❑ **Co- sponsors:** ASTRA and BASAI
- ❑ **Theme :** "Smart and Sustainable Strategies for Crop Protection, Nutrition and Soil Health,"
- ❑ BIOPSF 2026 Abstract Book and unveiled the Hindi publication Krishi Rasayan Digdarshika and The ASTRA (DEN-01) Delhi-NCR Chapter(regional branch) was also launched

- ❑ **ASTRA** stands for the Association of Toxicologists and Risk Assessors
- ❑ **BASAI** (Biological Agri Solutions Association of India)
- ❑ **Microbial bio-inputs** are agricultural products containing live or latent microorganisms (like bacteria, fungi, and algae) that are applied to seeds, plant surfaces, or soil

National Conclave on Strengthening ITDAs and ITDPs(Integrated Tribal Development Agencies and Projects)

- ❑ **Event :** 3 June 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)
- ❑ It was held under **Janjatiya Garima Utsav** (May 10 - June 09) and **Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan**.
- ❑ The President also virtually inaugurated-Training Fab at the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (**CeNSE**), , Indian Institute of Science (**IISc**), Bengaluru, 75 Space Labs in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (**EMRSs**).

ECI's International Conference

- ❑ **Theme:** Global Best Practices and Innovations for Media in Electoral Processes and Campaigns
- ❑ **Event :** June 3-4, 2026, IIIDEM New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** Election Commission of India (ECI) in association with IIIDEM(India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management) and Delhi Technological University (DTU), under India's 2026 Chairship of International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA).

13th North-Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) Society meeting:

- ❑ **Event :** 4 June, 2026 at Shillong, Meghalaya
- ❑ **Organiser:** NESAC, which operates under the joint initiative of the Department of Space (DoS), Government of India, and the North Eastern Council (NEC).

STPI Tech Summit 2026

- ❑ **Event :** 5th June, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser :** Software Technology Parks of India, premier S&T organization under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- ❑ **Subject :** STPI Tech Summit 2026: India's Next Leap
- ❑ **Launch of Sayuj App :** It is an AI-enabled mobile application designed as a unified digital platform for startups, innovators, incubators, mentors and ecosystem stakeholders.

National Workshop on Seafood Exports

- ❑ **Date and Venue:** 5th & 6th June 2026, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- ❑ **Organiser:** Department of Fisheries in Collaboration with Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- ❑ **Decadal Growth :** Over the past 10 years, India's fisheries production and exports have more than doubled.

2nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone II North Zone Conference-

- ❑ **Event:** 08 -09 June, 2026, at Haryana Legislative Assembly, Chandigarh
- ❑ **Chairperson:** The Speaker of the Lok Sabha (Parliament of India)
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Role of Aware Society and Legislators in Realizing Future Challenges and Goal of Viksit Bharat 2047'
- ❑ **Inauguration:** Om Birla, Lok Sabha Speaker
- ❑ CPA India region includes 32 legislatures of States and UT's divided into 9 zones.
- ❑ **Zone VI:** Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan

Defence Investiture Ceremony 2026 (Phase I), 8 June, 2026 at New Delhi.

- ❑ President Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferred a total of **51 gallantry awards** upon personnel from the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces (MHA), and State/Union Territory police forces. **Kirti Chakra:** 7 awards (including 2 posthumous); **Vir Chakra:** 15 awards (including 3 posthumous); **Shaurya Chakra:** 29 awards (including 1 posthumous).
- ❑ **Rajasthan :** Group Captain Animesh Patni was awarded the 'Vir Chakra' (Baran district).

SAPLING DIALOGUE- 2026 (Regional high-level policy dialogue)

- ❑ **Event :** June 9 and 10, Ahmedabad
- ❑ **Host :** Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) and the World Bank Group-led SAPLING initiative. (South Asian Policy Leadership for Improved Nutrition and Growth)
- ❑ **Theme :** "Unlocking Value: Advancing Food Processing for Employment Generation and Sustainable Growth in South Asia".
- ❑ **Report :** "Assessment of the Level of Food Processing in India"
- ❑ Shri Jitubhai Vaghani, Minister of Agriculture, Government of Gujarat advocated for a **National Institute for Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management** campus in Gujarat.

Scientific Conclave on Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) 2026:

- ❑ **Event :** 10 June, Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- ❑ **Subject:** "Strengthening Pharmaceutical Manufacturing through Pharmacopoeial Standards and Quality Compliance"
- ❑ **Organiser:** The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) (autonomous institution) in collaboration with the Association of Devbhumi Pharma Industries (ADPI) and affiliated pharmaceutical manufacturing associations of Uttarakhand.

2nd Pharma Summit 2026

- ❑ **Event:** 11 JUNE 2026 at Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** ASSOCHAM (The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India)

Research, Industry, Start-up and Entrepreneurship (RISE) Conclave 2026

- ❑ **Event :** 13-14 June 2026 at Bengaluru
- ❑ **Organiser:** Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR).
- ❑ **Theme:** "Innovation & Entrepreneurship Driven Growth for Viksit Bharat 2047"

Global Wind Day 2026 Conference

- ❑ **Event :** 15th June 2026 in Goa
- ❑ **Organiser:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- ❑ **Theme:** "Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration".
- ❑ **WT-MARUT:** Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi today launched the Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management (WT-MARUT) Portal during the conference.
 - ◆ It is developed jointly by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and the Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA)
 - ◆ It is the country's first dedicated digital platform aimed at streamlining the wind energy supply chain.

- ❑ **India's Clean Energy Goals:** India ranks 4th globally in installed wind power capacity.
- ❑ Installed wind capacity 56.09 GW in March 2026,
- ❑ **Target:** 100 GW by 2030 and 155 GW by 2035 to support the national goal of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil capacity and net-zero emissions by 2070.
- ❑ **Wind potential at 150 Meter:** Rajasthan: 284.2 GW; Gujarat: 180.8 GW; Maharashtra: 173.9

Bharat Buildcon 2026

- ❑ **Event:** The event was organised at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi from 18-21 JUNE, 2026

- ❑ **Organiser:** CAPEXIL (Export Promotion Council under Ministry of Commerce) and Creatofox Events Pvt. Ltd.

- ❑ **Theme:** 'One Nation, One Expo'

"Project Super 50"

- ❑ **Event:** It is a Civil Services Examination Guidance Programme organized at NCSC Headquarters in New Delhi.
- ❑ **Organiser:** The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
- ❑ **Theme:** "Guide, Mentor, Empower".
- ❑ NCSC member Dr. Parth Biswas called upon the youth to adopt Dr. Ambedkar's historic and inspiring slogan: "Educate, Organise, Agitate"

26th All India Fingerprint Conference 2026

- ❑ **Event :** 19 June, New Delhi
- ❑ **Four new applications launched:**
 1. **NCRB's Abhigyan:** Mobile app for on-field suspect identification using remote fingerprint scanning.
 2. **CrPI Application:** Multi-modal biometric system (Facial + Iris + DNA) for tracking repeat offenders and CCTV based suspect identification.
 3. **e-Prosecution 2.0:** Digital bridge between Police, Prosecutors, and Courts to drive time-bound prosecution and punishment.
 4. **e-Forensics 2.0:** Digital network linking forensic labs to track samples and to strengthen chain of custody.

Global Skills Challenge 2026

- ❑ **Event :** June 23-29, 2026 in Australia
- ❑ **Organiser:** WorldSkills Australia
- ❑ **Indian participation:** 30-member Indian contingent, comprising 15 competitors and 15 experts will represent the country at this international skills simulation event

- ❑ **About Global Skills Challenge 2026 :** It is an important preparatory platform ahead of the **48th WorldSkills Competition** in Shanghai, China which is to be held in September 2026.

IPC's National Conference

- ❑ **Event:** June 24, 2026, at IPC campus in Ghaziabad.
- ❑ **Organiser:** Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), autonomous institution under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- ❑ **Subject:** Ensuring Quality of Blood and Blood Components through IP 2026 Standards
- ❑ **IP 2026 standards for Blood and Blood Components:** India became the **first country** in the world to make specific quality rules
- ❑ The new rules give clear instructions on how to handle **22 different parts** of blood.

First Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Sammelan 2026 RGVS 2026

- ❑ **Event:** 28-29 June 2026 at the ICAR-NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.
- ❑ **Organiser:** Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Gramodaya Se Rashtrodaya'
- ❑ **Objective:** to strengthen branding and enhance market access for products made by women Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)
- ❑ Marble handicrafts from Rajasthan will be showcased at SARAS Aajeevika Gallery
- ❑ Gujarat's Patola and Ajrakh Textiles and products from other states.
- ❑ **Key launches**
 - ◆ 'Rural Internal Audit Portal' was launched. It is First-of-its-Kind Unified AI enabled Digital Platform for End-to-End Management of Internal Audits Covering Both Risk-Based and Compliance Audits'
 - ◆ Introduction of 'SHE LEAPS' Platform

and 'Lakhpati Didi Dashboard'

- ◆ **Full Form:** Self Help Entrepreneur - Livelihoods and Enterprise Application for Prosperity and Sustainability.

16th Meeting of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (CCHFW)

- ❑ **Event:** 29th June 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
 - ◆ **Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Shri J.P. Nadda, released:**
 1. The Anemia Mukht Bharat (AMB) Abhiyaan - Revised Operational Guidelines
 2. Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK) was launched

Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK)

- ❑ **Objective:** It was launched to ensure comprehensive, accessible and quality healthcare for every child by providing a seamless continuum of home and community-based care from birth to 36 months of age.
- ❑ **Vision:** 'Pahle Teen Saal Sampurn Dekhbhal'.
- ❑ It is a unified national programme that consolidates the two flagship schemes Home Based New Born Care (HBNC) and Home-Based Care for Young Child Programme (HBYC).

Anemia Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan

- ❑ It was launched in 2018 by the national health mission (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare).
- ❑ It uses the **6X6X6 strategy** and aims to reduce the prevalence of anemia among various groups, including children (6-59 months), children (5-9 years), adolescents (10-19 years), pregnant women, lactating women, and women in reproductive age (15-49 years).
- ❑ **6 key interventions :**
 1. Supplements (Prophylactic Iron and Folic Acid)

2. Deworming (Regular deworming tablets)
 3. Behavior (Year-round communication campaigns)
 4. Testing (Digital, point-of-care screening)
 5. Fortification (Mandatory fortified food in public programs)
 6. Awareness and treatment of non-nutritional causes of anemia in endemic pockets, with special focus on malaria, haemoglobinopathies, and fluorosis.
- ❑ **6 institutional mechanisms:**
1. Intra-Ministerial Coordination
 2. National Anemia Mukht Bharat Unit
 3. National Centre of Excellences
 4. Convergence with other Ministries
 5. Strengthening Supply Chain and Logistics
 6. Anemia Mukht Bharat Dashboard and Digital Portal
- ❑ **New guidelines :**
- ◆ **T3 to T4 Approach:** (Test, Treat, Talk) to the T4(Test,Treat,Talk,Track)
 - ◆ **6x6x6 strategy into a 7x7x7 :**
 - **7th Beneficiary Group:** Inclusion of Low Birth Weight (LBW) babies (0-6 months)
 - **7th Intervention:** The "Eating Right" approach, focusing on cultivating daily habits around iron-rich and diversified diets.
 - **7th Institutional Mechanism:** A robust, digitally supported Monitoring and Evaluation framework.
- Hemoglobin testing records :**

 - ❑ **Pregnant Women:** on the JANANI portal.
 - ❑ **Children:** Records will be captured via **RBSK** and **U-WIN** portals.
 - ❑ All data will merge into a single **AMB** Abhiyaan portal for better monitoring and planning.
- 'MSME Day 2026 - Udyami Bharat'**

 - ❑ **Event:** June 27, 2026, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
 - ❑ **Presided By:** Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan
 - ❑ **Key Dignitaries Present:** Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi (Union Minister of MSME) and Sushri Shobha Karandlaje (Minister of State for MSME)
 - ❑ **Digital Portals Launched:**
 - ◆ PMEGP 2.0 Portal, SAMADHAAN 2.0 Portal, Procurement and Marketing Support (PMS) 2.0 Portal, MSME Global Mart 2.0 Portal, MSME Testing Centre Portal: MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0.
 - ◆ MSME portals will now offer digital services and AI-enabled voice grievance redressal in 22 Scheduled Indian languages.
 - ❑ **KVIC launched sustainable products**
 - Tukun (Infant Wear)
 - Rangtaal (Table Runners/Mats)
 - Bela (Infant Wrap Sheets)
 - Vanya (Eri Stoles)
 - Umang (Wool Stoles).

20th National Statistics Day (2026)

- ❑ **Event :** June 29, 2026, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, celebrated annually since 2007 to Commemorate the birth anniversary of Professor **PC Mahalanobis**. He is famously associated with India's Second Five-Year Plan (1956-1961),
- ❑ **Organizing Ministry:** Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- ❑ **MoSPI released SDG - National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026**
- ❑ **National Indicator Framework (NIF), 2026** consists of 277 national SDG indicators, covering all 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Hul Divas (June 30)

- ❑ It honors the 1855 Santhal Rebellion (Hul), India's first mass armed resistance against British colonial rule and local exploiters. Led by the four Murmu brothers (Sidho, Kanhu, Chand, and Bhairav) and their sisters (Phulo and Jhano).

International conferences

Second edition of India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue

- ❑ **Event:** June 01, 2026 New Delhi
- ❑ **Co-chaired:** Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Australian Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Defence Mr Richard Marles
- ❑ **Key Joint Military Exercises mentioned (2026-2027)**
 - ◆ **Exercise Pitch Black (2026):** Aimed at bilateral air-to-air refuelling capabilities.

- ◆ **Exercise Talisman Sabre (2027):** India confirmed its commitment to larger-scale participation.

New Operational Commitments

- ◆ **Operation Render Safe 2026:** India's inaugural participation in this explosive ordnance disposal (OED) mission.
- ◆ **Exercise Black Carillon:** India accepted Australia's invitation to participate in this specialized submarine rescue exercise.

Global Business Research Conference 2026

- ❑ **Date :** 4 June, IIFT, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), a Deemed-to-be University under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi established in 1963
- ❑ **Theme:** "Managing Business Amidst Worldwide Turbulence"

Bharat Innovates 2026

- ❑ **Event :** June 14-16, 2026 at Nice, France.
- ❑ **Organiser:** It is an initiative of the Union Ministry of Education.
- ❑ It was organised under the aegis of India-France Year of Innovation.
- ❑ **Objective:** To connect innovations emerging from India's higher education, research, and startup ecosystems with global investors, companies, customers, research institutions, and markets.

Event on World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

- ❑ **Date and venue:** June 17, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser :** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
- ❑ **Important Publications Released:**
 1. Special Issue of 'Indian Forester'
 2. India's Second Progress Report on the Bonn Challenge (2011-2020): Prepared by MoEFCC in collaboration with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

❑ Key Schemes & Portals Mentioned :

Bonn Challenge	launched in 2011; aims to bring 350 million hectares worldwide under restoration by 2030. India's target : restoring 26 million hectares by 2030 India Achieved : 21.76 million hectares
Bhuvan	ISRO's Geographic Information System (GIS) portal
VEDAS	Full form : Visualisation of Earth observation Data and Archival System
Yuktdhara	Portal under bhuvan G2G (Government-to-Government) service, allowing grassroots planners to view high-resolution satellite data.

Vivatech 2026

- ❑ **Context**: Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in VivaTech 2026 in Paris, France 18 JUN 2026
- ❑ **The Event**: VivaTech is Europe's largest technology and start-up event. This year, India is the AI Country Partner for the event.
- ❑ This was also India's largest ever presence with over 80 Indian deep-tech companies and start-ups participating in the event.
- ❑ Prime Minister delivered the address at VivaTech in 2021
- ❑ India was the first Country of the Year at VivaTech in 2022.

52nd G7 Summit

- ❑ **Event** : June 15 to 17, 2026 at Évian-les-Bains ,France
- ❑ **Core members of G7**: Canada, France ,Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States
- ❑ **Invited Partner & Guest Countries (2026)** : Kenya, India, Brazil, South Korea, Ukraine, UAE, Qatar, Egypt .
- ❑ **India's participation** :
 - ◆ PM Modi attended as a "top priority" partner
 - ◆ This marked India's 13th overall participation at the forum and PM Modi's 7th consecutive appearance.

- ◆ **IMEC Integration**: PM Modi highlighted India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) as a model to strengthen global supply chains, generate investment, create jobs, and drive innovation.
- ◆ **The "IMPACT" Proposal**: PM suggested forming the International Mobilization Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade (IMPACT). This partnership aims to combine: G7's capital, India's talent, Global South's ownership.
- ◆ India proposed a human-centric or MANAV vision for AI, anchored in inclusivity, security, and public good.

❑ **Key Bilateral Outcomes on the Sidelines**

- ◆ **United Kingdom**: Both leaders announced that the **India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement** will enter into force on July 15, 2026. India and UK Reviewed Progress Under Vision 2035
- ◆ **France**: Adopted the **India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030**, which includes a joint AI Working Group, UPI expansion in France, and collaboration in space and aeronautics.
- ◆ **Germany**: Reaffirmed commitment to the Strategic Partnership as the nations

celebrate 75 years of diplomatic ties; signed a **Defence Industrial Cooperation Roadmap**.

- ◆ **Canada:** Committed to concluding the **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** in 2026 and agreed to launch negotiations on a General Security of Information Agreement (GSOIA).
- ◆ **UAE:** Discussed regional stability in West Asia and invited the UAE President to the upcoming BRICS Summit in India.

16th International Meeting of World Pharmacopoeias(IMWP)

- ❑ **Event :** Brasília, Brazil from June 15-17, 2026
- ❑ **Coordinating Agency:** World Health Organization (WHO)
- ❑ **Indian Representation:** Led by Dr. V. Kalaiselvan (Scientific Director, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission - IPC), alongside Dr. Pawan Saini and Dr. Shruti Rastogi.

SCO Women's Forum 2026

- ❑ **Event:** 26 June 2026 in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (hosted under rotating chairmanship of the SCO)
- ❑ The forum brought together SCO member countries for discussions on women's leadership, gender equality, and women's participation in social and economic life.
- ❑ **Theme:** "Women's Leadership"
- ❑ **India's representation:** Annapurna Devi, Minister for Women and Child Development

11th Our Ocean Conference (OOC11)

- ❑ **Event:** from June 16-18, 2026 at Mombasa and Kilifi Counties, Kenya
- ❑ **Theme** "Our Ocean, Our Heritage, Our Future,"
- ❑ **Mombasa Declaration:** Sixteen Countries (NOT India) Adopted Mombasa Declaration to Advance Fisheries Transparency and Combat Illegal Fishing during this conference.

Brics Meeting held in June

Date	Meeting / Programme	Venue
1 June 2026	BRICS Agricultural Working Group meeting A High-Level Dialogue on Advanced Livestock Technology & Feed Systems (ALT&FS) by government of India	Virtual mode from Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2nd – 3rd June 2026	1st BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting Led by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India. Key priority areas of discussions : International Cooperation for Asset Recovery and Tackling Cross-Border Corruption, and Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in Governance.	Virtual mode, Delhi
4-5 August 2026	2nd BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting	Hyderabad, Telangana (to be held)
29th - 30th April, 2026 4th - 5th June, 2026 5th - 6th August, 2026	1st BRICS Culture Working Group Meeting 2nd BRICS Culture Working Group Meeting 3rd BRICS Culture Working Group Meeting	Virtual Mode Varanasi, India Bhopal, India

09 June 2026	1st BRICS Science Academies Forum 2026 meeting Host: The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Theme: "Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development and Strengthening Global South Cooperation," Key outcome: - Draft declaration on AI for Science and Sustainable Development reviewed and strengthened - Consensus on shared computing infrastructure, collaborative data platforms and multilingual AI models - Calls for joint task forces, researcher mobility schemes and open-source scientific infrastructure	Virtual
22-23, July 2026	2nd meeting for BRICS Science Academies Forum	IIT Hyderabad (to be held)
11-12 June 2026	13th BRICS Urbanization Forum Theme: 'Cities for People: BRICS Cooperation for Inclusive and Resilient Urban Futures'.	New Delhi
June 12-13	16th BRICS Agriculture ministers' meeting Host: Indore Smart City Project and the Indore Municipal Corporation 'Indore Declaration': It is a farmer-centric global charter for agricultural cooperation that is adopted as joint declaration	Indore
19th June 2026	Third SME Working Group Meeting and First BRICS MSME Forum Host: The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Theme : 'Building MSME Ecosystem - Sustainable Roots to Global Routes,'	Agra, Uttar Pradesh
25-26 June 2026	11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting - Within the Energy Track, India has adopted the theme "सर्वेषां ऊर्जम्" (Energy for All), - India's Energy Sector: 3rd largest electricity producer and consumer. - Total Capacity: ~540 GW (>50% from non-fossil sources).	Gurugram, Haryana Future Targets Energy Storage: >400 GWh by 2032. Nuclear Power: 100 GW by 2047.

Campaigns/Festivals

Swachh Gaon, Surakshit Jalvayu' (SGSJ)

- ❑ **Implementation:** 1st June - 5th June
- ❑ **Launched by:** Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)

- ❑ **Event :** On 9th June 2026, The nationwide campaign celebrating "10 Years of PMSMA - A Decade of Care" was launched by Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda. A **Rs. 75** commemorative coin and **Rs. 5** postal stamp were also released to mark the milestone.
- ❑ **Launched by:** Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW)

Harvest Festival 'Raja'

- ❑ Raja Parba is a three-day festival celebrating womanhood, observed in Odisha.
- ❑ The first day is called 'Pahili Raja', the second day 'Mithuna Sankranti', and the third day 'Bhudaha' or 'Basi Raja'. The final – or fourth – day is known as 'Basumati Snan'.
- ❑ This festival marks the arrival of the monsoon and the Odia month of Ashadha.

19th Mumbai International Film Festival

- ❑ **Event :** 15th to 21st June, 2026, in Mumbai
- ❑ **Organiser:** National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Ministry of I&B
- ❑ The biennial event was inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. L. Murugan and showcased 346 films from 46 countries
- ❑ Focuses on non-feature cinema, social documentary, and archiving history through film. It is the oldest and largest film festival for non-feature films in South Asia.

- ❑ **Opening Films:** Good Luck to You All (Animation, Canada), Agapito (Short Fiction, Philippines), and Time and Water (Documentary Iceland).

Awards

- ◆ **Golden Conch (Best International Documentary Film):** a documentary film in the International Competition Section Rs. 10 lakhs.
 - **The Winning Film:** Silver (Poland), directed by Natalia Koniarz and produced by Maciej Kubicki.
- ◆ **Silver Conch (Best National Documentary Film):** documentary film within the National Competition Section, Rs. 5 lakhs.
 - **Best Documentary:** Waai (Directed by Sainath S. Uskaikar).
 - **Best Short Fiction:** Small Clouds (Shubham Sumit).
 - **Best Animation Film:** Armstrong from Angaalamman Temple Street (Bhuvanesh M. Kumar (alias Bunz))
 - **Best Student Film:** 'The Old Bull Knows, Or Once Knew' (Director- Milan Kumar)
 - Award for Best Short Film on 'Viksit Bharat/150 Years of Vande Mataram/ Bharat@2026': 'The Last Shelter' - (Directors/Producers: Bharat Arora and Rajesh Bhatia)

Awards

Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the year 2024 and 2025

- ❑ **Academy puraskar:** It is the highest Indian recognition given to people in the field of performing arts traditionally conferred by the President of India at a special ceremony.
1. **Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna): Highest Honour**

- ◆ **List of Fellows(7):** Ramlal Bareth, A V Anand, Rita Ganguly, Puru Dadheech, Chittaranjan Jyotishi, Pasumarthi Rattaiah Sarma, Sudharani Raghupathy

- ◆ **Prize:** a rare distinction restricted to 40 eminent artists at a time, which carries a cash prize of Rs. 3,00,000.

2. Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar)

- ◆ **Selected Artists:** 108 artists chosen across various performing arts fields (Music, Dance, Theatre, Traditional/Folk/Tribal, Puppetry, and Overall Contribution/Scholarship).

- ◆ **Historical Context:** These awards have been institutionalized and conferred continuously since 1952.

- ◆ **Prize Purse:** Includes a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh Only), along with a Tamrapatra and Angavastram

3. Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar

- ◆ Akademi has selected 106 young artists for Sangeet Natak Akademi, Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for the years 2024 and 2025

- ◆ **Prize:** A prize money of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty-five thousand only) besides a Tamrapatra and an Angavastram

- ◆ This award is for Young outstanding practitioners upto the age of 40 years.

❑ Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee Selected from Rajasthan :

1. Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2024
Samandar Khan Manganiyar – Maand Singing
Gulabo Sapera – Folk Dance (Kalbelia)
2. Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2024
Manzoor Khan Manganiyar – Folk Music
3. Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2025
Akram Khan Bahrupiya – Folk Dance

Global Earth Prize 2026

- ❑ **Awarded by:** The Earth Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❑ **Prize:** The Earth Prize now features seven regional winners, each receiving \$12,500 to implement their ideas.
- ❑ **Winners:** Three 16-year-old students from India-Avyana Mehta, Ariana Agarwal, and Vivaan Chhawchharia (first-ever team from India to win the title) for their innovation Plas-Stick
- ❑ Plas-Stick is a biodegradable, tamarind-based powder derived from discarded seed waste that removes microplastics from water.

Food Planet Prize 2026

- ❑ **Awarded by:** Sweden's Curt Bergfors Foundation,
- ❑ **Winner:** Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) program.
- ❑ **Prize:** 1.5 million dollar

"STATATHON - A Data Journey for Viksit Bharat"

- ❑ **Dates & Venue:** 17-18 June, Faridabad.
- ❑ **Organizer:** The National Statistics Office (NSO) in collaboration with the Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education.
- ❑ **Event:** The 36-hour Grand Finale of STATATHON, which is the third in a series of hackathons organized by NSO India.
- ❑ **Category 1 Winner:** Airavata Technologies (Start-up, Maharashtra)
- ❑ **Category 2 Winner:** Bharat Institute of Engineering & Technology (Telangana)
- ❑ **Category 3 Winner:** Institute of Technical Education & Research (Odisha)
- ❑ **Category 4 Winner:** Bhagwan Parshuram Institute of Technology (Delhi)
- ❑ **Category 5 Winner:** Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Innovative Engineering and Technology Institute (Haryana)

Saudi Arabia's 'Labbaytum Awards' 2026

- ❑ **Context:** The Indian Haj Mission was honored with Total of Two Awards in "Best Haj Coordination and Communication" category at the Khitamahu Misk ceremony in Saudi Arabia
- ❑ **Awarding Authority:** Ministry of Hajj and Umrah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- ❑ **Historic event :** This marked a historic first where India was the only country to receive two awards for excellence in pilgrim services
- ❑ These awards celebrated the successful execution and welfare services provided to approximately 1.75 lakh Indian pilgrims during Haj 2026

The Wolf Prize

- ❑ **About awards:** The Wolf Prize is a highly prestigious international award granted annually in conferred Israel. Established in 1978 by the Wolf Foundation.
- ❑ It honors living scientists and artists for their outstanding achievements and contributions to humanity.
- ❑ **Prof Jainendra Jain** has become the first Indian origin to win this award for his discovery of composite fermions in the 1980s.
- ❑ **Prize:** Each recipient is awarded a diploma and a cash prize of \$100,000.

Prix Versailles 2026: World's Most Beautiful Airports

- ❑ They are announced each year by UNESCO. This year, it also includes two Indian airports out of total 7.
- ❑ **Navi Mumbai International Airport (Terminal 1)** - Navi Mumbai, India: Celebrated for its futuristic, lotus-inspired architecture
- ❑ **Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (Terminal 2)** - Guwahati, India: Inspired by the bamboo orchid, it features a sweeping, vaulted "sky forest" ceiling and indoor landscapes that trace the flow of the Brahmaputra River.
- ❑ **Others:** Guangzhou Baiyun(China), Techo (Cambodia), Frankfurt (Germany), San Diego (United States)

36th National Youth Parliament Competition 2025-26 for Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs)

- ❑ **Event :** June 25, 2026,Parliament House Complex, New Delhi.
- ❑ **Organiser:** The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- ❑ **Winner (National Level):** Dr. Rajendra Prasad KV, President Estate, (Delhi Region, North Zone) stood first across India.The prestigious "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Running Parliamentary Shield" and Trophy will be awarded to the winning school.
- ❑ **Regional Winner:** PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Air Force Station, Suratgarh (Rajasthan) has bagged the First Position at the Regional Level under the Jaipur Region.

Defence Investiture Ceremony 2026 (Phase-II)

- ❑ **Event:** Organized on June 29, 2026, at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ❑ President Smt Droupadi Murmu conferred the Distinguished Service Decorations during the ceremony.
- ❑ A total of 105 gallantry and distinguished service awards were presented to personnel of the Indian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force) and the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
 - ◆ Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal (SYSM): 07
 - ◆ Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM): 30
 - ◆ Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM): 12
 - ◆ Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM): 56

Positive Impact Rating (PIR)2026

- ❑ It is a student-led global assessment initiated by business school experts and governed by a Swiss association.
- ❑ **Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB)** achieved a remarkable score of 9.7 securing the prestigious Level 5 "**Pioneering School**" status for the fifth consecutive year.

Important One Liners

- ❑ **Pariksha Karmayogi Capacity Building Programme**
 - ◆ Launched by the **National Testing Agency (NTA)** for examination officials on the **iGOT Karmayogi Bharat platform**.
 - ◆ Objective: To strengthen supervision and monitoring processes for NTA examinations and ensure the smooth, secure, and standardized conduct of offline, pen-and-paper-based exams.
- ❑ **Drone-based Postal Service**
 - ◆ Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched an initiative by the Department of Posts **to deliver mail via drones** in Himachal Pradesh on June 12, 2026.
 - ◆ **First Route:** From the Mandi Head Post Office to the Rehardhar Branch.
- ❑ The Ministry of Home Affairs has notified the **Immigration and Foreigners (Amendment) Rules, 2026**. These rules introduce significant changes to the registration timelines and the appeal mechanism established under the **Immigration and Foreigners Rules, 2025**. Under this amendment, registration can be completed at any time **before the expiry of 180 days** following arrival in India; previously, registration was mandatory within 14 days after the 180-day period had elapsed.
- ❑ The President appointed **six Additional Judges as Permanent Judges** of the Bombay High Court.
- ❑ The Vice President inaugurated the **Siri Matrushree Industrial Park in Belthangady, Karnataka**.
- ❑ The Ministry of Education handed over a 'Letter of Approval' (LoA) to the University of Liverpool (UK) to establish a branch campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❑ To mark the bicentenary of Hindi journalism, Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia released a commemorative postage stamp and a First Day Cover in New Delhi on May 30, 2026, in honor of **'Udant Martand', the first Hindi newspaper (1826)**.
- ❑ A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government

of India, the Government of Assam, and the Government of Nagaland regarding mineral oil operations in the Assam-Nagaland border areas.

- ❑ The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India, chaired by Justice V. Ramasubramanian, organized a discussion in hybrid mode on the subject of **'Protection of Human Rights against Digital Arrest Fraud'**.
- ❑ The Supreme Court has constituted a high-level expert committee, headed by **Kanchan Devi** – Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education – to review the Centre's report regarding the demarcation and definition of the Aravalli mountain range. Previously, the Court had stayed the implementation of this report and ordered a fresh analysis.
- ❑ The Supreme Court has recently directed all High Courts in the country to **pronounce judgments within three months of reserving them**.
- ❑ Oil India Limited (OIL) has discovered significant **natural gas reserves at the 'Vijayapuram-3' well in the Andaman offshore** basin. Prior to this, gas had also been discovered at the 'Vijayapuram-2' well in September 2025.
- ❑ The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized narcotic substances (such as methaqualone, methamphetamine, and hashish oil) in Kerala (Kochi, Malappuram, and Thiruvananthapuram) by conducting 'Operation Chakravyuh' under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.
- ❑ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the construction of General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) in Amaravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh. This is the first GPRA project in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❑ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal launched the **'BHAVYA Portal'** in New Delhi under the **Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA)**. The portal has been developed by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC).
- ❑ President Droupadi Murmu participated in

- the **International Sickle Cell Day** event held at **Omkareshwar, Madhya Pradesh**.
- ❑ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated Northeast India's **largest organic spice processing plant in Bhoirymbong, Ri-Bhoi district (Meghalaya)**.
 - ❑ Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched **Mission 'Senehgori' – an Assam Muga Silk USP initiative** – to transform Assam's unique Muga silk sector into a globally competitive, **high-value luxury textile ecosystem**. This is a comprehensive cluster-based initiative.
 - ❑ According to recent reports, India has become the **world's second-largest solar energy growth market** in terms of annual capacity addition by 2025, surpassing the USA (which added 34 GW of capacity) by adding **over 37 GW** of solar energy capacity in that year.
 - ❑ The National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) issued new guidelines for compiling District Domestic Product (DDP) estimates (with a new base year of 2022-23).
 - ◆ Currently, **26 states and Union Territories in India compile DDP estimates**.
 - ❑ **Lieutenant Vishal Kumar** was awarded the prestigious '**Sword of Honour**' and the '**President's Gold Medal**' at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) passing-out parade held in Dehradun on June 13, 2026.
 - ❑ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched the **country's first cooperative-based taxi service, "Bharat Taxi,"** in Gujarat on June 27, 2026, from the Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre in Gandhinagar. A **soft launch** of Bharat Taxi had previously taken place in Gujarat in **December 2025**.
 - ❑ **The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)** has issued a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the notification of threatened species under **Section 38 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002**, to strengthen biodiversity conservation in the country.
 - ◆ A new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been issued for the notification of endangered species.
 - ◆ Under this section, the **Central Government is empowered** – following consultation with the concerned state government – **to declare any species** that is on the verge of extinction, or at risk of becoming extinct in the near future, as **endangered**.
 - ❑ The **Kerala Forest Department** has launched an **e-court integration facility for its HAWK** (Hostile Activity Watch Kernel) system. With this, Kerala has become the first state in the country to implement a fully digital system integrated with the judiciary for wildlife crime management.
 - ❑ The **Uttar Pradesh government** has launched the '**Ganga Project**'. Its primary objective is to establish last-mile digital connectivity in rural areas and to expand services such as e-governance, telemedicine, education, and skill development through technology.
 - ❑ In the '**Mann Ki Baat**' program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared the inspiring story of **biologist Purnima Devi Barman**, who organized women into the '**Hargila Army**' to conserve Assam's rare '**Hargila**' bird (Greater Adjutant Stork; **IUCN status: 'Near Threatened'**).
 - ❑ Ladakh's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena laid the foundation stone for the first **model border village at Chumur** under the Government of India's ambitious Vibrant Village Programme (VVP). It is situated at an altitude of **16,700 feet along the India-China border**.
 - ❑ India and South Africa held a meeting in New Delhi on June 1, 2026, to strengthen MSME cooperation in areas such as access to finance, digitalization, and entrepreneurship.
 - ❑ The first meeting of the **India-Zimbabwe Joint Defence Committee (JDC)** was held in New Delhi on June 4, 2026, to implement the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on defence cooperation.
 - ❑ The 14th meeting of the **India-Philippines Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment (JWGTI)** concluded in Manila on June 5, 2026, to discuss trade strategies and a possible **Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)**.
 - ❑ Union Minister of State for Labour and

Employment and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shobha Karandlaje led the Indian delegation to the 114th International Labour Conference organized by the ILO in Geneva on June 9, 2026.

- ❑ A meeting of the Global Coalition for Social Justice Coordination Group was held on the sidelines of the 114th International Labour Conference in Geneva on June 11, 2026.
- ❑ The International Labour Organization (ILO) overwhelmingly adopted the landmark Convention No. 193 on **Decent Work in the Platform Economy (C193)** at its 114th Annual Conference held in Geneva in June 2026. This is the **world's first binding international treaty for gig economy workers**.
- ❑ India and Tajikistan held the 12th Joint

Commission meeting via video conference on June 10, 2026, to promote trade, economic, and scientific cooperation.

- ❑ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the virtual '**Global Convergence for Growth Summit**' held under the French presidency on June 11, 2026; the summit was **attended by G7 nations** and other major economies.
- ❑ The 10th Thailand-India Defence Dialogue was held in Bangkok **on June 16, 2026**, to deepen cooperation in manufacturing, research, and regional security.
- ❑ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) restricted the use of 'Telegram' in India for a limited period under **Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000**.



Economy Current Affairs

Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PMVBRY)

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed incentive amounts totaling approximately Rs. 2,400 crore to beneficiaries under the scheme during a special event.
- ❑ **Objective:** To integrate employees and employers into the formal economy and expand social security coverage.
- ❑ To realize the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, the Government of India launched this scheme for '**employment-linked incentives**' as part of the '**Prime Minister's Package for Employment and Skilling**' in the Budget 2024-2025 .
- ❑ **Launch:** August 1, 2025.
- ❑ **Total Budgetary Allocation:** Rs. 99,446 crore.
- ❑ **Type:** A Central Sector Scheme.
- ❑ **Implementation:** Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) and Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- ❑ **Target:** To create over 3.5 crore jobs in the next two years, including 1.92 crore youth entering the workforce for the first time.
- ❑ The **benefits** of this scheme will apply to jobs created between **August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2027**.
 - ◆ To avail the benefits under the scheme, it is mandatory for employees to have been continuously employed at an establishment for more than 6 months.
- ❑ **Key Features:**
 - ◆ **Part 'A' (For Employees):** New employees registering with the EPFO and earning a monthly salary of up to Rs. 1 lakh receive an incentive equivalent to one month's salary (capped at Rs. 15,000), paid in two installments.

- ◆ **Part 'B' (For Employers):** Employers creating new jobs receive an incentive of Rs. 3,000 per month for each additional employee for a period of 2 years.
- ◆ **Special benefit for the manufacturing sector:** Employers in this sector receive this incentive for a total of 4 years (an additional 2 years).
- ❑ The incentive amount under the scheme is deposited directly into the beneficiaries' bank accounts via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0)

- ❑ Approval has been granted for **over 2.13 lakh** additional houses (**16 states including Rajasthan**) for eligible urban poor families under PMAY-U 2.0 during the 7th meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC), chaired by the Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- ❑ **Total number of approved houses:** Over 16.13 lakh, including the latest approvals.
- ❑ The latest houses have been approved under the following **two key verticals**:
 - ◆ **Beneficiary -Led Construction (BLC):** 1.89 lakh houses.
 - ◆ **Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP):** 23,602 houses.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0

- ❑ **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- ❑ **Approval:** 2024.
- ❑ **Implementation Period:** Financial Years 2024-25 to 2028-29 (5 years).
- ❑ The **Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS) component** is a '**Central Sector Scheme**', while the remaining components constitute a '**Centrally Sponsored Scheme**'.

- ❑ **Objective:** To provide all-weather pucca houses to all eligible urban families across the country, with the vision of 'Housing for All'.
 - ❑ **Target:** The objective is to meet the housing needs of 1 Crore urban poor and middle-class (EWS/LIG/MIG) families.
 - ❑ **Targeted Income Groups:**
 - ◆ Economically Weaker Section (EWS): Annual income up to Rs. 3 lakh.
 - ◆ Low Income Group (LIG): Annual income from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 6 lakh.
 - ◆ Middle Income Group (MIG): Annual income from Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 9 lakh.
 - ❑ **Four Pillars of the Scheme:**
 - ◆ **Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC):** Eligible EWS families will be provided financial assistance of up to Rs. 2.5 lakh to construct new pucca houses of up to 45 sq. meters on their own available land.
 - ◆ **Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP):** Financial assistance of up to Rs. 2.5 lakh will be provided by central and state agencies to EWS beneficiaries for purchasing houses.
 - ◆ **Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC):** EWS and LIG beneficiaries can avail the benefits of this facility.
 - ◆ **Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS):** Families belonging to EWS/LIG and MIG categories are eligible to avail the benefits of this scheme.
 - ❑ **Constitutional and Global Commitments:** 'Right to Housing' under Article 21; achieving Sustainable Development Goal-11 and SDG-5.
- Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**
- ❑ The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has achieved a historic milestone by creating over **90 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA)** across the country.
 - ❑ **Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA):** A unique **14-digit digital health ID** (ABHA ID) provided to citizens under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).
 - ◆ Any citizen can create an **ABHA ID free of cost**.
 - ◆ An individual's health records are stored digitally.
 - ◆ These digital health records can be shared with healthcare professionals and service providers based on the individual's informed consent.
 - ❑ Over 100 crore health records have been successfully linked to Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA) as of May 2026.
 - ❑ Top states creating ABHA IDs:
 - ◆ Uttar Pradesh (15.30 crore)
 - ◆ **Rajasthan and Maharashtra (7.1 crore)**
 - ❑ Top States/Union Territories creating ABHA IDs in proportion to population (%):
 - ◆ Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (100%)
 - ◆ Andhra Pradesh (98.5%) ◆ Odisha (91.9%)
 - ◆ Chandigarh (90.8%) ◆ **Rajasthan (89.7%)**
 - ❑ Women account for approximately half (49.75%) of the total ABHA IDs created.
 - ❑ **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM):** To read this scan QR Code.
 
- 'MAHA' (MAHA) Jal Mission**
- ❑ **MAHA:** Missions for Advancement in High-Impact Areas
 - ❑ **Launched by:** Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences (as of June 1, 2026)
 - ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen water security
 - ◆ To promote high-impact innovations in the water sector

- ❑ **Participating Organizations:** Under this initiative, financial assistance and a shared platform will be provided to universities, national laboratories, research institutes, startups, and MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises).
- ❑ **Nodal Agencies:** A joint collaborative initiative of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ❑ **Financial outlay:** Rs. 200 crore (for 5 years).
- ❑ Under this, selected multi-disciplinary consortia will be provided financial assistance of up to Rs. 20 crore for technology development, field assessment, validation, and implementation.
- ❑ **Five priority themes of the mission:**
 - ◆ Water resource assessment and sustainable management
 - ◆ Drinking water
 - ◆ Water quality and ecological health
 - ◆ Water use efficiency and circular economy
 - ◆ Climate resilience and adaptation.
- ❑ The mission places special emphasis on multi-sectoral collaboration, including partnerships with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the Department of Space, CSIR laboratories, and Earth science institutions.
- ❑ Along with this the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari, Citizen Tracking and Reporting' (JSJB-CTR) portal and app were also launched to strengthen citizen tracking and reporting.

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)

- ❑ The National Health Authority (NHA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Health and Family Welfare of the West Bengal government to implement AB PM-JAY in the state.
- ❑ **West Bengal has become the 36th state/UT to implement AB PM-JAY.**
- ❑ **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana:**
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RBI amendments to Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme norms

- ❑ **Objective:** To ensure uniformity among banks regarding loan sanction and repayment schedules.
- ❑ The new norms will come into effect from January 2026.
- ❑ **Crop season standardization:** Fixed at 12 months for short-duration crops and 18 months for long-duration crops.
- ❑ If a KCC loan is availed against the pledge of crops or stocks, banks may waive the requirement for collateral security for loans up to Rs. 3 lakh.

KCC scheme

- ◆ **Launched:** 1998 based on the recommendations of the R.V. Gupta Committee.
- ◆ **Objective:** To provide farmers with easy access to credit for purchasing agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.).

Reports/Indices

National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6)

- ❑ **Released by:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on May 29.
- ❑ NFHS-6 fact sheets cover 101 key indicators.
- ❑ These include indicators related to population structure, the share of the elderly population, financial inclusion, utilization of antenatal care services, immunization coverage, prevalence of severe diarrhea, and breastfeeding.
- ❑ **Partner Institute:** International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai.
- ❑ **Period:** 2023-24
- ❑ **Survey Coverage:** Approximately 6.79 lakh households across 715 districts.
- ❑ **Objective:** To provide critical evidence on population, health, nutrition, and family welfare indicators to support district-level planning and program implementation.

Indicators	India NFHS-5	भारत NFHS-6
Pregnant women receiving antenatal care (ANC) (percentage)	—	95.9
Institutional deliveries (percentage)	88.6	90.6
Total Fertility Rate (TFR) (number of children per woman)	2.0	2.0*
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) (percentage)	66.7	69.1
Full immunization coverage (children aged 12–23 months) (percentage)	83.8	87.1
95.6% of children received most vaccines through public health facilities.		
Severe wasting in children (very thin for their height)	7.7	5.2
Stunting (low height-for-age) among children under five years of age	35.5	29.3
Prevalence of underweight among children under five years of age (percentage)	32.1	31.8
Women using the internet (percentage)	33.3	64.3
Women personally using bank or savings accounts (percentage)	78.6	89.0
Coverage of health insurance/financing schemes (at the household level) (percentage)	41.0	60.2

Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI) 2024-25

- ❑ **Released by:** Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- ❑ A national benchmarking system designed to assess and improve the operational performance of Indian ports.
- ❑ **Key Indicators:** Utilized major operational indicators such as cargo handled, vessel turnaround time, berth idle time, pre-berthing waiting time, container dwell time, and ship berth-day output.
- ❑ **Top Performers:** The index evaluates ports across three main cargo segments:
 - ◆ **Dry Bulk Category:** Paradip Port Authority (Top rank; handling over 5 million tonnes of cargo).
 - ◆ **Liquid Bulk Category:** Sikka Port and Terminals.
 - ◆ **Container Cargo Category:** Mundra Port (Top rank; handling over 0.5 million TEUs) and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) in second place.

Miscellaneous

New Base Year for Wholesale Price Index (WPI)

- ❑ Recently, the Office of the Economic Adviser announced the revision of the WPI base year from 2011-12 to 2022-23.

- ❑ **Producer Price Index (PPI)** will now also be released, and WPI will be phased out in 5 years.
- ❑ **New Series:** New series for **Output PPI (OPPI), Input PPI (IPPI), and Service PPI** will also be released.
- ❑ **Issuing Authority:** Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA), DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce and Industry).
- ❑ **New Index for Services:** For the first time, a 'Service PPI' will be released on a quarterly basis for 7 key services (banking, securities, insurance, pension, railways, air passenger transport, and telecommunications).
- ❑ WPI, Output PPI, and Service PPI will be calculated at 'basic prices', whereas Input PPI will be calculated at 'purchaser prices'.
- ❑ **Key Features (WPI 2022-23 New Series):**
 1. The total number of commodities in the new WPI series has been increased from **697 to 957**.
 2. **Renewable energy** (solar and wind) as well as **nuclear energy** have been included in the 'Energy' category.

3. Crude oil and natural gas have been moved from 'Primary Articles' to the 'Fuel and Energy' group.
4. **Gross Value of Output (GVO)** has been used instead of Net Trade Value (GVO + Imports - Exports) to determine the economic significance of commodities.
5. The superior '**Targeted Mean Imputation' method** has been adopted to replace the older 'carry-forward' technique.

