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UTTAR PRADESH CURRENT AFFAIRS

NATIONAL MILITARY DRONE TECHNOLOGY HUB – IIT KANPUR

- **Where will the National Military Drone Technology Hub be established?**
 - At IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- **What is the proposed investment for the National Military Drone Technology Hub?**
 - ₹500 crore.
- **What is the main objective of the National Military Drone Technology Hub?**
 - To advance the design, testing, certification and deployment of military drone and counter-drone technologies.
- **Which agency developed the proposal for the National Military Drone Technology Hub?**
 - Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), the nodal agency for the UP Defence Industrial Corridor.
- **What existing drone-related facility does IIT Kanpur host?**
 - A Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Drone Technologies.
- **Which UP Defence Industrial Corridor nodes will support manufacturing and MRO activities?**
 - Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Kanpur, Lucknow and Chitrakoot.

REGIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CENTRE (RMC), LUCKNOW

- **Who inaugurated the new Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) in Lucknow?**
 - Union Minister Jitendra Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- **What is the objective of the new RMC in Lucknow?**
 - To enhance weather forecasting, monitoring and disaster management capabilities across northern India.
- **Which regions will the Lucknow RMC primarily serve?**
 - Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and adjoining regions, with more localized and impact-based weather forecasts.
- **How has Uttar Pradesh's Automatic Weather Station network expanded?**
 - From 59 to 107 Automatic Weather Stations.
- **How many Automatic Rain Gauges are operational in Uttar Pradesh?**
 - 140, up from 132.
- **How has the lightning sensor network in Uttar Pradesh improved?**
 - It increased from zero to seven lightning sensors, strengthening early-warning capabilities.
- **At how many airports in Uttar Pradesh are weather-related aviation services currently provided?**
 - 11 airports.

UTTAR PRADESH AS A GCC DESTINATION

- **What did industry leaders praise at the Investor Dialogue held in Bengaluru?**

- Uttar Pradesh's improved infrastructure, strong law and order, investor-friendly policies and expanding connectivity.
- **What is a Global Capability Centre (GCC)?**
 - An offshore unit established by a multinational company (MNC) in another country to provide business, technology, engineering, research and support services for its global operations.
- **What were GCCs earlier known as?**
 - Global In-house Centres (GICs) or Captive Centres.

FIROZABAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- **How many development projects were inaugurated or launched in Firozabad by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath?**
 - 81 projects worth over ₹658 crore.
- **What is the value of projects in Tundla?**
 - Projects worth approximately ₹452 crore.
- **What is the value of projects in Shikohabad?**
 - Projects worth approximately ₹206 crore.
- **Which areas of development were highlighted by the Chief Minister?**
 - Infrastructure, law and order, industrial development and public welfare.
- **What development model did the Chief Minister highlight for Uttar Pradesh?**
 - A "development and heritage" model, supported by improved governance and law and order.

UNNAO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- **How many development projects were inaugurated or launched in Unnao by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath?**
 - 101 projects worth more than ₹570 crore.
- **Where was the development programme held?**
 - Deeh Gram Panchayat, Bhawani Kheda Chauraha, Unnao.
- **Whose memorial Police Training School had its capacity doubled?**
 - Veer Shaheed Gulab Singh Lodhi.
- **Which expressway will provide direct connectivity between Unnao, Delhi and Prayagraj?**
 - The Ganga Expressway, providing connectivity to Delhi and Prayagraj while bypassing Lucknow.
- **Which Greenfield Expressway is being constructed to improve regional connectivity?**
 - The Unnao-Kanpur Greenfield Expressway.
- **Which welfare schemes were highlighted in Unnao?**
 - PM Awas Yojana, Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, free ration, pension schemes, Ayushman Bharat and Mission Shakti.
- **What is the focus of Mission Shakti in Uttar Pradesh?**
 - Women's safety, dignity and self-reliance.

AIR INDIA 'EASY CONNECT' INITIATIVE

- Which airline launched the 'Easy Connect' flights under the new hub-and-spoke aviation model?
– Air India.
- Which city became the first to be integrated into the 'Easy Connect' initiative?
– Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- What is the main objective of the 'Easy Connect' initiative?
– To enhance international air connectivity from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities by linking them with major aviation hubs.
- How many international destinations are connected through the Easy Connect service?
– 17 international destinations, including London, Frankfurt, Rome, Milan, Zurich, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Phuket, Riyadh and Dubai.

PROJECT GANGA – DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY IN UTTAR PRADESH

- What is Project GANGA launched by Uttar Pradesh?
– An initiative to expand high-speed broadband connectivity in rural areas, promote digital inclusion and create opportunities for entrepreneurship and self-employment.
- How many households will Project GANGA target?
– Nearly 20 lakh households in rural and semi-urban areas.
- How many digital entrepreneurs does Uttar Pradesh plan to create under Project GANGA?
– Around 8,000 digital entrepreneurs.
- What proportion of beneficiaries are expected to be women?
– Approximately 50%, promoting women's participation in the digital economy.
- What financial support will beneficiaries receive under Project GANGA?
– Interest-free loans of up to ₹5 lakh under the Chief Minister Yuva Scheme to establish themselves as Digital Service Providers.
- Which organisation is supporting Project GANGA?
– Hinduja Group, on a "No Profit, No Loss" basis.
- How many districts will be covered in the first phase of Project GANGA?
– 21 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- Which organisation is the Knowledge Partner and Implementation Enabler for Project GANGA?
– OneOTT Entertainment Limited.