Launch of the 'Navachar Mantra' Initiative

- ❑ **Launch:** By the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship at IIT Delhi.
- ❑ **Objective:** To identify, nurture, and empower India's most promising grassroots innovators and early-stage entrepreneurs.
- ❑ **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- ❑ **Implementing Agency:** National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).
- ❑ **Technical Knowledge Partner:** Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT) at IIT Delhi.
- ❑ The program will provide opportunities for mentorship, identification, and development to innovators **from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, aspirational districts, and underdeveloped regions.**
- ❑ Special focus will be placed on innovators developing solutions for local challenges and community impact.

Smart Warehousing System

- ❑ **Launch:** By Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, on June 18, 2026, in New Delhi.
- ❑ **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution - DFPD).
- ❑ **Objective:** Strengthen India's food security infrastructure and enhance the efficiency of food grain storage operations.

- ❑ **Key Features:** This system is an integrated technology-based solution to improve warehouse operations and strengthen governance.

◆ It represents the **world's largest deployment of technologies** based on **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and the Internet of Things (IoT).

- ❑ **Implementation:** It has been implemented across 215 bag-based food grain warehouses of the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC). The system is also being installed in an additional 150 warehouses by the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

Smart Seed Coating Technology

- ❑ **Developer:** ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR-IIOR), Hyderabad.
- ❑ IIOR has **developed and demonstrated a patented 'biopolymer-based smart seed coating technology'** to promote climate-resilient agriculture and improve agricultural productivity.
- ❑ The technology creates a **multifunctional protective layer** around seeds using biodegradable materials.
- ❑ This layer acts as a carrier system for beneficial microorganisms, nutrients, micronutrients, crop protection agents, and plant growth-promoting compounds, delivering them directly to the seed-soil interface.
- ❑ **Biopolymers:** These are biodegradable and dissolve without harming soil fertility; they prevent the accumulation of harmful chemicals in the soil.

'Oilseeds Kisan Mitra'

- ❑ WhatsApp-based AI advisory service.
- ❑ **Developed by:** ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR-IIOR), Hyderabad.
- ❑ **Launched:** On February 6, 2026, at the National Oilseeds Conference.
- ❑ **Objective:** To boost domestic oilseed production in India and reduce dependence on edible oil imports.

- ❑ **Targeted crops:** Groundnut, mustard, sesame, sunflower, soybean, niger, and all other major oilseed crops.
- ❑ An AI-powered chatbot provides instant, research-based advice on topics such as variety selection, crop management, pest and disease control, irrigation, and post-harvest processes.

BHARATI Program

- ❑ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has successfully concluded the first cohort of its flagship export capacity-building and accelerator program, 'BHARATI'.
- ❑ **BHARATI full form:** Bharat's Hub for Agri-tech, Resilience, Advancement, and Incubation for Export Enablement.
- ❑ **Goal:** To increase the export of APEDA-designated products from India to USD 50 billion by the year 2030.
- ❑ **Objective:** To identify and nurture high-potential startups that are developing innovations, products, and technologies to boost the export of agricultural and processed food products.
- ❑ **Selection:** 100 startups from 22 states and 2 Union Territories .

Reforms to enhance foreign participation in Government Securities (G-Secs)

- ❑ The government has announced tax concessions for Foreign Institutional Investors (FPI/FII) through the Income-tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, effective from April 1, 2026.

Type of Income	Old Regime (Section 210 of the Income Tax Act) 2025	New regime (effective from 1 April 2026)
Interest Income	20% tax payable	Fully tax-free
Short-Term Capital Gains (STCG)	30% tax payable	Fully tax-free
Long-Term Capital Gains (LTCG)	12.5% tax payable	Fully tax-free

- ❑ **Government Securities Market Reforms:** Foreign investors primarily invest in the Indian bond market through two routes:

1. **Fully Accessible Route (FAR):** New issuances of 15-year, 30-year, and 40-year government securities, as well as Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs), have now been included under the FAR framework.

- ◆ **FAR:** This is an open-access channel for foreign investors with no investment limits. It was **introduced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in April 2020.**

2. **General Route**

- ◆ **Concessions:** Under this route, the government has removed the short-term investment limit, concentration limit, and G-Sec-wise investment limit.
- ◆ The overall quantitative investment limits of 6% for Central Government securities and 2% for State Government securities (SGS) have been retained.

- ❑ The '**General**' and '**Long-term**' sub-categories have been merged into a single category.

Liberalization of FEMA regulations for Persons Resident Outside India (PROI)

- ❑ The government has notified the 'Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026', under which the following changes have been made:

- ◆ **Stock market entry:** Persons Resident Outside India (PROI) will now be able to invest in the equity shares of listed Indian companies through the 'Portfolio Investment Scheme'. Previously, this facility was available only to NRIs (Non-Resident Indians) or OCIs (Overseas Citizens of India).

- ◆ **Increase in total investment limits in a company:**

- **Individual PROI:** from 5% to 10%.
- **Aggregate of all individual PROIs:** from the current 10% to 24%.

First Coal Gasification Project

- ❑ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone on June 20, 2026.
- ❑ **Location:** Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda district (Odisha).
- ❑ **Cost:** Rs. 25,016 crore.
- ❑ It is the country's first commercial-scale 'coal-to-ammonium nitrate' production project.
- ❑ **Production Capacity:** Will produce 2,000 tonnes of ammonium nitrate per day.
- ❑ **Developed by:** 'Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited' (BCGCL).
 - ◆ BCGCL is a joint venture between Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Coal India Limited (CIL).
- ❑ **Technology:** It will utilize the 'Pressurized Fluidized Bed Gasification' (PFBG) technology—an indigenous coal gasification technology developed by BHEL for chemical production.
- ❑ **Usage:** Can be used to produce various value-added products such as methanol, urea, ammonium nitrate, synthetic natural gas, and other chemical raw materials.

Approval granted for the country's first 'Strategic Investment Plan' (SIP) under the PM-SETU scheme.

- ❑ **Approval granted by:** The National Steering Committee (NSC) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- ❑ This approval has been granted to a proposal submitted by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) and its academic partner, New Age Makers Institute of Technology (NAMTECH), for the Visakhapatnam ITI cluster in Andhra Pradesh under the PM-SETU scheme.
- ❑ Andhra Pradesh has become the first state to implement the SIP.

Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) Price Stabilization Fund

- ❑ **Objective:** To provide stability and predictability in ATF pricing.
 - ◆ To curb volatility in airfares.

- ❑ **Assistance Amount:** Rs. 10,000 crore.
- ❑ **Implementation Period :** 3 years.
- ❑ **Assistance Mechanism:** Interest-free advances will be provided to Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to compensate for losses arising from increases in global prices.
- ❑ **Coverage:** All interested Indian scheduled airlines (both domestic and international flights).
- ❑ **Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF):** Also known as jet fuel, it is primarily a highly refined kerosene-based fuel used in civil and military aircraft powered by gas-turbine engines.

RISA: A Premium Brand for 'Timeless Tribal' Crafts

- ❑ A new premium brand to provide global recognition to tribal textiles, embroidery, and handicrafts has been unveiled.
- ❑ **Nodal Ministry and Agency:** TRIFED, under the aegis of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
 - ◆ Implementation Partner: National Design Centre (NDC).
- ❑ Seven tribal textile and embroidery traditions were identified in the first phase:
 - ◆ Eri and Muga Silk – Assam
 - ◆ Kotpad Cotton – Odisha
 - ◆ Changpa Pashmina – Ladakh
 - ◆ Toda Embroidery – Tamil Nadu
 - ◆ Santhal Cotton – Jharkhand
 - ◆ Dongria Embroidery – Odisha
- ❑ In addition to textiles, the targeted promotion of three distinct geographical handicrafts is also included:
 - ◆ Longpi Pottery – Manipur
 - ◆ Turtuk Brass Cutlery – Ladakh
 - ◆ Dhokra Art – Chhattisgarh
- ❑ **RISA Store:** Inaugurated at Rajiv Gandhi Handicrafts Bhawan, New Delhi.

GDP estimates for the financial year 2025-26

- ❑ Recently, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the provisional estimates of annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the quarterly estimates for the fourth quarter (January-March) for the financial year 2025-26.
- ❑ **Provisional Estimates-**
 - ◆ Real GDP growth rate: 7.7% (it was 7.1% in FY 2024-25).
 - ◆ Nominal GDP growth rate: 8.9%.
- ❑ **Gross Value Added (GVA) growth:** An increase of 7.9% in real GVA and 9.1% in nominal GVA has been recorded.
- ❑ **Fourth Quarter (Q4: January-March)**
 - ◆ Real GDP growth rate: 7.8%.
 - ◆ Nominal GDP growth rate: 9.1%.
- ❑ The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in its June 2026 review meeting, revised the projected real GDP growth rate for the year 2026-27 downwards from 6.9% to 6.6%.
- ❑ **New base year:** 2022-23 (new series released on February 27, 2026).

Publication of 'Coal Exchange' rules in India

- ❑ **Publication:** The Ministry of Coal published the 'Coal Exchange Rules, 2026' on June 4, 2026, to launch the coal exchange.
- ❑ **Objective:** To modernize India's coal supply chain, bring transparency to the market, and ensure fair pricing.
 - ◆ The launch of the exchange will transform coal trading from a "one-to-many" model to a competitive "many-to-many" platform.
- ❑ It is a centralized, electronic, and transparent trading platform for the buying and selling of coal in India.
- ❑ **Legal Basis:** The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2025.

- ❑ This Amendment Act was the one that introduced the concept of a 'Mineral Exchange' in the country for the first time.
- ❑ **Responsible Authority:** Coal Controller's Organization (CCO):
 - ◆ The Ministry of Coal has designated the CCO as the 'responsible authority' for the registration and regulation of coal exchanges in December 2025.

Zojila Tunnel Project

- ❑ The final breakthrough for India's Zojila Tunnel was achieved on June 9, 2026.
- ❑ **Location:** Connects Sonamarg (Baltal), Jammu & Kashmir, and Kargil (Minamarg), Ladakh, on National Highway-1 (NH-1).
- ❑ It will be the country's longest single-tube bidirectional tunnel. (Length: approx 13.15 km)
- ❑ **Altitude:** approximately 11,578 feet.
- ❑ **Implementing Agency:** National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL).
- ❑ **Construction:** Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL).

Country's first freight road tunnel (Kolkata)

- ❑ Approval was recently granted for the construction of the country's first freight road tunnel in Kolkata.
- ❑ **Objective:** To connect Kolkata Port NH-16.
- ❑ **Underwater Tunnel:** A twin-tube tunnel approximately 8.5 kilometers long will be constructed beneath the Hooghly River.
- ❑ **Developing Agencies:** Kolkata Port Authority and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

Approval for two new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Puducherry

- ❑ **Approval:** By the 'Board of Approval' (BoA).
 - ◆ BoA: The apex inter-ministerial body functioning under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ❑ Locations of new SEZs in Puducherry:
 1. Information Technology/Information Technology-Enabled Services (IT/ITES) SEZ:

Thattanchavady village, Oulgaret Taluk.

- ◆ Developed by: Oulgaret Municipality
- ◆ It will be the country's first IT/ITES SEZ developed by an Urban Local Body (ULB).

2. Multi-sector SEZ: Karasur village, Villianur Taluk.

IS 20201: 2026

- ❑ **Issued by:** Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- ❑ **Prepared by:** ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources.
- ❑ The standard will lay down guidelines for the management of Community Seed Banks (CSBs) at the community level across the country.
- ❑ **Objective:** To create a standardized framework for seed banks operated by local communities.

Solar PV Potential of India (Floating Solar)

- ❑ According to the first comprehensive national assessment conducted by the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), approximately 102 GW of floating solar power capacity could be installed across India's water bodies by utilizing just 20% of their surface area.
- ❑ The report indicates that the total potential capacity for floating solar power (FSPV) in India is approximately 102.18 GW.
- ❑ Top states: Maharashtra (16.28 GW), Madhya Pradesh (14.89 GW), Karnataka (13.69 GW).
- ❑ Omkareshwar: The country's largest floating solar project.
 - ◆ Located on the Narmada River in Madhya Pradesh.
 - ◆ **Current capacity:** 278 MW; Target: Expansion to 600 MW.

Significant Visits

Visit to France

- ❑ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited France from June 13–14, 2026 (Nice) and June 16–19, 2026 (Evian and Paris).
- ❑ **Agreements -**
 1. Adoption of the **India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030**: Technology and innovation, research and education.
 2. Formation of a joint **India-France AI working group** focused on AI governance.
 3. Establishment of a **National Centre of Excellence** for skill development in aeronautics and allied sectors at **NSTI, Kanpur**.
 4. Expanded possibilities for the use of India's real-time payment system (**UPI in France**).
 5. Incubation of an additional 10 Indian startups at **Station F**.
 6. Agreement to Establish of a Digital Science Centre between the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** and the Institut National de Recherche en Sciences et Technologies du Numérique (**INRIA**).
 7. Establishment of an ICCR India Chair on "AI, Innovation, and Culture" at Université Paris-Saclay.
 8. **Letter of Intent** between the Indian Council of Medical Research (**ICMR**) and **France's Health Data Hub**.
 9. Establishment of a high-level mechanism to realize the goal of **doubling bilateral trade over the next five years**, based on existing economic and financial dialogues.
 10. Launch of an **Economic Security Dialogue**.
 11. **Declaration of intent** on cooperation on railway and high-speed railway development in India.

12. **General Security Agreement** on the exchange and protection of classified information.

13. **Letter of Intent** between **ISRO** and **CNES** regarding cooperation in the fields of microgravity research and human space exploration.

Prime Minister's Visit to Slovakia

- ❑ From June 14–16, 2026.
- ❑ This marks the **first visit** by an Indian Prime Minister to Slovakia **since** the country gained independence in 1993.
- ❑ India and Slovakia established **diplomatic relations in 1993**.
- ❑ Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico and Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting.
- ❑ Slovakia has honored Prime Minister Narendra Modi with its highest award, '**The Order of the White Double Cross (First Class)**.' Slovak President Peter Pellegrini conferred this honor upon him.
- ❑ **MoUs/Letters of Intent-**
 1. MoU on cooperation in the field of **labour migration**
 2. Letter of Intent to promote **cooperation in the defence sector**
 3. MoU on **digital technologies**
 4. Cooperation in the field of higher education and research
 5. MoU on the creation of **audio-visual content**
 6. Establishment of the **first ICCR Chair** in the field of Artificial Intelligence at **Kosice Technical University**
 7. MoU in the field of **quantum communication** and protection of critical infrastructure
 8. MoU between the **National Institute of Naturopathy (Pune)**, Ministry of AYUSH, and Slovak Health Spa Piestany

9. Agreement between **IIT Delhi and Slovak Technical University** regarding courses, scholarships, and research cooperation for student exchange
 10. Cooperation in the **tourism sector** between tour operator associations
 11. Agreement on scientific cooperation between the **Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)**
- ❑ **Announcements-**
1. Upgrading bilateral relations to the level of a comprehensive partnership
 2. Establishment of a Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism
 3. Establishment of a Consular Dialogue
- ❑ **During his visit to Slovakia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the following gifts:**
- ◆ **Sushruta Samhita and Charaka Samhita**
To the Speaker of Slovakia, Richard Raši
 - ◆ **Thewa motif cufflinks (famous Thewa art of Rajasthan), Himru silk tie and pocket square (traditional Himru weaving of Maharashtra), and a brass Dokra antelope set (tribal metal craft)**
To the President of Slovakia, Peter Pellegrini
 - ◆ **Kashmiri silk carpet** : To the Prime Minister of Slovakia, Robert Fico
- State Visit to Seychelles**
- ❑ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was on a state visit to Seychelles from June 27 to 29, 2026.
- ❑ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the President of Seychelles, H.E. Dr. Patrick Herminie, held official talks at the State House in Victoria, Mahé Island.
- ❑ **Agreements-**
1. **Agreement between the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Seychelles:** Cooperation in the training, exchange, and capacity building of diplomats.
2. **Agreement between NPCI International Payments Limited and the Central Bank of Seychelles:** Cooperation in implementing the UPI (Unified Payments Interface) digital payment system in Seychelles.
 3. **Agreement between HLL Lifecare Limited and the Ministry of Health of Seychelles:** Supply of affordable generic medicines and medical supplies under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.
 4. **Agreement between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Department of Agriculture of Seychelles:** Promotion of agricultural research, education, training, and technical cooperation.
 5. **Extradition Treaty between India and Seychelles:** Strengthening cooperation regarding the extradition of criminals and crime prevention.
 6. **Agreement between the Ministry of Transport, Ports and Civil Aviation of Seychelles and the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of India:** Recognition of training and certificates of Indian seafarers on Seychelles' vessels.
 7. **Agreement between the Export-Import Bank of India and the Government of Seychelles:** Financial assistance (Line of Credit) for infrastructure and development projects.
 8. **Agreement on Outer Space Cooperation between India and Seychelles:** Cooperation in satellites, space technology, and capacity building.
 9. **Agreement on the National Hospital between India and Seychelles:** Cooperation for the development of a new national hospital in Seychelles.
- ❑ **Announcements**
1. Unveiling of a commemorative logo marking the completion of 50 years of diplomatic relations between India and Seychelles.
 2. Virtual foundation-stone laying ceremony for the Vocational and Technical Education Centre.
 3. Completion of the refurbishment of PS Zoroaster for the Seychelles Coast Guard.

4. Upgrade of the Dornier aircraft with a glass cockpit.
 5. Seychelles has joined the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
- ❑ **Development Assistance**
 1. Gift of a fast patrol vessel to the Government of Seychelles.
 2. Handover of **10 utility** vehicles and **5 Laser Radial** class boats to the Seychelles Defence Forces.
 3. Handover of 6 ambulances, 500 metric tonnes of rice, and 8,500 metric tonnes of cement to the Government of Seychelles.
 - ❑ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was conferred the **President's special honour**, 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon'.

Visit of the President of Myanmar to India

- ❑ The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, welcomed the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Min Aung Hlaing, at Rashtrapati Bhavan on June 1, 2026.
- ❑ It is the **only ASEAN country** that shares a land border with India.
- ❑ This marks President Min Aung Hlaing's first official visit to India following the 2021 military coup.
- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen security, trade, connectivity, critical minerals, humanitarian assistance, and people-to-people ties.
 1. **Security Cooperation:** Myanmar assured that its territory would not be allowed to be used by anti-India insurgent groups (NSCN-K and ULFA).
 - ◆ Agreement on joint cooperation against cross-border terrorism.
 2. **Trade and Economic Cooperation:** Agreement to boost bilateral trade through the **Rupee-Kyat** trade mechanism.
 - ◆ Emphasis on increasing investment in agro-processing, energy, petroleum, and mining sectors.
 3. **Connectivity Projects:**
 - ◆ Momentum for the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project.

- ◆ Agreement to expedite the completion of the India-Myanmar-Thailand (IMT) Trilateral Highway.

4. **Strategic Importance:** Myanmar is a key pillar of three major Indian policies – Act East Policy, Neighbourhood First Policy, and MAHASAGAR initiative.
5. **Education and People-to-People Ties:** Number of Mekong-Ganga ICCR scholarships increased from 36 to 100.
6. Agreement to enhance cooperation in the sectors of Critical Minerals and Rare Earth Elements (REEs).

Nepal

- ❑ Nepal's Foreign Minister Shishir Khanal visited India from June 5 to 7.
- ❑ External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met him in New Delhi.
- ❑ During the visit, 72 health facilities and 12 cultural heritage projects were handed over to Nepal virtually, as part of the post-2015 earthquake reconstruction program.
- ❑ The two leaders jointly launched the linkage between India's UPI (Unified Payments Interface) and Nepal's National Payments Interface to facilitate cross-border person-to-person remittances.
- ❑ The leaders also witnessed the exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between 'Digital India Bhashini' and Kathmandu University for the co-development of a national digital infrastructure – a 'voice-first' language translation platform – for Nepal.

Event/Conference/Meeting

35th Meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on India-China Border Affairs

- ❑ **Venue:** Beijing, China
- ❑ The talks focused primarily on border demarcation, border management, mechanism building, and cross-border cooperation.
- ❑ Both sides expressed satisfaction with the

progress made in maintaining peace and stability along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and acknowledged that this is essential for the normalization of bilateral relations.

- ❑ India emphasized the need for an early meeting of the expert-level mechanism on trans-border rivers.
- ❑ India and China agreed to prepare for the 25th round of Special Representative (SR) talks on the border issue, to be hosted by China.

Index/ Reports

Global Peace Index 2026

- ❑ **Released by:** Institute for Economics and Peace
- ❑ **India's Position:**
 - ◆ Ranked 127th out of 163 countries.
 - ◆ Ranked 5th in the South Asia region.
- ❑ **According to the report, the European country Iceland tops the list.**
 - ◆ China is ranked 81st, and
 - ◆ The USA is ranked 134th.
 - ◆ Ranked last: Russia (163rd) due to the long-standing military conflict with Ukraine.
- ❑ **Top-ranked countries:**

1. Iceland	2. New Zealand
3. Switzerland	4. Slovenia
5. Ireland	
- ❑ **Rankings of South Asian countries:**

16. Bhutan	67. Sri Lanka
111. Nepal	117. Bangladesh
127. India	152. Pakistan
157. Afghanistan	

'SIPRI Yearbook 2026'

- ❑ **Released by:** Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- 1. **Nuclear Weapons (January 2026)**

- ◆ **Global Total:** Approximately 12,187 nuclear warheads.
- ◆ **China** Possesses the highest number, with 620 warheads.
- ◆ **India:** Possesses 190 warheads (12 deployed on missiles).
- ◆ **Pakistan:** Possesses 170 warheads.

2. Military Spending (2025)

- ◆ **Global spending:** Reached a record \$2.9 trillion. This marked an increase for the 11th consecutive year.
- ◆ **USA (Rank 1):** Its defense budget stands at \$954 billion.
- ◆ China, Russia, Germany
- ◆ **India (Rank 5):** India ranks fifth with \$92.1 billion.

3. Arms Trade

- ◆ **Arms imports:** India is the world's second-largest arms importer, following Ukraine. India accounts for 8% of global imports.
- ◆ **Arms exports:** Just five countries account for 70% of global arms sales. The USA leads the list (42%), followed by France, Russia, Germany, and China.

4. The Changing Nature of Warfare

- ◆ **Escalating conflicts:** The number of inter-state wars rose from three in 2024 to six in 2025 a twofold increase.
- ◆ **High-tech warfare (Tech-War):** Modern warfare now employs AI, drone swarms, and cyber tools.
- ◆ **Minerals and chips:** Semiconductors and critical minerals are now also being utilized as strategic weapons.

The USA and Russia possess 86% of the world's nuclear weapons.

'State of India's Digital Eco' 2026 Report

- ❑ **Released by:** The Centre for Internet and Digital Economy at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)

❑ Key Findings

- ◆ India has become the world's fifth-largest digital economy (up from eighth place in 2025).
 - ◆ India ranks fourth in AI (Artificial Intelligence) performance, trailing only the US, China, and Singapore.
 - ◆ India now possesses the world's second-largest AI talent pool.
- ❑ India generated \$328 billion in revenue through digital trade; the report covered 71 countries.

QS World University Rankings 2027

- ❑ **Released by:** QS (Quacquarelli Symonds)
- ❑ Over 1,500 universities were evaluated.
- ❑ **Top Indian Institutions**
- ◆ IIT Delhi: 118th place (1st in India)
 - ◆ IIT Bombay: 134th place
 - ◆ IIT Madras: 170th place
- ❑ **Top 5 Universities Globally**
1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA
 2. Stanford University, USA and Imperial College London, UK (Joint 2nd place)
 3. University of Oxford, UK
 4. Harvard University, USA
 13. Peking University, China
 25. Technical University of Munich, Germany
- ❑ **India's Overall Position:**
- ◆ 52 Indian universities are included in the rankings.
 - ◆ India ranks fifth globally in terms of the number of institutions.
 - ◆ Countries ahead of India are the USA, the UK, China, and Germany. The number of institutions increased from 11 in 2015 to 52 in 2027.
 - ◆ No Indian institution has yet secured a place in the global top 100.

QS World Future Skills Index 2027

- ❑ **Top Country:** United States of America (USA).
- ❑ **India's Position:**
- ◆ **Overall Rank:** 13th.
 - ◆ **Future Work Readiness:** 5th place.
 - ◆ **Economic Transformation:** 14th place.
 - ◆ **Demographic Advantage:** World's largest IT workforce (5.8 million) and a vast youth population.
 - ◆ **Skill Alignment:** 18th place; skill mismatch between higher education and industry requirements.
 - ◆ **Academic Readiness:** 22nd place; slow adaptation of institutions to the AI and digital era.
- ❑ **Brain Drain:** Approximately 1 million Indian students likely to study abroad by 2030.

World Hydropower Outlook 2026

- ❑ **Issuer:** International Hydropower Association (IHA), a non-profit membership organization.
- ❑ **Global hydropower capacity (2025):** 1,469 GW.
- ❑ **Global pumped storage capacity:** Exceeded 200 GW for the first time.
- ❑ **Key Feature:** Pumped storage is the world's largest long-duration energy storage technology.
- ❑ **Projection:** Pumped storage capacity likely to double over the next 10 years.
- ❑ **China:** Contributed over 40% to global hydropower capacity growth in 2025.
- ❑ **India:** Became the world's 5th largest hydropower producer in 2025 by adding over 4 GW of new capacity, surpassing Russia.
- ❑ **Situation in India**
- ◆ Estimated capacity (CEA): 288 GW.
 - ◆ Current operational capacity: 10 projects, totaling 7.425 GW.
 - ◆ India's Goal: To develop 100 GW of pumped storage capacity by 2035-36.

The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2026 Report

- ❑ **Released by:** Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Blue Transformation: Vision into Action'
- ❑ **Global Status**
 - ◆ In 2024, global aquatic production reached a record level of 235 million tonnes.
 - ◆ This comprised 195 million tonnes of aquatic animals and 40 million tonnes of algae.
 - ◆ A 5.2% increase in production was recorded compared to 2022.
 - ◆ Aquaculture production stood at 142 million tonnes.
 - ◆ Aquaculture accounted for a 53% share of total aquatic animal production.
- ❑ **India's Achievements**
 - ◆ India accounted for 9% of global aquatic animal production in 2024.
 - ◆ India's contribution to global aquaculture production is 12%.
 - ◆ India was the second-largest aquatic producer, ranking after China.
 - ◆ India ranked first globally in inland fish production.
 - ◆ India produced 2.2 million tonnes of fish from rivers, lakes, and freshwater sources.
 - ◆ India ranked second globally in aquaculture production.
 - ◆ India, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Bangladesh are among the top 5 producing nations.
 - ◆ Together, these five countries account for 82% of global aquatic production.
- ❑ **Key Concern**
 - ◆ The proportion of biologically sustainable marine fish stocks is declining.
 - ◆ It fell from 64.5% in 2021 to 62.4% in 2023.

Energy Transition Index 2026

- ❑ **Released by:** World Economic Forum
- ❑ This index measures the progress of countries towards clean, secure, and sustainable energy systems.
- ❑ **India's Position**
 - ◆ India ranked 70th out of 120 countries (up from 71st last year).
 - ◆ India's total score recorded a year-on-year increase of 1.9%.
 - ◆ Low-carbon jobs increased by 24%.
 - ◆ Employment in the renewable energy sector rose by 25%, reaching 1.3 million.
 - ◆ The hydropower sector played a key role in this growth.
- ❑ **Top Countries:**
 1. Sweden 2. Finland 3. Denmark
- ❑ **Singapore:** Climbed 10 places to reach the **42nd spot**, driven primarily by strong policies and political commitment.
- ❑ **Global Trends:**
 - ◆ For the first time in over a decade, a decline was recorded in energy transition readiness.
 - ◆ Global energy investment reached USD 3.3 trillion.
 - ◆ Of this, USD 2.3 trillion was invested in the clean energy sector.
- ❑ Six G20 member nations featured in the top 20:
 - ◆ Germany (9th) ◆ France (10th)
 - ◆ United Kingdom (11th) ◆ China (14th)
 - ◆ Brazil (17th) ◆ United States (19th)

Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) 2025

- ◆ **Released by:** World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence
- ◆ **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA):** Ranked 22nd.
- ◆ **Best Private Port:** Pipavav Port ranked 28th globally.

- ◆ **Mundra Port:** Slid 5 places to the 30th spot.
- ◆ **Visakhapatnam Port:** Dropped significantly to the 104th position.
- ◆ **First Place:** Fuzhou Port (China)

India: World's Leading Ship-Recycling Nation (2025)

- According to a report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India became the **world's largest** ship-recycling nation in 2025.
- **Global market share:** Increased from 30.1% in 2024 to 35.4% in 2025.
- **Recycling volume:** 2.99 million gross tons in 2025, an increase of approximately 60% compared to 2024.
- Achieved the '**Maritime India Vision 2030**' target five years ahead of schedule.
- Gujarat's **Alang-Sosiya Ship Recycling Cluster** is the world's largest ship-recycling hub.
- The Alang-Sosiya cluster handles approximately 97% of India's total ship-recycling activity.

International Institutional Ranking Framework

- **Issuer:** International Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF)
- The International Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) has released the list of India's top 10 government universities for 2026.
- **India's Top 10 Government Universities for 2026**
 1. **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**
 2. University of Delhi, New Delhi
 3. Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
 4. University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana
 5. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
 6. Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh
 7. Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer, Rajasthan

India's Top Management Universities for 2026

1. **IIM Ahmedabad**
2. IIM Calcutta
3. IIM Bangalore
4. Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi
5. IIM Lucknow

India's Top Engineering Universities for 2026

1. **IIT Bombay**
2. IIT Madras
3. IIT Delhi
4. IIT Kharagpur
5. IIT Kanpur

WEF Technology Pioneers 2026

- **Released by:** World Economic Forum (WEF)
- It includes 100 startups from 23 countries.
- 9 Indian startups were selected.
 1. Airbound
 2. Bellatrix Aerospace
 3. BorderPlus
 4. Dhruva Space
 5. Ethereal Exploration Guild
 6. FirmBox Bio
 7. OrbitAid
 8. Sarla Aviation
 9. Varaha
- The total number of Indian companies included in the WEF list has reached 28.
- **Top Countries**
 - ◆ USA - 43
 - ◆ China - 10

Agreements

- The National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**) has officially partnered with **ACLEDA Bank** to launch the Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**) facility in **Cambodia**.
 - ◆ UPI is accepted in eight countries, including Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar, and Sri Lanka.
- The Underwater Archaeology Wing of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the 'Nyord Center for Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage' (Copenhagen) of the National Museum of Denmark have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a joint underwater archaeological project. The project aims to locate and document the remains of the historic Danish ship 'Oresund', which sank off the coast of Karaikal, Puducherry, in 1619 AD.

Historic Peace Talks Between the US and Iran: Lake Lucerne Conference

- ❑ Held at the **Bürgenstock Resort** in Switzerland.
- ❑ US President Donald Trump signed a **14-point preliminary agreement draft (MoU)** at the Palace of Versailles in France.
- ❑ It has been named the '**Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding**'.
- ❑ Digital Diplomacy from Paris to Tehran: US President Donald Trump signed the document at the Palace of Versailles, while **Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian** signed virtually from Tehran.
- ❑ **Pakistan and Qatar as Mediators:** Officials from Washington and Tehran sat face-to-face at the Bürgenstock Resort in Switzerland; Pakistani PM Shehbaz Sharif acted as the guarantor.
- ❑ **60-Day 'Firefight Halt':** Regarding the nuclear program.
- ❑ Crisis averted on the condition of maintaining the status quo and reducing uranium enrichment.
- ❑ The US will gradually lift its naval blockade and sanctions on Iranian ports within 30 days.
- ❑ **Strait of Hormuz Reopened:** Iran will facilitate free and safe commercial shipping through the strait.
- ❑ **Reconstruction Plan:** An economic development and reconstruction framework worth at least **\$300 billion** for Iran.

India-US Critical Minerals Cooperation Agreement (2026)

- ❑ On May 26, 2026, India and the United States signed a significant bilateral agreement to ensure a secure and uninterrupted supply of critical minerals and rare earth elements.
- ❑ **Name of the Agreement:** Strategic Critical Minerals Cooperation Framework
- ❑ **Signatories:** Signed during the Quad meeting held in New Delhi by

- ❑ India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio.
- ❑ **Objectives**
 - ◆ To make the supply chain for critical minerals secure, reliable, and diversified.
 - ◆ To reduce dependence on China in the global minerals and manufacturing sectors.
 - ◆ To ensure the availability of resources essential for emerging technologies.
- ❑ **Key Areas of Cooperation:** This agreement will foster cooperation in three major areas – mining, processing, and recycling.
- ❑ This agreement will help ensure the availability of minerals essential for sectors such as semiconductor manufacturing, electric vehicles, clean energy technologies, and defense technologies.

India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) 2026

- ❑ The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (**CETA**) between India and the United Kingdom will come into effect on July 15, 2026.
- ❑ The India-UK Social Security Agreement (**Double Contribution Convention - DCC**) will also come into force on July 15, 2026.
- ❑ CETA was signed in London on July 24, 2025.
- ❑ The DCC was signed on February 10, 2026.
- ❑ Under CETA, approximately **99%** of India's exports will gain zero-duty access to the UK market.
- ❑ The **India-UK Roadmap 2030** aims to take bilateral trade to **USD 100 billion**.
- ❑ CETA comprises a total of 30 chapters, making it a next-generation trade agreement.
- ❑ The UK has granted India its most extensive market access to date across 137 service sub-sectors.
- ❑ Sectors such as IT, ITES, financial services, education, healthcare, engineering, and consultancy services will benefit the most from CETA.

- ❑ Under the agreement, business visitors, intra-corporate transferees, independent professionals, and investors will enjoy enhanced mobility.
- ❑ Every year, 1,800 Indian chefs, yoga instructors, and classical musicians will be able to avail themselves of special mobility provisions.
- ❑ The exemption period for dual social security contributions under the DCC has been extended from 3 years to 5 years.
- ❑ This provision is expected to benefit over 75,000 Indian professionals and more than 900 Indian companies.
- ❑ UK import duties on processed foods, marine products, textiles, leather, engineering goods, and auto parts will be eliminated.
- ❑ India has protected items such as dairy, edible oils, oilseeds, cereals, millets, and certain agricultural products by placing them on the sensitive list.
- ❑ For the first time, government procurement has been included in CETA at a bilateral level.

US-Israel-Lebanon Trilateral Agreement

- ❑ **Objective:** Disarmament of Hezbollah and establishment of stability in the border region.
- ❑ **Benefit to Lebanon:** Assistance in re-establishing government control over conflict-affected areas.
- ❑ **Israel's Assurance:** No territorial claims on Lebanese land following Hezbollah's disarmament.
- ❑ **US Role:** Key mediator and coordinator of the agreement.
- ❑ **MCG4L:** Formation of the Military Coordination Group for Lebanon (MCG4L) to implement the agreement.
- ❑ **Humanitarian Aid:** The US announced immediate aid worth US\$ 100 million in coordination with the United Nations.

Miscellaneous

Launch of the India-UK 'Global Supply Chain Observatory'

- ❑ This observatory is a joint initiative of TEXMiN (Technology Innovation in Exploration and Mining Foundation) – a technology translation research park established by the Department of Science and Technology, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, and the University of Cambridge.
- ❑ **Objective:** To create a data-driven platform for monitoring and analyzing global critical mineral supply chains.
- ❑ The initiative was announced during a meeting between the Prime Ministers of both countries in October 2025, and the research agreement was signed in March 2026.

Turquoise Nexus Initiative (TNI)

- ❑ Türkiye's COP31 (2026) presidency and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) unveiled the Turquoise Nexus Initiative (TNI).
- ❑ **Objective:** To assist developing countries in adopting a food-water-climate approach in the implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Paris Agreement.

5 New Countries Elected to the UN Security Council

- ❑ **Election:** By the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- ❑ **New Non-permanent Members:** Austria, Portugal, Kyrgyzstan (for the first time), Trinidad and Tobago, and Zimbabwe.
 - ◆ **Tenure:** 1 Jan. 2027 to 31 Dec. 2028
 - ◆ **These countries will replace the outgoing non-permanent members:** Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia.
- ❑ **Other five non-permanent members:** Bahrain, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Latvia, and Liberia (elected in 2026; serving until 2027).

AUKUS

- ❑ AUKUS nations have announced plans to enhance maritime security cooperation.

- ❑ Nuclear-powered submarines
 - ◆ Australia will be assisted in developing nuclear-powered submarine capabilities.
 - ◆ The US and the UK will provide technical and training support.
 - ◆ US submarines will be deployed in Australia starting in 2027.
- ❑ **Advanced technologies**
 - ◆ Cooperation on AI, quantum technology, and cybersecurity.
 - ◆ Development of underwater drones and autonomous military systems.
 - ◆ Focus on electronic warfare and information sharing.

What is AUKUS?

- ◆ AUKUS is a trilateral security partnership.
- ◆ It comprises Australia, the UK, and the US.
- ◆ It was established in September 2021.
- ◆ **Objective:** To enhance security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)

- ❑ India and Japan have approved the implementation rules for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.
- ❑ **What is the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)?**
 - ◆ The JCM is a bilateral climate cooperation mechanism.
 - ◆ Under this, India and Japan will collaborate on projects
 - ◆ that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
 - ◆ Emission reductions achieved through these projects will be recognized as carbon credits.
 - ◆ This will assist both India and Japan in achieving their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Key Provisions

- ◆ Establishment of a Joint Committee comprising representatives from both countries.
- ◆ Transparent process for project approval.
- ◆ Verification and certification by independent third parties.
- ◆ Measures for sustainable development and environmental protection.
- ◆ Arrangements for national registries to issue and transfer carbon credits.
- ❑ **Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement**
 - ◆ Article 6.2 allows countries to exchange Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs).
 - ◆ Countries can trade emission reduction units (carbon credits) to meet their climate goals.
- ❑ A host country can transfer carbon credits to other countries in exchange for investment, technology, and capacity building.

Muscat Action Plan

- ❑ **Launched by:** UN Secretary-General António Guterres.
- ❑ It is a multi-stakeholder initiative developed under the leadership of Oman, the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (UNOSAPG), and the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers.
- ❑ It emphasizes the crucial role of traditional, local, and indigenous stakeholders in preventing hate speech, genocide, and other atrocity crimes.
- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen community-based peacebuilding mechanisms and promote social harmony.

Blue Valley Cluster

- ❑ **Launched by:** Government of Assam and the European Union.
- ❑ **Location:** Guwahati.
- ❑ Focuses on the flavors, fragrances, and AYUSH sectors.
- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen cooperation between Europe, Assam, and the wider North-Eastern region in developing sustainable value chains, innovation ecosystems, and industrial partnerships.

- ❑ The Assam Industrial Development Corporation Limited and the Federation of European Businesses in India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote investment, business partnerships, and knowledge exchange.

Operation Amistad

- ❑ External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar announced this initiative to provide humanitarian assistance following the

earthquake in Venezuela.

- ❑ Under this operation, two Indian Air Force C-17 aircraft were deployed to assist with post-earthquake relief efforts.
- ❑ **Meaning of 'Amistad' in Spanish:** Friendship.
- ❑ The aid package includes an Indian Army field hospital unit and over 35 tonnes of relief materials, medicines, and medical equipment, including two 'Bhishm Cubes'.

Person in News

Notable Personalities	Details
Nikol Pashinyan	The Prime Minister of Armenia secured a victory in the recently held parliamentary elections.
Ms. Mette Frederiksen	Prime Minister of Denmark (serving a third consecutive term)
Rumen Radev	Prime Minister of Bulgaria
Abiy Ahmed Ali	Prime Minister of Ethiopia; achieved a decisive victory in the parliamentary elections.
Han Seung-soo	- The President of South Korea nominated Han Seung-soo for the post of the country's next Prime Minister. - Prime Minister Kim Min-seok is set to resign from his post.
Neelkanth Mishra	Appointed as Executive Director at the World Bank headquarters in Washington D.C. for a three-year term.
Khalilur Rahman	Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman has been appointed as the President of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
Robert A. F. Thurman	- Renowned American Buddhist scholar, author, and academic passed away on June 16, 2026, at the age of 84. - He was one of the most influential thinkers and translators of Tibetan Buddhism in the West. - He is known as the first American Tibetan Buddhist monk to be ordained by the Tibetan spiritual leader, the 14th Dalai Lama. - The Government of India honored him with the Padma Shri in 2020.
Professor Bimal N. Patel	Elected as a judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the 2026-2035 term.
Vivek Agrawal	- Has been elected as the Vice President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF); - This marks the first time India will hold the position of Vice President in this prestigious global body;
Keir Starmer	The British Prime Minister announced his resignation from the posts of Prime Minister and Leader of the Labour Party;
Elon Musk	Elon Musk has officially become the world's first trillionaire following the launch of SpaceX's historic IPO on the US stock market (Nasdaq);
Jimmy Donaldson	Known as MrBeast, he has become the first individual creator in history to surpass the milestone of 500 million subscribers on YouTube and has received the Diamond Play Button.

Notable Places

Notable Places	Description
Qeshm Island	- The US attacked surveillance facilities on Qeshm Island. - It is located along the southern coast of Iran, at the southern edge of the Zagros mountain range. - It is the largest island in the Persian Gulf, situated near the Strait of Hormuz. - It is also known as the 'Island of Seven Wonders'.
Malaysia	Banned social media accounts for users under the age of 16.
UAE	Children under the age of 15 will not be able to create social media accounts; it has become the first Arab country to do so.
Australia	Banned the use of social media for children under the age of 16.
Bangladesh	Became the 27th country to join the International Big Cat Alliance.
Bolivia	President Rodrigo Paz declared a state of emergency following protests caused by rising inflation and economic pressure in the country.
Japan	Typhoon Jangmi caused massive devastation in southwestern and mainland Japan.
Uzbekistan	Became the 10th country overall, and the first in Central Asia, to join the New Development Bank.

Important One-Liners

- ❑ The Free Trade Agreement between India and Oman came into effect on June 1, 2026. India has signed 15 free trade agreements so far, involving 27 countries.
- ❑ The first meeting of the **India-Zimbabwe** Joint Defence Committee (JDC) was held in New Delhi on June 4, 2026.
- ❑ A Letter of Approval (LoA) was handed over to the University of Liverpool (UK) to establish its branch campus in **Bengaluru**, Karnataka.
- ❑ **Bangladesh** approved the Padma Barrage project on the Padma River.
- ❑ 565 Indian peacekeepers serving in the United Nations Mission in **South Sudan**—including 53 women—were honored for their dedication and commitment to protecting civilians and supporting peacebuilding efforts in the conflict-affected country.
- ❑ At which location were the sacred relics of Lord Buddha's two chief disciples, **Arhat Sariputra** and **Arhat Mahamoggallana**, enshrined on the occasion of Buddha Purnima? **Gandantegchenling Monastery in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.**
- ❑ The '**Bharat Gaurav Award**' will be held in Australia.
- ❑ Which organization sanctioned a loan of Rs.4,000 crore for the '**Jal Sanrakshit Haryana**' (Water-Conserved Haryana) project? **The World Bank.**
- ❑ Which Indian warships arrived at Nha Rong Port in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on June 22, 2026, during their operational deployment in the Southeast Asia region? **INS Udaygiri and INS Kavaratti.**
- ❑ The Versatile Deuterated Compound Production Plant (VDPP) was inaugurated, and a 24 kA prototype sodium cell was commissioned at the Heavy Water Board Facility (HWBF) in Vadodara.
- ❑ According to a Sensor Tower report, which was the most downloaded digital wallet app globally in the year 2025? **Phonepe**
- ❑ India and China are discussing the possibility of a joint nomination to secure UNESCO recognition for The Great Tang Records on

the Western Regions, the travelogue of the renowned 7th-century Chinese Buddhist monk and scholar Xuanzang.

- ❑ Guinness World Records has awarded the title of 'Icon' to **Jonathan**, a 194-year-old tortoise; he has become the world's oldest living land animal.
- ❑ A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck the Mindanao region of the Philippines.
- ❑ Chinese AI startup **Zipu AI (Z-ai)** launched its latest Large Language Model (LLM), **GLM-5.2**.
- ❑ **Guatemala's Volcán de Fuego** has recently experienced several massive eruptions, involving rockfalls and plumes of ash.
- ❑ China and Bangladesh signed an agreement to develop an economic zone near Mongla Port.
- ❑ The UN General Assembly has adopted a new political declaration aimed at ending HIV/AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.
 - ◆ **95-95-95 Goal:** This aims to ensure that by 2030, 95% of people know their status,

95% have access to treatment, and 95% achieve viral suppression.

- ❑ An IndiGo Airbus A320 became the country's first commercial jet to land successfully using India's indigenous '**GAGAN**' satellite navigation system.
- ❑ **Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL)** acquired five critical mineral blocks in Argentina under an agreement with CAMYEN.
- ❑ Jio Platforms, the technology arm of Reliance Industries, has entered the global top 20 in the latest **Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)** rankings recently released by the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**.
- ❑ Bengaluru-based Skydo has become the first cross-border payment company in the country to officially register under Canada's Retail Payment Activities Act (RPAA).
- ❑ The UK has announced a ban on social media for children under the age of 16.
- ❑ Norway has announced a near-total ban on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in primary schools.



Space Technology

Starship V3 (Flight-12) Test

- ❑ SpaceX successfully completed the 12th integrated test of the massive reusable rocket, Starship V3.
- ❑ This was the first flight test of the third-generation (V3) Starship.
- ❑ **Key Features:**
 - ◆ This was the 12th test flight of the Starship program and the first flight of the V3 variant.
 - ◆ The new rocket stands approximately 124 meters tall.
 - ◆ It utilized the **Raptor-3 engine** and a new **launch pad for the first time**.
 - ◆ Payload capability was demonstrated during the mission by deploying dummy Starlink satellites into space.
- ❑ **Rocket Launch:** From Starbase, Texas.
- ❑ After a sub-orbital flight lasting approximately one hour, it executed a controlled splashdown landing in the Indian Ocean.

MAVEN

- ❑ NASA has announced the conclusion of the mission for its MAVEN spacecraft, which has been orbiting Mars.
- ❑ **Reason:** After approximately six months of no contact, NASA confirmed the end of this mission, which had spanned over a decade.
- ❑ Launched in the year 2013.