250 MW SOLAR POWER PROJECT WITH BESS – SITAPUR

- Where will the Ministry of Defence establish a 250 MW Solar Power Project with BESS?
– Sitapur (Ex-Cantonment), Uttar Pradesh.

- **What is significant about the Sitapur solar project?**
 - It is the **first large-scale solar energy project with integrated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)** to be established on defence land by the Ministry of Defence.
- **Which company will execute the Sitapur solar project?**
 - NTPC Limited, through a competitive bidding process.
- **What does BESS stand for?**
 - Battery Energy Storage System, which stores electricity generated from renewable sources for later use.

NAUSENA SHAURYA VATIKA – LUCKNOW

- **Who inaugurated the Nausena Shaurya Vatika in Lucknow?**
 - Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- **Where is the Nausena Shaurya Vatika located?**
 - Near Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow.
- **What is the centrepiece of the Nausena Shaurya Vatika?**
 - The decommissioned naval warship INS Gomti.
- **What does INS Gomti represent at the Nausena Shaurya Vatika?**
 - It provides visitors with a glimpse into India's naval history and maritime capabilities.

TAKE HOME RATION (THR) SCHEME – UTTAR PRADESH

- **Which state has emerged as a national model in combating malnutrition through the Take Home Ration (THR) Scheme?**
 - Uttar Pradesh.
- **How did stunting among children in Uttar Pradesh change between 2015–16 and 2019–21?**
 - It declined from 39.7% to 31.5%.
- **Which departments are implementing the THR initiative in Uttar Pradesh?**
 - The Women and Child Development Department and Child Development Services and Nutrition Department.
- **Which national programmes and legislation guide Uttar Pradesh's THR initiative?**
 - Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 guidelines and the National Food Security Act, 2013.
- **What is significant about Uttar Pradesh's supplementary nutrition system?**
 - It became the first state to implement a large-scale recipe-based supplementary nutrition system.
- **How many beneficiaries receive nutritious food every month under the THR initiative?**
 - Approximately 1.56 crore beneficiaries.
- **Who are the major beneficiaries of the THR Scheme?**
 - Children aged 6 months–6 years, pregnant women, lactating mothers and severely malnourished children.

MUKHYAMANTRI KANYA SUMANGALA YOJANA – UTTAR PRADESH

- **What is the objective of the Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana (MKSJ)?**
 - To promote the welfare, education and financial security of girls in Uttar Pradesh.
- **When was the Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana launched?**
 - 2019.
- **How many girls have benefited from the MKSJ since its launch?**
 - 27,37,703 girls across Uttar Pradesh.
- **How much financial assistance has been transferred under the MKSJ?**
 - ₹674.15 crore directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts.
- **Which mechanisms are used to transfer benefits under MKSJ?**
 - Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

PM SURYA GHAR: MUFT BIJLI YOJANA – UTTAR PRADESH

- **Which state received top honours at the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana Awards Ceremony?**
 - Uttar Pradesh.
- **How many rooftop solar installations have been completed in Uttar Pradesh under the scheme?**
 - More than 5.64 lakh rooftop solar installations.
- **Which district emerged as the top-performing district in India for rooftop solar deployment?**
 - Lucknow.
- **How many rooftop solar installations has Lucknow recorded?**
 - More than 1 lakh installations, the highest in the country.
- **What factors contributed to Uttar Pradesh's success in rooftop solar deployment?**
 - Central-state government collaboration, decentralised implementation, DISCOM participation and public awareness.
- **Which ministry organised the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana Awards Ceremony?**
 - The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

FIRST VARANASI-OMAN BISCUIT EXPORT UNDER INDIA-OMAN CEPA

- **Which organisation facilitated the first export of biscuits from Varanasi to Oman after the India-Oman CEPA?**
 - Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).
- **What product was exported from Varanasi to Oman?**
 - A 40 MT consignment of biscuits.
- **Which company exported the biscuit consignment from Varanasi?**
 - M/s Shree Tirupati Balajee Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- **What was the export route for the Varanasi-Oman biscuit shipment?**
 - Varanasi → ICD Kanpur → JNPT → Oman.

- **Under which ministry does APEDA function?**
 - Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **Which organisation was succeeded by APEDA?**
 - Processed Food Export Promotion Council (PFEPIC).