SOLAR-1 Satellite

- ❑ **Why in the news?** The US has activated its first dedicated space weather monitoring satellite, SOLAR-1.
- ❑ It is the **US's first space weather monitoring** satellite.
- ❑ **Operation:** National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

- ❑ **Former Name:** SWFO-L1A
- ❑ **Objective:** To monitor solar activity and space weather, and to provide early warnings of solar storms.
- ❑ **Launch Vehicle:** SpaceX Falcon 9
- ❑ **Location:** It is positioned at the Sun-Earth Lagrange Point 1 (L1), which is approximately 1 million miles away from Earth, enabling continuous, unobstructed solar observation.

Defense Technology

Zorawar Tank

- ❑ **In the News:** DRDO has unveiled the prototype of India's indigenous light tank, 'Zorawar'.
- ❑ The Zorawar light tank is set to be inducted into the Army in 2028-29.
- ❑ **Development:** Jointly developed by DRDO and Larsen & Toubro.
- ❑ **Name:** Named after General Zorawar Singh Kahluria.
- ❑ It weighs approximately 25 tonnes.
- ❑ It is capable of launching effective attacks and providing limited artillery support in high-altitude areas.
- ❑ It is designed for operations across diverse terrains, including mountainous, border, and island regions.
- ❑ It incorporates modern technologies such as AI, drone integration, and amphibious capabilities.

ICGS Akshay

- ❑ On June 27, 2026, the Indian Coast Guard inducted the ICGS Akshay—a new-generation Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV)—into its fleet at Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa.
- ❑ **Construction and Design:** By Goa Shipyard Limited.

- ❑ It is the fourth vessel of the 'Adamyā' class.
- ❑ 'Akshay' means 'indestructible'.
- ❑ It incorporates over 65% indigenous equipment.
- ❑ **Speed and Capability:** The vessel has a maximum speed **exceeding 27 knots** and an endurance of up to 1,500 nautical miles.
- ❑ It is approximately **52 meters long** and **weighs 320 tonnes**.
- ❑ This vessel will significantly strengthen maritime surveillance, rapid response capabilities, and coastal security.

Long-Range Hypersonic Anti-Ship Missile (LR-AShM)

- ❑ **Why in the news ?** On May 1, 2026, the DRDO successfully test-fired it from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island (Wheeler Island) off the coast of Odisha.
- ❑ **Strike Range:** 1,500 km.
- ❑ **Technology:** Utilizes a two-stage solid rocket motor and state-of-the-art Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV) technology.
- ❑ **Speed:** Reaches a maximum of Mach 10 and maintains an average speed of approximately Mach 5 during the glide phase.

Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM)

- ❑ On June 15, 2026, the DRDO successfully conducted a flight test of the Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) at the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island test range in Odisha.
- ❑ **Type:** Indigenous long-range, land-attack subsonic cruise missile.
- ❑ **Successor:** Successor to the Nirbhay cruise missile program.
- ❑ **Development:** DRDO
- ❑ **Nodal Laboratory:** Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bengaluru.
- ❑ **Range:** Approximately 1,000 km.
- ❑ **Specialty:** Able to avoid radar by flying very close to the ground.

Netra Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) System

- ❑ The indigenous Netra Airborne Early Warning and Control system, developed by DRDO, has recently received Final Operational Clearance.
- ❑ This will further strengthen the Indian Air Force's aerial surveillance and early warning capabilities.
- ❑ Airborne Early Warning and Control is an aircraft-based surveillance system.
- ❑ Its advanced radars and sensors detect aerial, maritime, and low-altitude targets from long distances.
- ❑ It provides early warning by detecting enemy aircraft, missiles, drones, and electronic emissions, and assists in battlefield command and control.
- ❑ **Development:** DRDO's Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS).
- ❑ **Collaboration:** Indian Air Force and Indian industry.
- ❑ **Platform:** Mounted on the Brazilian Embraer EMB-145 aircraft.

S-400

- ❑ Russia has delivered the **fourth squadron of the AI-enabled S-400 air defense system**.
- ❑ This delivery is part of the **\$5.43 billion agreement** signed between India and Russia in 2018 for the **procurement of five S-400** regimental systems.
- ❑ The delivery of the remaining squadron is expected in 2027.
- ❑ The S-400 Triumf is one of the world's most advanced long-range surface-to-air missile systems.
- ❑ AI-based targeting will assist operators in identifying and prioritizing aerial threats.
- ❑ All incoming targets will be displayed on the system, and the AI **will provide suggestions** based on the nature of the threat.

- ❑ However, the final decision will rest with the operator.
- ❑ **Range:** 600 km.
- ❑ NATO countries also called it as 'SA-21 Growler'.

❑ Other major air and missile defense systems

1. S-500 (Russia)
2. THAAD (United States)
3. Iron Dome (Israel)
4. Patriot PAC-3 (United States)
5. HQ-9 (China)

RudraM-II

- ❑ DRDO and the Indian Air Force successfully conducted a flight test of the indigenous Rudram-II missile from an aerial platform at the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur.
- ❑ **Development:** Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad.
- ❑ **Collaboration:** Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Regional Centre for Military Airworthiness (RCMA), and Missile System Quality Assurance Agency (MSQAA).
- ❑ **Range:** 300 km.
- ❑ It is equipped with a 200 kg warhead.
- ❑ Speed: Maximum of Mach 5.5.
- ❑ It is an air-to-surface missile.

Commissioning of INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and Agray into the Indian Navy

- ❑ On June 21, 2026 Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned three state-of-the-art frontline Indian Navy ships-INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray-in Kolkata, West Bengal.

INS Dunagiri

- ❑ It is a modern **stealth frigate** built under Project 17A.

- ❑ It is the fifth ship of the Nilgiri class and the second warship of this class built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- ❑ **Design:** By the Warship Design Bureau.
- ❑ Utilizes over 75 percent indigenous content.
- ❑ Equipped with supersonic surface-to-surface missiles, advanced air defense systems, medium-range guns, close-in weapon systems, and state-of-the-art anti-submarine warfare capabilities.
- ❑ It possesses helicopter operational capabilities.
- ❑ Designed for high-level maritime operations and multi-dimensional combat roles.

Project 17A

- ❑ The next phase of India's guided-missile frigate program (based on the earlier Shivalik-class 'Project 17' ships).
- ❑ Construction of 7 Nilgiri-class multi-mission stealth frigates.
 - ◆ Four (Nilgiri, Udaygiri, Taragiri, Mahendragiri) are being built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.
 - ◆ Three (Himgiri, Dunagiri, Vindhyagiri) are being built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.

INS Sanshodhak

- ❑ This is a hydrographic survey vessel.
- ❑ It is the fourth ship in the Survey Vessel (Large) class. Other ships in this class include INS Sandhayak, INS Nirdeshak, and INS Ikshak.
- ❑ **Construction:** By Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- ❑ It is equipped with state-of-the-art hydrographic and oceanographic systems, as well as four survey motor boats (SMBs).
- ❑ It features a twin-engine diesel propulsion system and an advanced ship management system.
- ❑ Capable of performing multi-purpose roles: it can also be converted into a hospital ship if required.
- ❑ It is equipped with facilities for helicopter operations.

INS Agray

- ❑ This is the 5th Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC).
- ❑ The other four ASW SWCs are INS Arnala, INS Androth, INS Mahe, and INS Malvan.
- ❑ **Construction:** By Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- ❑ It is equipped with state-of-the-art sonar, torpedoes, anti-submarine rockets, and an advanced combat management system.
- ❑ Designed for rapid and effective operations in coastal and shallow-water maritime areas.

State-of-the-art Weapon Systems Complex

- ❑ **Location:** Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad
- ❑ **Inauguration:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

National Military Drone Technology Hub

- ❑ **Location:** IIT Kanpur
- ❑ **Implementing Agency:** Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)
- ❑ The Ministry of Defence has granted in-principle approval for its establishment at a cost of approximately Rs. 500 crore.
- ❑ This hub will focus on drone design, training, certification, secure data linking, and the development of other advanced technologies.
- ❑ It will be the country's **first center to provide comprehensive certification facilities** for military drone systems.
- ❑ IIT Kanpur already houses a **Centre of Excellence for drone technology**.

Nau Sena Shaurya Vatika

- ❑ **Location:** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- ❑ **Inauguration:** By Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on May 30, 2026.
- ❑ An **open-air naval museum**.
- ❑ Features artifacts from INS Gomati and a TU-142M museum.
- ❑ The TU-142M is a long-range maritime patrol aircraft.

India's first 'Made in India' C-295 military aircraft

- ❑ **Tata Advanced Systems and Airbus** completed the first successful test flight of the **first 'Made in India' C-295 military transport aircraft**, manufactured in **Vadodara, Gujarat**.
- ❑ **Features:** Successful test flight of the first military aircraft manufactured by India's private sector.
 - ♦ The **C-295 is capable of transporting troops**, military equipment, and relief supplies.
 - ♦ It can operate from short and rugged airstrips.
- ❑ The Indian Air Force will receive a total of **56 C-295 aircraft**.
- ❑ 16 aircraft were manufactured in Spain, while 40 are being manufactured in Vadodara (Gujarat).

Peacekeeper (Agniveg) / Kamikaze

- ❑ Indigenous defense company SMPP handed over 106 turbojet-engine-powered 'Kamikaze' drones to the Army.
- ❑ **Range:** 180 km
- ❑ **Speed:** 450 km/h
- ❑ 100 operational and 6 training drones have been handed over to the Army.
- ❑ **Development:** In collaboration with the Belarusian firm KB Indela.
- ❑ Once the target is locked, **they operate fully autonomously** to deliver precision strikes.
- ❑ They have a **Circular Error Probable (CEP) of less than 5 meters**, meaning they can destroy targets with near-zero error.
- ❑ These are **'loitering munition' class drones** that destroy critical and strategic enemy assets—such as radars, artillery, command centers, and logistics hubs—by directly crashing into them and causing massive explosions.

India becomes the 5th country in the world to possess a Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) system

- ❑ Recently, DRDO successfully tested advanced interceptors under the **Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) system**.

❑ Key Capabilities

1. Two-tier security shield:

◆ **Exo-Atmospheric:** Interception outside the atmosphere.

◆ **Endo-Atmospheric:** Interception within the atmosphere.

2. AD-1 and AD-2 advanced interceptors.

3. Radar capable of surveillance up to 1500 + km.

INS Tarkash

- ❑ The Indian Navy's stealth frigate, INS Tarkash, arrived in Victoria (**Seychelles**) on June 12, 2026.
- ❑ It is currently on an operational deployment in the **South-West Indian Ocean region**.
- ❑ INS Tarkash escorted the Seychelles Coast Guard ship 'PS Zoroaster' from India to Seychelles.
- ❑ The repair work on PS Zoroaster was completed at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- ❑ This reflects the maritime cooperation and the partnership in shipbuilding and maintenance between India and Seychelles.

INS Sharda

- ❑ INS Sharda departed from Colombo, Sri Lanka, on June 13, 2026.
- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen India-Sri Lanka maritime cooperation and friendship.
- ❑ Training, Professional exchanges and sports activities were conducted with the Sri Lanka Navy.
- ❑ Sri Lankan naval personnel were trained in small arms handling, firefighting, first aid, and rescue procedures.
- ❑ Friendly sports matches and professional exchanges enhanced the interoperability of both navies.
- ❑ This visit demonstrates **India's commitment** to regional maritime security and cooperation, in line with the **MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions)** initiative.

Biotechnology

Nanomedicine: New breakthrough in breast cancer treatment

- ❑ **Why in the news?** Scientists at the Pune-based Agharkar Research Institute (ARI) have developed a novel biodegradable nanocarrier-based gene-silencing technique for breast cancer that can effectively inhibit tumor growth.
- ❑ **Basis:** This technique is based on biodegradable mesoporous silica nanoparticles (MPPM), which act as a nanocarrier (a drug delivery vehicle).
- ❑ **Target:** It utilizes an MUC1-specific aptamer to target the MUC1 receptor present on breast cancer cells. This ensures the drug reaches the cancer cells directly, sparing healthy cells.
- ❑ **Dual gene-silencing:** This nanocarrier simultaneously blocks (inactivates) two key cancer-promoting genes using siRNA (small interfering RNA):
 - ◆ MCL-1 gene
 - ◆ Survivin gene
- ❑ **Smart release:** Upon reaching the tumor, the drug is released in an autonomous and controlled manner due to its glutathione-responsive design.

ANCHOR (Atlas of Neurochemical Characterisation of the Human Brainstem with 3D Reconstruction)

- ❑ **IIT Madras** has released the world's most detailed 3D atlas of the human brainstem, named ANCHOR.
- ❑ **Developed by:** Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre at IIT Madras.
- ❑ It includes a detailed study of the brainstem spanning stages from the prenatal period through childhood to adulthood.
- ❑ It integrates MRI, histology, and neurochemical analysis.
- ❑ It has been made available on a public website for use by researchers and clinicians worldwide.

- ❑ High-resolution and multidimensional mapping.
- ❑ It is a high-throughput imaging and computing platform designed to transform the entire human brain into a 3D cell-resolution atlas.
- ❑ **Brainstem:** The brainstem is the part of the brain that connects the brain to the spinal cord. It controls many of the body's involuntary functions, such as respiration.

Pluvicto

- ❑ Novartis India has launched 'Pluvicto', the country's first radioligand therapy for advanced (metastatic) prostate cancer.
- ❑ This drug directly targets tumor cells, thereby minimizing damage to healthy tissues.

Artificial Intelligence

'Varya' AI Model

- ❑ In collaboration with the India AI Mission, the AI-native transformation company **Avataar has launched 'Varya'**, an indigenous video-story generating AI model.
- ❑ Development: Supported by **the India AI Mission's AI computing infrastructure.**
- ❑ It is a text-to-video AI model capable of transforming text or images into videos and stories.
- ❑ 'Varya' reduces the video production process from 50 steps to just 4 steps.
- ❑ It is 10 times more cost-efficient compared to leading global models.
- ❑ The estimated cost of video production is reported to be 0.48 per second.
- ❑ The model has been developed keeping India's linguistic, cultural, and social diversities in mind.

Super Vaccine

- ❑ Researchers at the University of Cambridge have developed the world's first 'super-vaccine' with the help of AI.
- ❑ This vaccine is designed to neutralize the entire coronavirus family rather than targeting a single virus.

Major Exercises

23rd Khaan Quest

- ❑ **Event:** June 20 to July 3, 2026; Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- ❑ **Participants:** The Indian Army contingent of 40 personnel includes soldiers from a battalion of the Jat Regiment, alongside personnel from other armed forces and services.
- ❑ It is a multilateral military exercise.

- ❑ **Correction:** The May 2026 magazine listed 11 participating countries for the 'Pragati' exercise, whereas 13 countries actually participated.

Major Agreements

- ❑ **The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract worth Rs. 449 crore** with Bengaluru-based Accord Software & Systems Private Limited (ASSPL) to procure 20 Enhanced Capability Global Navigation Satellite System (ECGNSS) jammers for the Indian Navy; the contract mandates a minimum of 75 percent indigenous content.
- ❑ An agreement has been reached between the Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
 - ♦ **Objective:** To strengthen multilingual (22 languages) access on digital platforms related to investment, startups, and trade in the country.
- ❑ The Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and the Assam Innovation and Startup Foundation (AISF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote language technology and multilingual innovation in Assam.
- ❑ Indian space propulsion startup Bellatrix Aerospace and South Korean space AI solutions company TelePIX have signed an MoU to jointly develop a next-generation Earth-observation satellite capable of operating in Very Low Earth Orbit (VLEO) by 2028.

Miscellaneous

Project for the production of second-generation diesel-equivalent biofuel

- ❑ **Why in the news?** The Technology Development Board (TDB) has extended support to Pune-based M/s Greenjoules Private Limited for this project.
- ❑ **Objective:** To establish a commercial-scale facility for producing advanced biofuels from agricultural waste and agro-processing residues.
- ❑ The project involves setting up a greenfield manufacturing plant for the production of 'Abhilasha Biofuels' (ABF).
- ❑ **Abhilasha Biofuels**
 - ◆ ABF is a next-generation renewable alternative to diesel and naphtha, developed using entirely indigenous technology.
 - ◆ Designed as a 'drop-in' fuel, ABF can directly replace conventional fossil-based diesel without requiring any modifications to existing engines, fuel systems, or distribution infrastructure.

Majorana 2

- ❑ This is Microsoft's next-generation topological quantum chip.
- ❑ Development: Achieved with the help of Microsoft's '**Microsoft Discovery**' agentic AI platform.
- ❑ It is **1,000 times more reliable** than Majorana 1.
- ❑ Its qubits can maintain their quantum state for an average of **about 20 seconds**.

Supernova SN 2023 zcu

- ❑ Discovered in 2023, the supernova SN 2023 zcu is located in the galaxy NGC 2139, approximately 90.7 million light-years away from Earth.

- ❑ It is a **Type IIP core-collapse supernova**, formed by the explosion of a **massive red supergiant star**.
- ❑ The study found that the mass of the progenitor (original) star was approximately 12 times that of the Sun.
- ❑ Scientists from the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences participated in the research.

ArsenSafe

- ❑ A portable, handheld device for the rapid and cost-effective detection of arsenic in drinking water.
- ❑ **Developed by:** IIT Bhubaneswar (researchers from the '**School of Electrical and Computer Sciences**' in collaboration with an incubated startup, '**Nano-Semic Private Limited**').

New Research Initiatives at IIT Gandhinagar

- ❑ Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Central Instrumentation Facility and three new research clusters at IIT Gandhinagar:
 - ◆ Advanced Materials Research Cluster (AMRC)
 - ◆ Energy Research Cluster (ERC)
- ❑ Health and MedTech Research Cluster (HMRC)

India's Startup Ecosystem

- ❑ The number of startups in India has risen from 350-400 to **2.3 lakh**.
- ❑ The startup ecosystem has generated **24-25 lakh jobs** over the last decade.
- ❑ India has emerged as the **world's third-largest startup ecosystem**.
- ❑ **More than 50%** of startups now originate from **Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities**.
- ❑ The Prime Minister's 'Startup India' initiative transformed innovation into a national movement.
- ❑ 125 startups participated in the RISE Conclave 2026.
- ❑ India's first public-private aerospace incubation center, **Mach33.aero**, has incubated 34 startups.

High Energy Medical Cyclotron Project (HEMCP), Nagpur

- ❑ The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved the establishment of the High Energy Medical Cyclotron Project (HEMCP) in Nagpur at a cost of Rs300 crore.

What is a medical cyclotron?

- ◆ A medical cyclotron is a particle accelerator.
- ◆ It is used to produce radioisotopes required in the medical field.
- ◆ It accelerates charged particles, such as protons, to high speeds using electric and magnetic fields.
- ◆ Colliding high-speed particles with a target material triggers a nuclear reaction, resulting in the production of radioisotopes.

Mega Advanced Surgical Eye Camp

- ❑ **Organizers:** A specialized ophthalmology team from the Indian Army and Indian Air Force under 'Operation DRISHTI'
- ❑ **Venue:** Military Hospital, Namkum, Ranchi, Jharkhand
- ❑ 'Operation DRISHTI' is a major outreach initiative that combines advanced ophthalmic expertise with humanitarian service. Prior to Ranchi, this initiative has successfully conducted eight advanced surgical eye camps across the country.

Transfer of 7 technologies from **CSIR** to industry, release of 10 Bharatiya Nirdeshak Dravya (BNDs), and quantum sensing components delivered to DRDO

1. Release of Bharatiya Nirdeshak Dravya (BNDs)
 - ◆ **A total of 10 BNDs were released, comprising:**
 - 8 phytochemicals (plant-based chemicals)
 - 1 precious metal
 - 1 propane gas
2. Achievement in quantum technology: 5 vapor cells developed by **CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL)** were handed over to DRDO's Solid State Physics Laboratory (SSPL).
3. Transfer of 7 technologies to the industry,

- ❑ **CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL)**
 1. **Rydberg systems based broadband E-field sensing:** Precise measurement of electromagnetic fields
 2. **High-volume PM2.5 impactor sampler:** Air pollution monitoring
 3. **Pharmaceutical blister packaging waste recycling process:** Recycling of mixed plastic and aluminium waste
- ❑ **CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI)**
 1. **VInSD-VAIU drone-based NDT system:** Bridge inspection and structural health assessment
 2. **PAV-SEAL:** Nano-photocatalytic road sealing emulsion for air purification
 3. **PatchFill:** Pothole repair machine
 4. **Glare Mitigation Device:** Light glare control to reduce road accidents

Paraquat

- ❑ The Telangana government has imposed a 60-day ban on the use, sale, and manufacture of the highly toxic herbicide 'Paraquat' in the state.
- ❑ Telangana has become the third state in India to ban Paraquat; Kerala (2011) and Odisha had previously imposed bans.

Important One-Liners

- ❑ Strengthening its defense capabilities, Pakistan has successfully test-fired the indigenously developed **air-launched cruise missile (ALCM) 'Taimur'**.
- ❑ The indigenous multi-layer air defense system being developed to protect the national capital, Delhi, and the surrounding National Capital Region (NCR) from air strikes, missiles, and drones has been **named 'Capital Dome'**.
- ❑ NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has detected methane on the **interstellar comet 31/ATLAS**; this marks the first direct detection of this gas on an object originating outside our solar system.
- ❑ Which observatory's 100-year-old historical

data did Indian scientists use to study the Sun's 11-year activity cycle and supergranular structures? The Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (Indian Institute of Astrophysics - IIA).

- ❑ Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth has been appointed as the Army Chief, effective June 30, 2026.
- ❑ The Ministry of Defence has approved the establishment of a **Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) alongside a 250 MW** solar power project in **Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh** (formerly a cantonment area).
- ❑ Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated **Jabil's new advanced** manufacturing plant and an export-oriented data center ecosystem with high employment potential at **Ranjangaon, Pune**.
- ❑ Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh performed the ground-breaking ceremony for a state-of-the-art 10,000-tonne capacity aluminium extrusion press machine at the Ordnance Factory in **Ambazari, Nagpur, Maharashtra**.
- ❑ The **first of six indigenous Air Cushion Vehicles (ACVs)** – built by **Chowgule & Company Pvt. Ltd.** for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) – was inducted into service in Goa on June 18, 2026.
- ❑ The Russian President has proposed the **joint production of the fifth-generation** Sukhoi Su-57 stealth aircraft in India.
- ❑ Scientists from the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP) in Lucknow have conducted a groundbreaking study on the 4,000-year climate and vegetation history of Majuli Island in Assam (the world's largest inhabited river island).

◆ This study will aid in formulating new strategies to tackle the recurring floods and soil erosion in Majuli.

- ❑ At the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, India announced the signing of an agreement with **Vietnam** for the supply of **BrahMos** missiles.
- ❑ The first batch of **17 female cadets** trained at the NDA was commissioned as **officers in** the Indian Armed Forces.
- ❑ Indian farmers are set to begin cultivating **Imidazolinone-resistant (IMI-resistant)** hybrid mustard varieties during the 2026-27 Rabi sowing season.
 - ◆ These hybrid varieties have been developed to combat Orobanche, a parasitic weed that poses a major obstacle to oilseed production.
- ❑ Scientists from India and Japan continuously monitored the Sun's magnetic field and Earth's upper atmosphere using the GRAPES-3 muon telescope located in Ooty, Tamil Nadu.
- ❑ Bengaluru-based artificial intelligence startup **Sarvam AI** has become **India's 130th unicorn**.
- ❑ In Kerala, 133 cases and 33 deaths have been recorded due to infection by **Naegleria fowleri**, known as the '**brain-eating amoeba**'.
- ❑ The Department of Atomic Energy inaugurated the world's first hydrogen production facility based on the **copper-chlorine thermochemical cycle**, utilizing nuclear process heat generated by the Fast Breeder Test Reactor at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam.
- ❑ On June 14, 2026, the Indian Navy officially decommissioned its **iconic 'Sea King Mk 42B' helicopters** from **INS Shikra in Mumbai** after 36 years of distinguished service.



Cricket**19th Indian Premier League 2026**

- ❑ **Duration:** 28 March- 31 May 2026.
- ❑ **Organizer:** Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- ❑ **Participants:** 10 teams
- ❑ **Total Matches:** 74 matches across various Indian cities.
- ❑ **Final Match Venue:** Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad (31 May)
- ❑ **Final Match:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) defeated Gujarat Titans (GT) by 5 wickets to win their second consecutive title (2025 and 2026).
 - ◆ **Winner:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru (?20 Crore- Prize money)- (Captain: Rajat Patidar, Coach: Andy Flower).
 - Captain Rajat Patidar became **only the third captain** to lead his team to back to back titles. (Other 2: MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma).
 - ◆ **Runner-up:** Gujarat Titans (Rs. 12.5 Crore)- (Captain: Shubman Gill).
 - ◆ **Player of the Match:** Virat Kohli (RCB) (75 runs) - Rs. 5 Lakh
- ❑ **Playoff Qualifiers:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), Gujarat Titans (GT), Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), and **Rajasthan Royals (RR)**.
- ❑ **Major Awards & Prize Money**
 - ◆ **Purple Cap (Most Wickets):** Kagiso Rabada (Gujarat Titans) – 29 wickets (Rs. 10 Lakh)
 - ◆ **Fair Play Award:** Punjab Kings (?10 Lakh)
 - ◆ **Catch of the Season:** Manish Pandey (Kolkata Knight Riders) – Rs. 10 Lakh
 - ◆ **Best Pitch:** Eden Gardens, Kolkata (Rs. 10 Lakh)
- ❑ **Vaibhav Suryavanshi's IPL 2026 Statistics**

- ◆ **Orange Cap (Most Runs):** Vaibhav Suryavanshi (RR) - 776 runs (Rs. 10 Lakh) (Youngest to win this cap)
- ◆ **Most Valuable Player (MVP):** Vaibhav Suryavanshi (RR) - Rs. 15 Lakh
- ◆ **Emerging Player of the Season:** Vaibhav Suryavanshi (RR) - Rs. 10 Lakh
- ◆ **Super Striker:** Vaibhav Suryavanshi (RR) (Strike Rate: 237.31)- Rs. 10 Lakh and a Car (Tata Sierra)
- ◆ **Most Sixes:** Vaibhav Suryavanshi (RR) - Rs. 10 Lakh (72 sixes)
- ❑ **Other Stats**
 - ◆ Average: 48.50
 - ◆ Centuries: 1 (Highest Score: 103)
 - ◆ Half-Centuries: 5
 - ◆ Total Fours: 63 fours

Afghanistan's India Tour

- ❑ India win One Day series by 3-0
- Test Match**
 - ❑ **Venue:** Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium, Mullanpur (New Chandigarh)
 - ◆ Mullanpur's international stadium debuted as India's 31st Test venue with this match.
 - ❑ India won the match by an innings and 300 runs.
 - ❑ **Player of the Match:** Manav Suthar (7 Wickets)
 - ◆ Suthar became only the fifth Indian bowler in history to take a 6-wicket haul on Test debut.
 - ◆ He is the first Indian spinner to achieve a five-wicket haul on Test debut since Ravichandran Ashwin did so in 2011.
 - ❑ **Note: Manav Suthar became India's 319th and Rajasthan's 11th Test cricketer.**
 - ◆ Manav Suthar signed a short-term contract (for the next two County Championship games) with Warwickshire County Cricket Club.
 - ◆ **County Championship Performance (Warwickshire 'Bears')**
 - Achieved his maiden five-wicket haul for the team.
 - Match Result: The game ended in a draw.

14th ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2027

- ❑ **Schedule:** 4 October- 21 November 2027.
- ❑ **Host Nations:** South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.
- ❑ **Total Matches:** 54 games
- ❑ **Total Participants:** 14 teams

India 'A's Tri- Nation Series

- ❑ **Venue:** Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium, Dambulla
- ❑ India 'A' defeated host nation Sri Lanka 'A' by 66 runs
- ❑ **Note: Fastest ever List-A Fifty: Vaibhav Suryavanshi (in just 11 balls)**

India- Ireland T20 Series

- ❑ **Venue:** Belfast, Ireland
- ❑ Ireland won this by 2-0.
- ❑ **Jai Moondra (Tonk):** took 3 wickets for 32 runs.
 - ◆ He is playing for the Ireland team.
 - ◆ He was named both Player of the Match and Player of the Series.

Football

SAFF Women's Championship 2026

- ❑ Final Match Venue: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Madgaon, Goa
- ❑ **Date:** 25 May- 6 June 2026.
- ❑ **Winner:** India defeated Bangladesh (3-1)
- ❑ India won this championship for the 6th time and after 7 years.
- ❑ India Goal Scorer: Pyari Xaxa, Lynda Kom Serto and Sanfida Nongrum scored a goal each for India
- ❑ **Awards**
 - ◆ Most Valuable Player: Sanfida Nongrum
 - ◆ Top Scorer: Aveka Singh (4 goals)
 - ◆ Best Goalkeeper: Panthoi Chanu
- ❑ **Grace Dangmei (Manipur) [Indian Team Captain]**
 - ◆ Indian Footballer retired from international football.

- ◆ Since her debut in 2013, **Grace Dangmei** represented India in 95 matches, scored 24 goals and won 3 SAFF Women's Championship titles (2016, 2019, 2026).

Chess

14th Norway Chess 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Oslo, Norway. 25 May- 5 June 2026.
- ❑ **Prize Money** - 700,000 NOK (~Rs.70.5 lakh) for the winner.
 - ◆ Prize Fund - Equal distribution for men's and women's tournaments
- ❑ **Participants:** 6 players in each category (Men and Women).
- ❑ **Men's Championship**
 1. R Praggnanandhaa (1st Indian to win this title)- 18 Points (He defeated world no 1 Magnus Carlson 2 times.)
 2. Wesley So (USA)
 3. Alireza Firouzja (France)
 6. D Gukesh
- ❑ **Women's Championship**
 1. Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kazakhstan)- 16.5 Points
 - 5th Divya Deshmukh
 - 6th Koneru Humpy
- ❑ Tamil Nadu Govt has given a cash reward of Rs 50 lakh to R Praggnanandhaa.

WR Women's Chess Tour- Asia

- ❑ **Venue:** Tokyo
- ❑ **Event:** Rapid Chess
 - ◆ **Winner:** R. Vaishali by defeating Alua Nurman.
- ❑ **Event:** Blitz Chess
 - ◆ **Winner:** K. Lagno [R. Vaishali reached semifinal]
- ❑ Vaishali and K. Lagno qualified for the Stuttgart Grand Final (November).

Shooting

ISSF World Cup Rifle / Pistol 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Munich, Germany (24 - 31 May)
- ❑ Medal Tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	China	4	-	3	7
2.	India	2	2	-	4
3.	Norway	2	1	-	3

❑ India's Performance:

◆ Gold Medal-

- Esha Singh (Women's 25m Pistol) (Telangana)- **New World Record: 43/50 Score.**
 - Note: This performance stands as a world record in both the Senior and Junior categories.
 - With this she has secured a direct qualification spot for ISSF World Cup Final, Rome, Italy, in December.
- 10m Air Pistol Women- **Inder Singh Suruchi.**

◆ Silver-

- 10m Air Pistol Women- **Esha Singh.**
- 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team- **Manu Bhakar, Samrat Rana.**

ISSF Junior World Championship 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Suhl, Germany (16-26 June 2026)
- ❑ **Ranking:** 1. India 2. Individual Neutral Athlete (AIN) [14 Medal] 3. Italy [10 Medal]
- ❑ **India's Performance:** 24 Medals [7 Gold, 8 Silver and 9 Bronze]
- ❑ **Gold:** Sameer Gulia, Sejal Kamble, Rohit Kanyan, Pritam Kendre, Abhinav Deshwal, 10m Air Pistol Women Junior Team [Sejal Kamble, Vanshika Choudhary, Navya Bishnoi].
 - ◆ 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior Team [Sambhavi S Kshirsagar, Abhinav Shaw- 505.8 points; New World Record Jr.]
- ❑ **Poorvi Pratap Kachhawa (Jaipur):** Gold Medal in the 25-meter Standard Pistol Women's Team event.

Archery

Archery World Cup Stage-3, 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Antalya, Turkiye (9-14 June).

- ❑ **Medal Tally:** 1. China 2. India 3. Mexico.

❑ Recurve Mixed Team Event

- ◆ **Gold Medal:** Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Mohod by defeating Oh Ye-Jin and Kim Je Deok (South Korea).

❑ Recurve Individual Event

- ◆ Gold Medal: Dhiraj B. by defeating Lee Woo Seok of South Korea.

Fencing

26th Asian Senior Fencing Championships 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi (19-24 June)
- ❑ **Motto:** One Dream, One Blade, One Pride.
- ❑ **Mascot:** "Laksh" (The Fencing Tiger)
- ❑ **Participations:** 400 athletes from over 34 Countries.
- ❑ Competition across all three weapons (Foil, Epee, and Sabre)
- ❑ **Top Countries:** 1. Japan- 15 medals [6 Gold, 5 Silver and 4 Bronze] 2. South Korea [10 medals] 3. Kazakhstan
- ❑ **India's Performance:**
 - ◆ **Team Event Rankings:**
 - Men's Foil Team: 8th
 - Women's Epee Team: 9th
 - ◆ **Top Individual Rankings:**
 - Kanupriya Chawla: 20th in Women's Foil (India's best individual result).
 - Prachi Lohan: 22nd in Women's Epee.
 - Olympian Bhavani Devi: 23rd in Women's Sabre.
 - Sachin: 25th in Men's Foil.
 - ◆ **Men's Sabre Individual Highlights:**
 - Vishal Thapar (22nd), Karan Singh (25th).

Wrestling

Ulaanbaatar Open 2026 Wrestling Tournament

- ❑ **Venue:** Mongolia (4-7 June)
- ❑ **Country's Ranking:** 1. Russia 2. India 3. Kazakhstan
- ❑ **India's Performance:** 17 Medals including 8 golds.

◆ **Gold medalist:**

- **Freestyle:** Sagar Jaglan (74 kg), Deepak (61 kg), Dinesh Dhankar (125 kg)
- **Grecco- Roman Category:** Sunil Kumar (87kg), Nitesh (97kg)
- **Women's Wrestling:** Manisha (57kg), Neha(59kg), Kajal Dhochak (76kg)

Boxing

World Boxing Cup 2026 (Stage 2)

- ❑ **Venue:** Guiyang China
- ❑ **India's Performance:** 6 Medals- 1 Gold, 3 Silver & 2 Bronze.
 - ◆ **Gold:** Jyoti Gulia (defeated Farzona Fozilova of Uzbekistan) [48kg-Women]
 - ◆ **Silver:** Minakshi Hooda (51kg-W), Prachi (57kg-W), Deepak Poonia (70kg-Men).
 - **Minakshi Hooda** is World No.1 in the 48 weight category.
 - ◆ **Bronze:** Jugnoo (85kg-M), Nikhil (55kg-M)

56th Grand Prix Usti nad Labem (European Boxing Gold Tournament)

- ❑ **Venue:** Czechia
- ❑ **India's performance:** 12 Medal- 8 Gold, 3 Silver & 1 Bronze.
 - ◆ **Men's Team:** 4 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze.
 - **Gold:** Jadumani Singh (55kg), Sachin (60kg), Ankush (80kg), Narender (+90kg)
 - ◆ **Women's Team:** 4 Gold, 1 Silver
 - **Gold:** Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), Preeti Pawar (54kg), Sakshi Chaudhary (51kg), Priya Ghanghas (60kg)
- ❑ **Note:** All 12 Indian medallists in Czechia are part of the Commonwealth Games boxing squad, while 10 have also been selected for the Asian Games.

World Boxing Ranking

- ❑ Overall, Indian boxers featured in the top 10 across nine of the 10 women's categories and eight of the 10 men's divisions.

Boxer	Rank
Jaismine Lamboria (57kg)	1
Minakshi Hooda (48kg)	1
Arundhati Choudhary (70kg) [Kota]	2
Preeti Pawar (54kg)	3
Nikhat Zareen (51kg)	4
Lovlina Borgohain (75kg)	7

Tennis

French Open 2026

- ❑ Officially Known as **Ronald Garros.**
- ❑ **Venue:** Paris (18 May-7 June 2026)
- ❑ It is the only Grand Slam played on a clay surface.

Category	Winner	Runner up
Women's Singles	Mirra Andreeva (Russia) [maiden grand slam]	Maja Chwalinska (Poland)
Men's Singles	Alexander Zverev (Germany) [maiden grand slam]	Flavio Cobolli (Italy)
Women's Doubles	Katerina Siniakova (Czechia) and Taylor Townsend (USA)	Anna Danilina and Aleksandra Krunic
Men's Doubles	Marcel Granollers(Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)	Harri Heliovaara and Henry Patten
Mixed Doubles	Sara Errani (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)	Gabriela Dabrowski and Evan King

Badminton

BWF Super 750 Singapore Open

- ❑ **Venue:** Singapore (26-31 May)
- ❑ **Men's Double:** Gold - Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty by defeating the Indonesian pair of Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Fajar Alfian.
 - ◆ This was Satwik and Chirag's first title on Tour since the 2024 Thailand Open

Category	Winner
Men's Single	Alex Lanier (France)
Women's Single	An Se-Young (South Korea)
Women's Double	Jia Yifan & Zhang Shuxian (China)
Mixed Double	Mathias Christiansen, Alexandra Boje (Denmark)

Indonesian Open 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Istora Senayan Jakarta (2-7 June).
- ❑ Indian pair in Men's double M.R. Arjun and Hariharan Amskarunan reached till quarterfinals.

Category	Winner
Men's Single	Victor Lai
Women's Single	An Se Young
Men's Double	Goh Sze Fei, Nur Izzuddin
Women's Double	Yuki FukuShima, Mayu Matsumoto
Mixed Double	Mathias Christiansen, Alexandra Boje

US Open Super 300 Badminton Tournament 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** California, USA. 23-28 June 2026.
- ❑ **Men's Single:** Gold- Su Li Yang (Chinese Taipei)
 - ♦ Silver: Kidambi Srikanth
 - ♦ Bronze: Rounak Chouhan
- ❑ **Women's Single:** Bronze: Devika Sihag

Table Tennis

WTT Feeder Prishtina 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Prishtina, Kosovo (27-31 May)
- ❑ **Women's Single:**
 - ♦ Divyanshi Bhowmick (India) by defeating Yeh Yi-Tian (Chinese Taipei)
 - Youngest Indian and the second-youngest player globally to achieve this feat.
- ❑ **Women's Doubles**
 - ♦ **Winners:** Divyanshi Bhowmick & Syndrela Das (India)
 - ♦ **Runners-up:** Sachi Aoki & Cocona Muramatsu (Japan)
- ❑ **Men's single:** Ivor Ban
- ❑ **Men's Doubles:** Juan Perez, Daniel Berzosa
- ❑ **Mixed Doubles:** Gustavo Gomez, Daniela Ortega.

WTT Youth Contender Sandefjord 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Norway (30 May- 2 June)

Category	Winner
U19 Boys' Single	Abhinandh Pradhivadhi
U19 Girls' Single	Hansini Mathan
U19 Mixed Double	Abhinandh P, Ananya M.
U17 Boy's Single	Huang Pei-You (Taipei)
U17 Girls Singles	Ananya Muralidharan

Squash

3rd Asian Doubles Squash Championship 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Sarawak, Malaysia (18-21 June)
- ❑ **Men's Doubles:** Gold- Abhay Singh & Velavan Senthilikumar
 - ♦ Won by defeating Pakistan's Nasir Iqbal and Noor Zaman.
- ❑ **Women's Doubles:** Bronze- Rathika Seelan & Joshna Chinappa
- ❑ **Mixed Doubles:** V, Senthilikumar & Joshna Chinappa

Asian Junior Individual Squash Championship

- ❑ **Venue:** Panzhihua, China
- ❑ **India's Performance:** 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 4 Bronze.
- ❑ **Gold:** Aryaveer Dewan (U-19 boys) by defeating J. Lee of South Korea.

Hockey

4th FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Auckland, New Zealand (15-21 June)
- ❑ **Winner:** India [defeated New Zealand by 2-0]
 - ♦ Runner Up: New Zealand
 - ♦ This marks India's second Nations Cup title (Previous 2022).
 - ♦ India remained completely undefeated throughout their campaign.
 - ♦ Player of the Match (Final): Lalremsiami (Mizoram)
 - ♦ Indian Team Captain: Salima Tete
- ❑ With this victory, India has earned a crucial promotion back to the FIH Pro League.
- ❑ Tournament (Joint) Top Scorer: Deepika and USA's Ashley Sessa. [6 goals]

FIH Hockey Pro League 2025-26

- ❑ 10 Feb, 2026 - 28 Jun, 2026

◆ Rourkela, India; Hobart, Australia; Rotterdam, Netherlands; London, England

- ❑ India placed eighth in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2025-26 with 19 points after 16 matches. (1. Belgium 2. England)
- ❑ India defeated England 3-2 in a tense penalty shootout to secure a bonus point in London
- ❑ The team concluded its European leg and final competitive outing before the World Cup with a win.
- ❑ Note: Manpreet Singh: (413) Most international match played by an Indian Player (Earlier- Dilip Tirkey: 412 match).

U18 Asia Cup 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Kakamigahara, Japan (29 May- 6 June 2026)
- ❑ **Men's Category**
 - ◆ Gold: India defeated host Japan in the final (4-1)
 - Goal Scorer: Ashish Tani Purti(3) [Player of the match], Ketan Kushwaha (1) [Captain].
 - Captain: Ketan Kushwaha
 - ◆ Silver: Japan
 - ◆ Bronze: Pakistan
 - ◆ Cash award of INR 3 lakh for each player along with INR 1.5 lakh for each member of the support staff.
 - ◆ Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament: Ayush Rajak (India).
 - ◆ Top Scorer of the tournament: Nausheen Naz (India) (12 goals)
- ❑ **Women's Category**
 - ◆ Gold: China
 - ◆ Silver: Japan
 - ◆ Bronze: India [defeated Korea (3-0)]
 - Captain: Sweetie Kujur.
 - ◆ Cash award of INR 1 lakh for each player along with INR 50,000 for each member of the support staff.
- ❑ **Note:** Rajendra Singh from Jodhpur was selected as umpire in this world cup.

Tour of Australia 2026 (Women)

- ❑ **Venue:** Perth, Australia
- ❑ **Result:** Draw (2-2)
- ❑ **India Captain-** Salima Tete

Athletics

22nd Asian U20 Athletics Championships, 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Hong Kong, China. (28-31 May)
- ❑ The championships served as a qualifying event for the World Athletics U20 Championships 2026, scheduled to be held at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon, USA, from August 5 to 9.
- ❑ A total of 48 Indian athletes (30 men and 18 women) competed
- ❑ **Medal Tally:**
 - ◆ 1. China 2. India (19) Gold: 10, Silver: 5, Bronze: 4
- ❑ **India's Performance:**
 - ◆ **Gold:**
 - Rahul Jakhar (Decathlon), native of Sikar and presently living in Gujarat- Scored 7,185 points, setting a new Indian U20 National Record.
 - Nitin Gupta (Men's 5000 m race walk), Pooja Singh (Women's High Jump-1.93 meter; new senior national record), Shahnava Khan (Long Jump), Bhumika Nehate, Tahura Khutan, Sehnoor Bawa and Neeru Pathak (women's 4x400m relay team), Venkatram Reddy Mogali (Men's 800m), Muskan (Women's 5000m), Amanat Kambhoj (Women's discus throw), Nikhil Chandrashekar (Men's 3000m steeplechase), Basant (Men's high jump)
 - ❑ **Bronze:**
 - ◆ The men's 4x400 metres team of Piyush Raj, Sayed Sabeer, Ranjith Kumar and Mohammed Ashfaq claimed bronze, setting a new junior national record with a time of 3 minutes 5.54 seconds.

New Taipei City Athletics Open 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Banqiao Stadium, New Taipei City (TPE) (6-7 June)

❑ India's Performance: 4 Medals

- ◆ Men's 200m: Animesh Kujur- Gold (20.47 sec)
 - ◆ Men's 110m Hurdles: Silver Tejas Sirse.
 - ◆ Women's Long Jump: Gold- (6.24 m) Shaili Singh.
 - ◆ Women's 4x100m relay: Gold- SS Sneha, Srabani Nanda, Sudeshna Shivankar and Tamanna (44.07s)
- ❑ The New Taipei City Athletics Open was upgraded to a World Athletics Continental Tour Silver-level meet for the 2026 season.

2nd Asian Relay Championships 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Shaoxing, China (20-20 June)
- ❑ **India's Performance:**
- ◆ Women's 4x100m Relay Team: Gold (43.85s)
 - Team: Srabani Nanda, SS Sneha, Sudeshna Shivannkar and Tamanna.
 - ◆ Mixed 4x400m Relay Team: Silver
 - Team: T. Shetty, Poovamma MR, Bharat Sridhar and Neeru Pathak
 - ◆ Mixed 4x100m Relay Team: Bronze
 - Team: Gaurav Pranav , Tamanna, Animesh Kujur, Sneha S Shanuvalli

Diamond League 2026

- ❑ It is a long-form global tournament running from 16 May (Shanghai) to 5 September (Brussel) across multiple continents.
- ❑ Rome Diamond League (4 June), Italy: Javelin Throw Event: Sachin Yadav (Uttar Pradesh) finished in 8th place.
- ❑ Stockholm, Sweden (7 June)
- ❑ Doha Diamond League (19 June),
- ◆ Venue: Suhain bin Hamad Stadium, Qatar Sports Club, Doha, Qatar
 - ◆ Neeraj Chopra- 4th (85.69m) - Javelin Throw
 - With this performance he officially seals his CWG berth.
 - ◆ 1. Rumesh Pathirage (Sri Lanka)- 88.68 m

13th Senior and 19th Junior Men's Artistic Gymnastics Asian Championships 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Zunyi, China (18-21 June)
- ❑ **India's Performance**
- ◆ Junior Men's Vault Event:
 - Gold: Harshit Damodaran, Silver: Akshat Bajaj
 - ◆ Indian Junior Men Artistic Gymnastic Team: Won Bronze medal [1.China 2.Japan]
 - Team Player: Harschit Damodaran, Nishad Narvane, SK Nabigh Ali, Akshat Bajaj, and Mohd Zaid Ansari

65th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha (24-28 June)
- ❑ **Medal Tally:** 1. Tamil Nadu (20) 2. Uttar Pradesh (20) 3. Haryana (15) 14th Rajasthan (6 medals- 2 Silver and 4 Bronze).
- ❑ **Winner in Women's Event:**
- ◆ Long Jump: Ancy Sojan (6.88-NR) [Kerala]
Last record- Anju Bobby George in 2004 of 6.83m.
 - ◆ Hammer Throw: Anushka Yadav (NR- 67.02m)
 - ◆ 100m Hurdles: Jyothi Yarraji
 - ◆ Triple Jump: I. Asha Ilango (NMR: 13.89m)
 - ◆ Paul Vault: Sindhushree G. (NR-4.25m) [Karnataka]
- ❑ **Winner in Men's Event:**
- ◆ Men's Triple Jump Event: Praveen Chitravel (16.92m)
 - ◆ High Jump: Sarvesh Kushare(2.31m - NR) [Maharashtra]

- ◆ Pole Vault: Dev Meena (NR: 5.46m)
- ◆ 500m race: Gulveer Singh.
- ◆ Javelin Throw: Rohit Yadav
- ◆ Long Jump: Murli Sreeshankar
- ❑ Rajasthan: 2 Silver and 4 Bronze
 - ◆ **Silver:** Praveen Kumar (Men's hammer throw), Yashwir Singh (Men's Javelin Throw).
 - ◆ **Bronze:** 4x400m mixed relay team, Rahul Baloda (Men's 1500m), Kumari Paru (Women's 3000m Steeplechase).
 - ◆ As per amended result Uma Choudhary (CISF) has been awarded Silver medal in Women's Javelin throw.
- ❑ NR= National Record, NMR= National Meet Record.

Almaty Asian Cadet and Junior Cup 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- ❑ India finished the continental tournament with a total of 4 medals (1 Silver and 3 Bronze).
- ❑ **Coach: Udaipur's Sushil Sen** has become the first judo coach from his division to be appointed as the Indian Junior Judo Team coach

Asian Canoe Sprint Junior & U23 Championships 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Turkistan, Kazakhstan (4-7 June)
- ❑ **Ph. Gyaneshwor Singh:** Bronze Medal in the U23 Men's C1-500m event.
- ❑ **Arvind Verma & L. Neha Devi:** Bronze Medal in the U23 Mixed C2-500m event.
- ❑ **Arvind, Ph. Gyaneshwor Singh, Tarun, and Vishal:** Bronze Medal in the U23 Men's C4-500m event.

Para Athletics

20th Tunisia Grand Prix 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Tunisia (11-20 June)
- ❑ India's Performance: 8 Medals- 1 Gold, 6 Silver, 1 Bronze.
 - ◆ Gold: Mahendra Gurjar (F42-F44/ F61-F64)
 - ◆ Silver: Raziya Mohammed Raihan (400m and 100m), Sandip Gurjar (Javelin),

Arvind (Shotput), Dipika Ran (Javelin), Kuldeep Singh (1500m).

- ◆ Bronze: Nitin Baliyan (200m)

French Para Badminton International 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Mulhouse, France (16-21 June)
- ❑ **India:** Most successful nation, triumphing in five categories.
 - ◆ **Medal:** 22 Medals (5 Gold, 3 Silver, 14 Bronze)
- ❑ **Winners:**

Athlete	Category	Event	Medal
Krishna Nagar (Jaipur)	SH6	Men's Single	Gold
Thulasimathi Murugesan	SU5	Women's Single	Gold
Nithya Sre Sumaty Sivan	SH6	Women's Single	Gold
Nitesh Kumar	SL3	Men's Single	Gold
Krishna Nagar & Sivarajan Solaimalai	SH6	Men's Doubles	Bronze
Krishna Nagar & Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan	SH6	Mixed Doubles	Bronze
Naveen Sivakumar	SL4	Men's Singles	Silver
Manasi Joshi & Thulasimathi Murugesan	SL3-SU5	Women's Doubles	Silver
Pramod Bhagat & Manisha Ramdass	SL3-SU5	Mixed Doubles	Silver

- ❑ **Note:**

1. SH6 is for badminton players with short stature and suffer from dwarfism.

2nd Asian Para Throwball Championship 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Kuala Lumpur (1-5 June)
- ❑ **Men's Category:** Bronze: India [Gold: Cambodia, Silver: Sri Lanka.]
- ❑ **Women's Category:** Bronze: India [Gold: Cambodia, Silver: Malaysia.]
- ❑ **Note:** The Indian delegation was led by Nirmala Rawat (Jaipur).

British & Irish Para Badminton International

- ❑ **Venue:** Dublin (24-28 June)

Player	Category	Medal
Pramod Bhagat	Men's Single SL3	Gold
Krishna Nagar & Nithya Sre	Mixed Double SH6	Silver
Krishna Nagar	Men's Single SH6	Bronze
Pramod Bhagat & Manisha Ramdass	Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5	Bronze
Krishna Nagar & Sivaraman Solaimalai	Men's Doubles SH6	Bronze

Volleyball

6th AVC Men's Volleyball Cup 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❑ **Gold:** Indonesia ❑ **Silver:** South Korea
- ❑ **Bronze:** India
 - ◆ First ever medal in AVC Cup history.
 - ◆ Top performers: Jerome Vinith (Captain), Joel Benjamin, Chirag YAdav.
 - ◆ Head Coach: Dragan Mihailovic (Serbian).

Yoga

1st World Yogasana Sports Championship 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** EKA Arena, Ahmedabad, Gujarat (4-8 June).
- ❑ **Mascot:** "Veer the Lion"
- ❑ **Organised By:** Yogansana Bharat Federation in association with World Yogasana and the Indian Olympic Association.
- ❑ **Participants:** 522 Athletes from 79 Countries.
 - ◆ India's Participation: 122 Member Contingent.
 - ◆ Modi called all participants of this event as the ambassadors of 'Yoga 365.'
 - 'Yoga 365' campaign is an initiative of the Ministry of Ayush.

❑ **Winners:**

Rank	Winner	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	India	102	9	3	114
2.	Japan	3	3	5	11
3.	Argentina	2	3	0	5
5.	Nepal	1	36	15	52

- ❑ Nabila Barraza(Argentina): 2 Gold and 3 Silver. Most Successful Athlete of this Championship

❑ **Rajasthan's Player and Performance**

- ◆ Devanshi Sharma (Jaipur)
 - Won Gold in the Senior-B Hand Balance Individual category
 - She is a Constable in Rajasthan Police.
- ◆ Gaytri Devi (Sikar)- Gold Medal
- ◆ Hritik Bishnoi (Jodhpur): Gold Medal
- ◆ Aryanshi Swami (Bikaner): 2 Gold Medal
- ◆ Preeti Jaimini (native of Jaipur Currently residing in Oman): Silver Medal.
- ◆ Bronze: Ashok Kumar, Pradeep Kumar.

12th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026

- ❑ **Date:** 21 June 2026
- ❑ **Main Event Venue:** Red Road, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ❑ **Theme:** Yoga for Healthy Ageing
- ❑ **100-Day Countdown:** Formally launched on March 13, 2026, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, marking the official commencement of the celebratory journey.
 - ◆ 75-Day Countdown: Organised at **Lonar**, Maharashtra
 - ◆ 50-Day Countdown: Kanha Shanti Vanam, **Hyderabad**.
 - ◆ 25-Day Countdown: **Khajuraho** Group of Monuments: following initiatives were launched/relaunched at this event by Shri Prataprao Jadhav [Union Minister of State (IC) for Ayush]-
 - Yoga Sangam Portal (Relaunched): A digital platform designed as a flagship initiative of IDY 2026 to connect institutions, organizations, and communities across India through a common yoga practice.
 - Yoga Park Portal (Newly Launched): Unveiled to deepen the grassroots reach of yoga and create sustainable wellness infrastructure nationwide.

❑ **Common Yoga Protocol:**

- ◆ Developed by: Ministry of Ayush.
- ◆ The CYP is a standardised 45-minute Yoga practice that serves as the core programme for International Day of Yoga celebrations worldwide.
- ◆ The 2026 edition also allows institutions to incorporate an additional 15 minutes of Yogic practices such as Pranayama, Yoga Nidra, Dhyana and Satsang, where appropriate.

❑ **Guinness World Record Milestone**

- ◆ The Ministry of Ayush created a new Guinness World Record on 14th June 2026 for the highest viewership (4,35,831) of a live yoga broadcast on YouTube during a special global online yoga session.
- ◆ The Akshar Yoga Kendra in Bengaluru created a staggering 21 Guinness World Records in a single day.

❑ **'100 Days, 100 Cities, 100 Organisations' Campaign**

- ◆ Objective: Launched by the Government of India to transition yoga from an event-based practice into a daily lifestyle habit.

❑ **Yoga for Air Travel,**

- ◆ a specially designed protocol developed by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) for travellers undertaking long journeys.

❑ **launch of 10 Yoga Protocols for Non-Communicable Diseases and Target Groups.**

- ◆ Developed by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine at MDNIY, these protocols address conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, bronchial asthma and mental health concerns.

❑ **Note: The Nagaland government deferred official International Day of Yoga programs to June 22 following local objections over a Sunday event, making it the only state to officially change the date.**

- ❑ Note: 'Swadha' Collection: A specialized 'Wellness Wear Collection' (comfortable clothing line) launched by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India.

Miscellaneous Games

1st Rajasthan Senior Futsal League

- ❑ **Venue:** Astro Turf Football Ground, Sri Ganganagar.
- ❑ **Participants:** 8 teams
- ❑ **Winner:** Ganganagar City FC defeated Zinc Football Academy, Udaipur
- ❑ **Best Player:** Manish Meel (ZFC)
- ❑ **Best Goalkeeper:** Akshay
- ❑ **Top Scorer:** Saurabh (Ganganagar City FC) – 9 goals
- ❑ Fair Play Award: Jaipur Futsal Club

7th NMPA Indian Open of Surfing 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Tannirbhavi beach, Mangaluru (Karnataka) (29-31 May 2026)
- ❑ **Participation:** around 80 surfers from 6 States.
- ❑ **Winners:**
 - ◆ Men's Open Title: Kishore Kumar (Tamil Nadu).
 - ◆ Women's Open Title: Kamali Moorthy (Tamil Nadu)
 - She also won Junior (U-18) Girl's titles.
- ❑ **Note:** The 2026 Aichi Nagoya Asian Games will feature surfing for the first time in the history of the event.

IAME Series India Karting Championship 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** CoASTT Kartmania, Coimbatore. (31 May)
- ❑ **IAME:** Italian American Motor Engineering
- ❑ **Winners:** Ayansh Patil (Mini), Rehan Khan (Junior), and Swarnav Das (Senior)

Rajasthan

43rd Rajasthan State Junior Handball Championship (Boys-Girls) 2026-27

- ❑ **Venue:** Late Richpal Bhadu Lalgah Jatan, Sri Ganganagar (6-9 June 2026)

- ❑ **Organizer:** the District Handball Association, Sri Ganganagar, under the aegis of the Rajasthan State Handball Association.
- ❑ **Winner:**
 - ◆ Boys' Category: Sri Ganganagar (defeated Gyan Jyoti Handball Academy (28-21) in the final).
 - ◆ Girls' Category: Jaipur (defeated Hanumangarh (20-17) in the final).
- ❑ **Third Position:**
 - ◆ Boys' Division: Jaipur Handball Academy
 - ◆ Girls' Division: Sri Ganganagar Team
- ❑ **Best Players of the Tournament**
 - ◆ Boys: Rohit (Sri Ganganagar)
 - ◆ Girls: Mamta (Jaipur)
 - ◆ Note: Both players received a cash prize of Rs. 2,100 each, awarded in memory of the late Lokendra Singh Gour and the late Engineer Taneram Meghwal.
- ❑ **Best Player (Academy/Specific Recognition):**
 - ◆ Akalesh (Jaipur Handball Academy)
 - ◆ Muskan (Jaipur)
- ❑ **Best Goalkeeper:**
 - ◆ Boys: Moksh (Sri Ganganagar)
 - ◆ Girls: Hina (Jaipur)

Rajasthan State Senior Cricket Championship (Colvin Shield) 2026-27

- ❑ **Venue:** Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur.
- ❑ **Organized by:** Rajasthan Cricket Association.
- ❑ **Winner:** Sikar ❑ **Runner Up:** Udaipur
- ❑ **Man of the Match & Tournament:** Himanshu Nehra (Sikar).
 - ◆ Best Batsman: Rohan Rajbhar.
 - ◆ Best Bowler: Ayush Ameria.
- ❑ **Note:** The tournament is named after Auckland Colvin, Former Lieutenant Governor of the North-Western Provinces (1883-1892). There is a proposal for change of the name of this tournament.

- ❑ **Note:** earlier Sikar has also won the women senior cricket championship.

1st Rajasthan State Senior Women's League A-Division 2025-26

- ❑ **Venue:** Rajasthan United Football Academy, Jaipur
- ❑ **Organiser:** Rajasthan Football Association (RFA)
- ❑ **Winner:** Zinc Football Academy (21 Points)
- ❑ **Runner Up:** Magan Singh Rajvi Football Academy, Bikaner (19 Points)
- ❑ **Individual Awards:**
 - ◆ **Best Scorer:** Dangi Marandi (7 Goal)
 - ◆ **Best GoalKeeper:** Sonam Gosh

24th State Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championship

- ❑ **Venue:** OASES Jagatpura Shooting Range, Jaipur. (14-29 June)
- ❑ **Organized By:** Rajasthan Rifle Association.
- ❑ **Events:** Air Weapon, Small Bore, and Pistol
- ❑ **Women Gold Medalist:**
 - ◆ **Manini Kaushik:** 2 Gold in 50m Rifle Prone (Senior Women), 50m Rifle 3-Position (3P) Senior, Bronze: 10m Air Rifle Senior.
 - ◆ **Devanshi Katara:** 2 Gold in 10m Air Rifle Senior, 10m Air Rifle Junior.
 - ◆ **Shivangi Kanawat:** Gold- Open Sight 50m Rifle Prone
 - ◆ **Anjali Prajapat:** Gold: 50m Rifle Prone (Junior), Bronze: 50m Rifle Prone (Senior), Bronze: 50m Rifle 3-Positions (Junior).
- ❑ **Women Para Event:**
 - ◆ **Anand Charan(Sikar):** 3 Medals: 10m Women's Air Pistol (Youth Category):

Gold Medal, 10m Women's Air Pistol (Junior Category): Gold Medal, 10m Women's Air Pistol (Senior Category): Silver Medal,

- ◆ **Kesar Parik (Jaipur):** 2 Gold-10m Standing Air Rifle and 50m Prone Rifle & 1 Silver- 10m Prone Air Rifle.

❑ **Men Gold Medalist:**

- ◆ **Dev Raj Choudhary-** 2 Gold [10m Air Rifle event under both Senior and Junior]
- ◆ Praveen Charan (50m Rifle Prone Senior), Deependra Singh (50m Rifle 3P Senior), Yogesh Kumar (Open Sight 50m Rifle Prone).
- ◆ **10m Air Rifle Categories:** Balraj Choudhary, Abhimanyu Kuntal, and Yashasvi Chahar.
- ◆ **25m Standard Pistol Categories:** Hambir Singh, Purvi Pratap Kachhawaha, and Khushveer Singh Ranawat.
- ◆ **Ayushman Kuntal:** Gold Medal: shot a perfect score of 400/400 -**State Record.**

❑ **Man Para Event:**

- ◆ **Chiransh Chaumia:** [Gold: 50m Rifle Prone (Deaf Category), Gold: 50m Rifle 3-Positions (Deaf Category), Gold: 10m Rifle (Deaf Category), Gold: Junior General Category]
- ◆ **Gautam Parik (Jaipur)** - 10m Air Pistol (Youth Category): Gold, 10m Air Pistol (Junior Category): Gold, 50m Free Pistol (Mixed Senior Category): Gold.

75th Senior State Aquatic Championship - 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** SMS Stadium, Jaipur (1-3 June 2026)
- ❑ **Organised by:** Jaipur District Swimming Association.
- ❑ **Chief Guest:** Kanhaiya Lal Choudhary (Public Health Engineering Department - PHED Minister).
- ❑ **Winner in Women's Category:**
 - ◆ **Yogya Singh (Bhilwara), Dakshina Joshi (Tonk), and Ratika Khata (Dholpur)** became joint overall champions

- ◆ 100m Backstroke: **Yogya Singh (Bhilwara) – Gold (New State Record: 1:08.46 min)**
- ◆ 200m Butterfly: **Dakshina Joshi (Tonk) – Gold (New State Record: 2:22.03 min)**
 - She is selected for the 41-member Indian squad (B Group- 15-17 age group) for the upcoming 12th Asian Age Group Swimming Championship 2026 in Bangkok (July 17-23).
 - She is just the **second Rajasthani** swimmer to represent India. [first- **Rima Datta** (1966)]
- ◆ 200m Freestyle: Gold- **Ratika Khata (Dholpur)**
 - Won 4 Gold and 1 Silver Medal. also secured her a place at the National Championship.
 - 1500m Freestyle: Gold- Ashvika Choudhary (Jaipur)
- ◆ 50m Breaststroke: Gold- **Aadhya Brijesh (Jaipur)**
 - 4×100m Freestyle Relay: Gold- Jaipur Team (Harika, Aadhya, Ashvika, and Vanya).
- ◆ Siddhiksha Kavdia: 1 Gold and 2 Silver Medals

❑ **Winner in Men's Category:**

- ◆ **Mohammad Anas (Bhilwara)** secured the top spot. [4 Gold, 1 Silver]
- ◆ 1500m Freestyle: Gold- **Himanshu Siyag (Jodhpur).**
 - Total 8 medals including 3 golds.
- ◆ 200m Butterfly: Gold- **Sahil Gupta (Jaipur)**
- ◆ **4×100m Freestyle Relay:** Gold -(Yash Tiwari, Gaurang, Krishnaditya, Prithviraj)

66th Central Residential Sports Training Camp (Summer Camp)

- ❑ **Organised By:** Rajasthan State Sports Council
- ❑ **Total Selected Athletes:** 728 athletes out of a record 1,580 applications.
- ❑ Training camps were organised at multiple locations in Rajasthan.
 - ◆ Jaipur: (SMS Stadium)
 - 10 -30 June (Managed Directly by Rajasthan State Sports Council)

- ◆ Mount Abu:
 - 4- 24 June (by district administration)
- ◆ Banswara: (Central Tribal Camp)
 - 6 - 26 June (by district administration)

National Cadet Judo Championships (Boys & Girls) 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Chandigarh (10-13 June 2026).
- ❑ **Rajasthan's Performance:** 6 Medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze)
 - ◆ **Gold:** Saurav (66kg) by defeating Prince Gupta of Delhi.
 - ◆ **Silver:** Ankit Rajora (55kg), Vinay Acharya (60kg).
 - ◆ **Bronze:** Ashwin Bhardwaj (81kg), Divya Panwar (57kg), Anjali Choudhary (63kg).
 - ◆ Boy's team: Runner up (Winner: Maharashtra).

79th Senior National Swimming Championship 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, Gujarat (16-21 June 2026)
- ❑ **Best Swimmer:** Aryan Nehra (Gujarat) (3 Gold and 1 Bronze) and Saanvi Deshwal (3 Gold and 1 Silver).
- ❑ **Women's Events- Winners**
 - ◆ 200m Butterfly: **Astha Choudhury** (NR- 2:18.37s)
 - ◆ 800m freestyle: **Vritti Agarwal** (NMR- 9:05.47) Telangana
- ❑ **Men's Events- Winners**
 - ◆ 800m freestyle: **Aryan Nehra** (NR-7:59.36)
 - ◆ 1500m freestyle: **Aryan Nehra** (NR- 15:14.88)
 - ◆ 100m Freestyle: **Akash Mani** (Karnataka)
 - ◆ 100m Backstroke: **Rishabh Das** (Maharashtra) (NMR- 1:59.90)
 - ◆ 200m Medley: **Vinayak Vijay** (SSCB) (NR- 2:04.13)
- ❑ **Rajasthan's Performance**
 - ◆ Women's 200m Butterfly event:

- Silver: **Dakshina Joshi (Jaipur) (2:20.37 minutes)**

- Rajasthan Swimming Association announced a cash prize of Rs. 51,000 for Dakshina.
- She won a medal in senior national championship after 20 years (earlier: Srishti Tondon- Bronze)
- Gold: **Astha Choudhary** (Railway Sports Board), Bronze: Senithi Mukherjee (West Bengal)

- ◆ Note: The opening ceremony also featured a demonstration of **Synchronized Swimming by school-level swimmers from Rajasthan.**

- ❑ NR- National Record, NMR- National Meet Record.

Asmita Khelo India Women's Cycling City League 2026

- ❑ **Event:** 1-14 June 2026.
- ❑ Held on the special occasion of World Bicycle Day (3 June).
- ❑ **National Scale:** The event spanned across 200 cities across the country.
- ❑ **Objective:** Aimed at increasing and promoting the participation of women and young girls in sports.
- ❑ Host Cities in Rajasthan: 6 cities - Jaipur, Udaipur, Pratapgarh, Sri Ganganagar, Kotputli, Balotra
- ❑ **ASMITA Full Form:** Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action.

State-Level Senior Women's Cricket Tournament 2026

- ❑ **Final Match Venue:** Barakatullah Khan Stadium, Jodhpur (27 June)
- ❑ **Champion:** Sikar (defeated Jaipur by 6 wickets).
- ❑ **Match Summary:**
 - Sikar: 192/4 (Anshu Saini 55, Dimple Kanwar 39 [Captain], Navya N 36 & 4 wicket).
- ❑ **Top Batsman:** Rija Sheikh- 275 runs
- ❑ **Top Bowler:** Preeti Kapoor - 16 Wicket

Shaheed Major Sankalp Yadav Memorial Khel Mahakumbh

- ❑ **Venue:** Jaipur
- ❑ **Winners:**

Category	Winner
Senior Men	Priyanshu Jain
U15 Mixed Double	Daksh Yadav, Saket
U19 Mixed Double	Kuldeep Singh, Shanvi

32nd Open de Paris-Daniel Wildenstein Polo Tournament

- ❑ **Venue:** Paris, France
- ❑ **Winner:** Sainte Mesme Jaipur team by defeating the Baron d'Avella team.
 - ◆ Padmanabh Singh (Jaipur) Scored 4 goals.
 - ◆ This tournament is one of Europe's most prestigious 12-goal polo tournaments.

Rajasthan Senior Athletics Championship, 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Sadul Sports School in Bikaner.
- ❑ **Winners**
 - ◆ Men's 100m: **Aadesh Garsa (Jhunjhunu)** [10.81s].
 - ◆ Women's 100m: **Dona Dhakad (Jaipur)** [12.12s].
 - ◆ Sri Ganganagar and Jodhpur dominated the men's and women's events, respectively.

Government Initiative

AFI Mandates SRY Gene Test for Female Athletes (2027)

- ❑ The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has issued a circular mandating the Sex-Determining Region Y (SRY) gene test for all female athletes.
 - ◆ Starting in 2027, no female athlete will be eligible to compete in AFI-organized events without undergoing this screening.
- ❑ **Authorized Center:** Testing must be conducted exclusively at an AFI-accredited facility (MedGenome Labs Ltd.).

1st Indian Athletics Awards 2026

- ❑ **Initiated by:** Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
- ❑ **Awardee:**
 - ◆ Best Male Athlete of the Year: **Neeraj Chopra**
 - ◆ Best Female Athlete of the Year: **Parul Chaudhary**
 - ◆ Best Emerging Male Athlete of the Year: **Shahnavaz Khan** [Long Jump]
 - ◆ Best Emerging Female Athlete of the Year: **Pooja Singh** [High Jump]
 - ◆ Best Coach of the Year: **Parveer Singh**
 - ◆ Lifetime Achievement Award:
 - P.T. Usha
 - Anju Bobby George
 - G.S. Randhawa
 - Bahadur Singh Chauhan

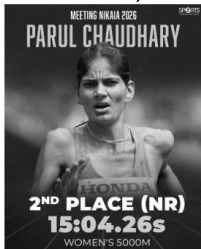
Important One-Liners

- ❑ The **39th National Games 2027** will be hosted by Meghalaya. [38th- Uttarakhand].
- ❑ Rajasthan CM Bhajan Lal Sharma cleared the appointment of **50 national and para-national** championship medalists as Junior Assistants in the Secondary Education Department.
- ❑ **22 rowers** have been inducted into the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Development Group ahead of the 2026 Asian Games. A total of 22 rowers are now a part of the TOPS Development group across six boats.
 - ◆ Among those inducted are Paris 2024 Olympian Balraj Panwar, Asian Games 2022 silver medalist Arvind Singh, and Asian Games 2022 double medalist Jaswinder Singh.
- ❑ Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) has announced **Senior selection committees** [**Vijendra Yadav (Chairman)**, Zakir Hussain, Shamsheer Singh, Pranay Sharma, Afroj Khan] and Junior selection committees [Amar Singh Negi (Chairman), Madhur Khatri, Siddharth Joshi, Siddharth Saraf and Ankit Lamba].

- ❑ The **first edition of the GR Women's Kabaddi League 2026** (modeled on Pro Kabaddi) was held in Rajasthan. **Brij Challenger, Bharatpur** (captained by Nidhi Sharma) won this by defeating Rajputana Shakti.
- ❑ The Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) has formed a **new women's cricket selection committee, chaired by former India A player Bharti Verma**, to select players for upcoming domestic tournaments. Other members of the committee include: Poonam Yadav, Komal Choudhary, Sampa Mukherjee & Sophie Siddu.
- ❑ Rajasthan cricketers **Ganesh Suthar (Team A), Chetan Sharma (Team B) and Kartik Sharma (Team D)** have been selected to represent the state at the BCCI Emerging Men's Tournament 2026 [6-24 July] in Bengaluru.
 - ◆ Note: Ganesh Suthar had also got no objection certificate to play for Haryana team.
- ❑ The **75th "Fit India Sundays on Cycle India"** event took place on May 24 across 8,000 nationwide locations, led by Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya from Ahmedabad to celebrate Commonwealth Games Day and promote the 2030 Ahmedabad Commonwealth Games.
- ❑ **11-year-old racer Atiqa Mir from Jammu Kashmir** pulled off a dominant clean sweep to win Round 2 of the Champions of the Future Academy Program in Thessaloniki, Greece.
- ❑ **Jaipur is hosting its first-ever North Zone National Squash Camp** at the SMS Stadium, where 22 top junior athletes are training under national coach Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu.
- ❑ **Jaipur clinched the 16th State-Level Junior Men's Hockey Championship in Pali** by defeating Alwar 3-1 in the final match.
- ❑ **Rajasthan's U-12 ice hockey team, captained by Mokshit Bishnoi**, won the **bronze** medal at the National Under-12 Ice Hockey Championship held at Himadri Ice Rink, Dehradun.
- ❑ The **3rd Pickleball World Cup will be held in Da Nang, Vietnam**, from August 30 to September 6, 2026, with **Arjun Singh (U-18)** and **Veer Shah (U-14)** serving as captains for the Indian teams.
- ❑ **Vaibhav Suryavanshi** has become the **youngest-ever Indian cricketer** to be selected for the national team at the age of 15 years and 71 days, breaking the records of Shafali Verma and Sachin Tendulkar.
- ❑ **Sanjivani Jadhav** won gold in the women's 5000m, while **Dondapati M. Jayaram** won gold in the men's 100m title (10.56s) at the Indian Athletics Series-11 in Kolkata.
- ❑ **Hardik Shah (Ajmer) and Shivangi Rathore (Bhilwara)** scored 6 points each to clinch the titles at the Under-17 State Level Chess Championship in Jaipur, securing their berths for the National Championship.
- ❑ **16 tribal lacrosse players from Udaipur** were selected for an international training camp in Greater Noida to compete for spots in upcoming tournaments in Malaysia and Olympic qualifiers in Australia.
- ❑ **Ethan Vaz (Goa) and G.B. Harshavardhan (Chennai)** became India's **96th and 97th** Grandmasters respectively after finishing unbeaten in their respective tournaments in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Chennai.
- ❑ **Lionel Messi (Argentina)** was honored with the Princess of Asturias Award, making him the inaugural football player to win this Prestigious honour.

Famous Personalities

Persons	Descriptions
Jaspal Rana (Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand) 	- Recently he passed away. Commonwealth Games- 15 Medals including 9 golds across 4 editions between 1994 and 2006. - Asian Games- 8 Medals including 4 golds between 1994 and 2006. Arjun Award- 1994. Padma Shri award-2002. - Dronacharya Award- 2020. - Mentored Manu and helped her secure a double bronze at the 2024 Paris Olympics - In February 2025, Rana was appointed India's high-performance coach for the 25m pistol discipline
Sumit Nagal, Badminton	- Won the Intaro Open 2026 title in Targu Mures, Romania by defeating France's Felix Balshaw. - This victory marks Nagal's seventh ATP Challenger title and his fifth on a clay court.
Lakshya & Ujjwal Kumar Singh (Indian Army)	- They won Gold Medal at the World Rowing Cup III, Lucerne, Switzerland in Men's Lightweight Double Sculls category. - It is India's first ever gold medal in the Rowing World Cup.
Srishti Kiran (Bengaluru, Karnataka)	- She has become the world's No. 1 tennis player in the under- 13 category. Reason: Clinched five consecutive ITF junior titles. - She finished as the runner-up at the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J100 in Guatemala.
Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal (Punjab)	- He passed away recently. - He was one of the finest Shot Put players of India. - He won bronze at the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi and went on to clinch silver (1983), gold (1985) and bronze (1987) at the Asian Athletics Championships. 1987- Arjun Award.
Ja'Kobe Tharp (USA)	- He made a new world record of 12.75 seconds in the men's 110-meter hurdles at NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon. - Broke 14-year-old world record of 12.80 seconds set by fellow American Aries Merritt in September 2012.
Selva Prabhu T (Madurai, Tamil Nadu)	- He won the Gold Medal in the men's triple jump (16.92 meter) event at the NCAA Division One Outdoor Track and Field Championship 2026 in Eugene, Oregon. - He was representing the Kansas State of USA.
Tamim Iqbal	Recently appointed as the new president of Bangladesh Cricket Board. He became the youngest president.
Kane Williamson (New Zealand)	- Recently he announced his retirement from international cricket. - Total International Runs: 19,346 runs across all three formats. - Captaincy (2016-2024): Led NZ to victory in the 2021 ICC World Test Championship title against India.
Tejas Shirse	He established a new national record in the 110-meter hurdles by clocking a performance time of 13.27 seconds at the Indian Athletics Series 9 in Ludhiana

Parul Choudhary (Uttar Pradesh) 	- She broke the 5000 meter national record (15:04.26) at the Meeting Nikaia 2026, Nice, France. - The previous national record was also set by her- 15:10.35. - She won silver medal in this event - Gold: Bereka Seniya Mohammed (Ethiopia). - Meeting Nikaia - officially known as the Meeting International de Nice - It is an annual outdoor track and field event held at the Stade Charles-Ehrmann in Nice.
Smriti Mandhana	- Cricketer has been named by TIME magazine among this year's 100 most influential people in sports, the only Indian to be featured on the list. - TIME's list of the 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026 features athletes, coaches, advocates and investors who are "people shaping sports today"
Jyoti Chauhan (Madhya Pradesh)	- She has become the first Indian female footballer to join an Israeli club. - She has signed a contract with the Israeli football Club Bnot Netanya FC.
Antony Patterson (Australian Coach)	- The Rowing Federation of India has him as the chief coach of the national team initially until the Asian Games. - He has previously coached Japan and Mexico.
Viswanathan Anand [5 time world chess champion]	- He was conferred with the prestigious 'SJFI Medal', the highest honour bestowed by the Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI). - Presented by: Cricketer K. Srikkanth, hockey player V. Baskaran.
Sairaj Bahutule	Former India leg-spinner has been named the new spin bowling coach of the Indian men's national cricket team.
Tyler Andrews (USA)	He broke the world record for summiting Mt. Everest in less than 10 hours. [9hrs 55minutes]
Anirudh Chandrasekar	He alongside Japan's Takeru Yuzuki, finished as runners-up in the Men's Doubles at the ATP 125 Birmingham Challenger.
Niki Poonacha, Karnataka (Tennis)	He secured his 10th career Challenger doubles title, partnering with Thailand's Pruchya Isaro to defeat Mansouri and Neuchrist 6-0, 6-1 at the Open Sopra Steria de Lyon 2026.
Rithvik Sanjeevi (Tamil Nadu)	He won his fourth singles title by defeating Croatia's Aria Dinata 17-21, 23-21, 21-16 in the final of the Valence Alpes International Badminton Challenge in France.

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Person/ Players	Descriptions
Kushagra Ojha (Jaipur) & Rajat Baghel (Dholpur)	Kushagra Ojha and Rajat Baghel selected for India U-19 Team for the upcoming tour of Sri Lanka. - Both players represented Rajasthan with distinction during the BCCI Domestic Season 2025-26. - Kushagra: Selected for both the One-Day (ODI) and Multi-Day (four-day) squads as a specialist middle-order batter. Rajat Baghel- Selected for the One-Day (ODI) squad. - He is a wicketkeeper-batter.

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism	- Elected unopposed for his 2nd term as the president of Rajasthan Badminton Association (RBA). - Vice President: Manoj Dasot, Secretary: KK Sharma - Tenure: 4-year.
Ashok Sharma (Jaipur)	- He replaced injured Yudhveer Singh in the India-A squad for the ongoing Tri-Nation Series with Sri Lanka. - This marks his first call-up of this level. - He played for Gujarat Titans team in IPL. - Ashok is leaving the Rajasthan domestic circuit to play for Gujarat in upcoming domestic seasons.
Shubham Kumawat and Vishnu Prajapat	- They have been selected for the 48th World Skills Competition in Shanghai (22-27 September, 2026). - They are students of Bharatiya Skill Development University (BDSU), Jaipur.
Gopal Saini (Jaipur)	- He has been appointed to the FISU World University Squash Championship 2026's Discipline and Grievance Committee. - He is a former Olympian runner and national president of Kreedha Bharati. - FISU World University Squash Championship, 2026 Venue: Somaiya Visyavihar University, Mumbai. (3-9 August, 2026)
Mudit Gupta (Jaipur) & Morvi Jadon (Alwar)	- They represented India at the World School Games Muay Thai Competition, Malaysia. - Morvi Jadon won the Gold Medal at the 7th UMAI National Youth Muay Thai Championship 2026, Uttarakhand.
Rajendra Bhaskar (Jaipur)	- He won the Ironman Title at the Tours Métropole Loire Valley, France by covering a total distance of 226 km in 10 hours , 6:31 minutes. - Ironman Discipline Breakdown: Swimming: 3.8 km, Cycling: 180 km, Marathon Run: 42.2 km.
P. Krishnakumar (Native: Kerala)	- Krishnakumar, former Rajasthan Ranji Player, has been appointed as the Bowling Coach of the India-A Women's Cricket Team. - Former bowling coach of Jammu & Kashmir Ranji Team.
Anshu Jain (Jaipur)	- The BCCI has appointed him as the Coach of 'Team-2' for the Emerging Men's Tournament. - He recently achieved a 'Distinction' in the BCCI Level-2 Coaching Certification.
Vineet Saxena, (Native: Goa) , Former Rajasthan Ranji Player	- The BCCI has appointed him as the Coach of 'Team-3' for the Emerging Men's Tournament. - Former Rajasthan Ranji Team Coach. - Recently, Himachal Pradesh appointed him as the Head Coach of their senior team for a duration of one year.
Lavmeet Kataria, (Jaipur)	- Lavmeet Kataria appointed to the selection committee of Volleyball Under -18 trials to be held in Bhubaneswar (23-25 June). - He is an international Volleyball player from Jaipur. - The selected team will participate in an international championship in China from July 12 to July 18.
Ojaswini Saraswat (Jaipur), Golfer	She secured the Runner-up position in the Best Promising Player category at Ciputra Junior World Championship, Indonesia.

Lavanya Purohit (Phalodi)	• She won a gold medal in the 75 kg category at the 14th National Arm Wrestling Championship 2026, held at Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar (Gujarat). • He will represent India at the international competition in Delhi.
Siddhant Kumar (Jaipur's Para Swimmer)	• He won 3 medals; Silver Medal: 100m Backstroke, Bronze Medal: 200m Individual Medley (IM), Bronze Medal: 100m Butterfly. • Event: the 26th Junior and Sub-Junior National Para Swimming Championship held in Bengaluru (8-10 June). • Team: 1. Karnataka 2. Tamil Nadu 3. Maharashtra 4. Rajasthan
Abhishek Moond (Sikar), Fast Bowler	• He has been selected for a prestigious international training and analysis program in Australia (10-26 July). • The selection has been made for a joint program conducted by the MRF Pace Foundation and the Australian Cricket Academy, Brisbane. • He will participate in a "3D Bio-Mechanical Test and Training Program".
Anvi Rathore (Jaipur)	• Won Gold by defeating Hamshini Chadram of Telangana in the Under-15 Girls Singles category at the All India Sub-Junior Ranking Badminton Tournament in Hyderabad. • Shreyansh Choudhary (Jaipur) & Vayam Lamba (Jaipur): Bronze Medal in the Boys' Doubles category. • Kandarp Sharma (Jaipur) & Harman Pandit (Udaipur): Bronze Medal in the Boys' Under-17 Doubles category
Santosh Jat (Sambhar Lake), Table Tennis	• She won a silver medal in the women's team event and a bronze in women's doubles at the 27th National Deaf Senior Sports Championship in Chandigarh.
Aryan Sharma (Udaipur)	• He won 2 Gold and 1 silver in para badminton in World Ability sport Youth Games 2026, Mersin, Türkiye • India's Performance: 27 Medals [15 Gold, 9 Silver & 3 Bronze]
Dhairya Gogia (Jaipur)	• Dhairya won Gold in the Boy's U13 Category at the Eastern Slam Squash Championship, Chhattisgarh. • Silver: Garuvi Ajmera, Yuvan Verma, Subash Choudhary (Jaipur). • Bronze: Divyanshi Jain, Farid Andrabi.

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Important Days

Date	Event Name	2026 Official Theme
3 June	World Bicycle Day	• "Cycling for a Greener Future."
5 June	World Environment Day	• "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future".
8 June	World Brain Tumor Day	• "A Closer Look"
12 June	World Day Against Child Labour	• "Red card to child labour: Fair play for children, decent work for adults"
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	• "One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives."
15 June	Global Wind Day	• Theme: "Our wind, our community"
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	• "Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore."
19 June	International Sickle Cell Day	• "Closing the survival gap : equity in sickle cell disease"
21 June	International Day of Yoga	• "Yoga for Healthy Ageing"
26 June	"International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking" / Anti drug day	• World drug problem: persisting issues, new challenges, innovative responses
June 27	MSME Day	• UN theme: Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development
29 June	20th National Statistics Day	• Theme: Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data
17-26 June	'Nasha Mukta Bharat Saptah'	• theme : "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan - Viksit Bharat Ki Pehchaan"
May 25 to June 2	"Birsa Lives in New Bharat Week"	• As a part of the broader Janjatiya Garima Utsav celebrations.(10th May to 9th June 2026)

- ❑ 'When Audit Matters: CAG Interventions That Made a Difference'
 - ◆ Author- former CAG Shri Vinod Rai
- ❑ 'Agatthiyar - The Unifier'
 - ◆ Authors: Shri O. Shama Bhat and Dr. M. N. Sudha
 - ◆ It is a research-based work focused on the enduring legacy of the ancient sage Agatthiyar (Sage Agastya) and his role as a symbol of India's cultural and spiritual integration.
- ❑ "Yoga and Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes: An Integrated Approach to Wellness".
 - ◆ **Author:** Dr. S. V. Madhu.
 - ◆ It mentions 40% reduction of risk of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with Yoga.
 - ◆ Ahead of the International Day of Yoga, Dr Jitendra Singh releases book postulating 40% reduction of risk of Diabetes with Yoga
- ❑ "IIT - The Story of India's Most Prestigious Educational Ecosystem"
 - ◆ **Author:** Prabhat Kumar
- ❑ "Claiming the Unclaimed: Unlocking the Potential of Idle Financial Assets in India"
 - ◆ It is a landmark publication of IEPFA.
 - ◆ IEPFA was established under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, to administer the Investor Education and Protection Fund across the country.
- ❑ "VIP Culture in India: Power, Privilege and the Distance from Democracy"
 - ◆ **Authors:** former Rajya Sabha Member from Arunachal Pradesh Shri Nabam Rebia and co-author Shri Sandeep Kumar,
- ❑ "Sanskritir Ratna Bhandar: Bhaowaiyar Itibritto" (Bhawaiya: A Cultural Treasure and Its Historical Journey).
 - ◆ **Authors:** Jointly authored by Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Dr. Jayanta Kumar Roy and Ms. Sangita Roy.
 - ◆ It provides valuable insights into the cultural history of North Bengal and the Koch Rajbanshi community.
 - ◆ **Bhawaiya :** traditional folk music genre of North Bengal, Assam and adjoining regions.
- ❑ The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man... Dream of 1.4 Billion Hearts
 - ◆ It is a memoir by Indian astronaut and Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla.
 - ◆ **Author:** Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla

Topper's Talk



Rank - 17
(RAS-2024)

Hariyash Rajpurohit

Father	- Ram Bharosh Rajpurohit
Mother	- Aruna Kanwar
10 th	- MSS Public School (9.4 CGPA)
12 th	- Bright India public school (69.8 %)
Graduation	- Central University of Rajasthan (7.81 CGPA)

Question: Congratulations on your achievement in the Civil Services Examination!

Hariyash Rajpurohit: Thank you very much.

Question: Please tell us about your family and educational background. What role did they play in your preparation?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: My father, Shri Ram Bharosh Rajpurohit is a businessman dealing in granite and marble whereas my mother, Smt. Aruna Kanwar, is a homemaker. I have two sisters Karuna and Vijay. Their constant encouragement, emotional support and belief in my abilities helped me stay motivated throughout the preparation journey. I previously prepared for JEE Mains + Advanced along with my 11-12th class in which I failed miserably which helped built resilience and competitive spirit. After that I completed my BSc (Computer Science) from the Central University of Rajasthan in 2022 where I studied several humanities subjects like Public Administration, Environment Studies, Economics etc which later helped during preparation.

Additionally, My Brother Ramjas and friend Munal Joshi also played a important role, and I am grateful to them.

Question: When did you start preparing for the RAS examination, and in your opinion, how

much time is sufficient for its preparation?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: I began my preparation on July 12, 2022, by enrolling in the PCM 4 offline foundation batch of Springboard Academy.

According to me, 2-3 years of preparation is enough to prepare for this exam.

Question: What study materials did you use during your preparation?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: I followed the classnotes prepared during the foundation batch at Springboard Academy. Another thing I did was reading newspaper (Dainik Bhaskar) daily. I have been reading newspaper daily for the last 12-13 years, which helps create general awareness about our surroundings and incidents across the nation and globe.

Question: Was joining the Civil Services your goal right from the start, and who were your sources of inspiration for preparing for the Civil Services Examination?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: No, my goal from beginning was to get into some good college like an IIT or NIT to pursue B Tech and settle in corporate world after but failure in JEE mains exam, I redirected myself towards civil services and my elder sister, Shobha Rajpurohit guided me during college.

My source of inspiration was Saad Miya Khan who is an 2018 batch IPS officer of UP Cadre.

Question: What is the utility of a monthly current affairs magazine for the RAS examination?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: The monthly current affairs magazine provides a systematic and concise compilation of all important national, international, economic, social, and Rajasthan-specific events. It helped me achieve a good score in RAS 2024 prelims exam. The 'Mains Multiplier' magazine was also helpful since many direct questions came from it in mains examination.

Question: What is the role of coaching in the Civil Services Examination? Is it possible to achieve success in this examination through self-study alone?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: The major role a coaching plays is teaching, guiding and compiling all the different subjects at one place which saves effort and time of an aspirant.

Yes it is possible to achieve success solely through self study but it takes times and a lot of effort in finding the right sources, learning topics on one's own.

Question: What criteria should one consider when selecting an coaching institute? Did you prepare for the examination at any specific coaching institute?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: The first criteria for selecting an institute for coaching should be that their program must aligns with the RPSC pattern and syllabus. Secondly, regular classes and test should be taken into consideration.

I prepared from Springboard Academy's offline foundation course.

Question: What was your medium of language for the examination? Could you elaborate on the role that one's language medium plays in achieving success in the Civil Services?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: My medium for appearing in the examination was English. The medium doesn't play a role; rather, presentation and writing skill play a decisive role.

Question: What suggestions would you give for improving one's writing style for the Main Examination?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: Regular answer writing with analytical approach on daily basis must be followed. One should review the copies of

selected candidates released by RPSC and try to inculcate good writing skills and presentation format. Aspirants can also review UPSC CSE test series notebooks of selected candidates.

Question: What is the role of making short notes for both the Preliminary and Main Examinations?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: Since many selected candidates recommend short notes, I, myself, never made any short notes since I believed that notes are already short but I used short notes made by Abhishek sir of Polity and International relations and short notes made in revision classes of Behaviour, Law and management by Rohit Choudhary sir (RPS). So its personal choice to make short notes since they are useful in revision during last few days of mains & during the two days of mains (i.e.between the 4 papers).

Question: Tell us about the role of mock interviews, and how was your experience during actual interview at the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC)?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: Mock interviews helps build confidence and communication skills so they are really helpful during the actual interview. I had my RPSC RAS interview on 9 February 2026 and this was my second RAS interview. My experience was good since I was able to answer almost all of the questions asked by board. I was quite confident and confidence is the key to success in interviews as interviews are not merely the test of knowledge.

Question: Could you tell us about the contribution of your teachers to your success?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: Teachers from the very initial stage of preparation played a great role. Rajveer sir's daily revision of the previous day's topic made me learn everything in class. Digvijay sir's guidance was very crucial at every stage of exam from prelims to interview, I went and asked so many doubts which he solved like an elder brother.

Other teachers like Vijay sir made economy's tough concepts easy, Mukesh sir, Vijay Sihag sir and Lakshita mam's way of teaching geography is truly amazing and all the other teachers have also been really very supportive and helpful.

Question: What role did your friends play

during your preparation phase?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: Friends played a key role during my journey since a healthy competition was among me and my friends like Munal Joshi, Sonal Kumawat and Pratap Singh Rajawat which helped us all improve and give our best. Friends also help keep you motivated and pull you out of difficult phases.

Question: What are your thoughts regarding having a "Plan B"?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: According to me, one should dedicately give two attempts without keeping a plan B. After two attempts one should start exploring other options or plan B.

Question: As an officer, what changes will you work to bring about?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: As an officer, I will strive to bring about transparent, accountable, and citizen-centric governance.

Question: What is the mantra behind your success?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: Consistency, discipline, and right intent I think, are the success mantra of my success.

Question: How did you manage your time during your preparation?

Hariyash Rajpurohit: I managed my time by following a strict and same routine daily. I also extensively followed "Hum Jeetenge" youtube channel during my RAS 2023 attempt and Acharya Prashant during RAS 2024 attempt. Acharya Prashant helped in bringing clarity in preparation and in life.

Question: We wish you a bright future as an administrative officer!

Hariyash Rajpurohit: Thank you very much.