POLITY, GOVERNANCE & JUDICIARY

DRAFT ANDAMAN & NICOBAR TRIBAL COUNCILS RULES, 2026

- **Which administration has proposed the Draft Andaman and Nicobar Islands Tribal Councils Rules, 2026?**
 - Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration.
- **What is the main purpose of the Draft Tribal Councils Rules, 2026?**
 - To introduce a formal electoral framework for Nicobarese Tribal Councils.
- **What is the proposed tenure of Village Councils and Island Tribal Councils under the draft rules?**
 - Five years.
- **Which traditional system of governance may be affected by the proposed electoral framework?**
 - The flexible, consensus-driven system of customary self-governance.
- **Which electoral processes are proposed under the Draft Rules, 2026?**
 - Delimitation of constituencies, preparation of electoral rolls, nomination and scrutiny of candidates, withdrawal of nominations and structured elections.
- **How many Captains will villagers directly elect for each village under the proposed rules?**
 - 5–9 Captains.
- **Which tribal community has expressed concerns over the proposed electoral framework?**
 - The Nicobarese community.
- **Why has the proposed electoral framework generated debate within the Nicobarese community?**
 - Because of concerns that codified elections may dilute traditional self-governance and customary decision-making.

THREE-LANGUAGE FORMULA & NAGALAND

- **What is the main concern raised by the Association of Unaided CBSE Schools in Nagaland regarding NEP 2020?**
 - Difficulty in implementing the Three-Language Formula due to Nagaland's linguistic diversity and limited educational resources.
- **How many major tribes are there in Nagaland, each having its own distinct language?**
 - 17 major tribes.

- **Why is implementing the Three-Language Formula particularly challenging in Nagaland?**
 - The state lacks a single common regional language and has a highly diverse multilingual population.
- **Which language serves as the official language and primary medium of instruction in Nagaland?**
 - English.

NATIONAL SPORTS GOVERNANCE RULES, 2026

- **Under which Act have the National Sports Board Rules, 2026 and National Sports Tribunal Rules, 2026 been notified?**
 - National Sports Governance Act, 2025.
- **What is the main objective of the National Sports Board Rules, 2026?**
 - To strengthen governance, transparency, accountability and ethical standards in National Sports Bodies.
- **What is the composition of the National Sports Board?**
 - A Chairperson and two Members.
- **Who appoints the Chairperson and Members of the National Sports Board?**
 - The Central Government, from a panel recommended by a Search-cum-Selection Committee.

POCSO ACT, 2012 & ARTICLE 142

- **Which Article of the Constitution was invoked by the Supreme Court to set aside the conviction in the recent POCSO case?**
 - Article 142.
- **What does Article 142 empower the Supreme Court to do?**
 - To pass orders necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it.
- **Which Act was involved in the case where the Supreme Court set aside the conviction?**
 - Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.
- **Which POCSO provision mandates confidentiality regarding the identity of a child victim?**
 - Section 23.

NITI AAYOG – 11TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

- **Who chaired the 11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog?**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **What was the theme of the 11th Governing Council Meeting?**
 - “Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat @2047”.
- **What was significant about participation in the 11th Governing Council Meeting?**
 - For the first time, all 28 States and 5 Union Territories participated, with Chief Ministers of every State attending.

SUPREME COURT – RIGHT TO TRAVEL ABROAD UNDER ARTICLE 21

- **Which Fundamental Right includes the right to travel abroad?**
 - Right to Personal Liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution.
- **What did the Supreme Court hold regarding the right to travel abroad in the recent judgment?**
 - It must be balanced against the victim's right to a speedy trial and the broader interests of criminal justice.
- **Why did the Supreme Court consider foreign travel unnecessary in the case?**
 - Comparable medical facilities were available in India.
- **What did the Supreme Court say about the High Court's approach in granting travel permission?**
 - The High Court had acted in an overly indulgent manner instead of exercising appropriate judicial restraint.

IMMIGRATION AND FOREIGNERS RULES, 2025 – RECENT AMENDMENTS

- **Which ministry notified the amendments to the Immigration and Foreigners Rules, 2025?**
 - Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- **What must parents do if a child of mixed parentage later acquires foreign citizenship while residing in India?**
 - Inform the registration officer within 30 days of acquiring foreign citizenship.
- **Which authority is responsible for receiving notifications regarding the acquisition of foreign citizenship by such children?**
 - The registration officer.
- **Which establishments have revised reporting and compliance obligations under the amendments?**
 - Hospitals, nursing homes and other medical establishments providing accommodation or treatment to foreign nationals.
- **What is the broader objective of these amendments?**
 - To strengthen monitoring, registration and compliance requirements for foreign nationals while streamlining rules concerning mixed-nationality children.

SUPREME COURT – RIGHT TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE UNDER ARTICLE 21

- **Which Fundamental Right includes access to trauma and emergency medical care, according to the Supreme Court?**
 - Right to Life under Article 21.
- **In which case did the Supreme Court recognise access to trauma and emergency medical care as a fundamental component of Article 21?**
 - SaveLIFE Foundation & Anr. vs Union of India & Ors.

- **What does the judgment seek to reduce through improved trauma and emergency care?**
 - Preventable fatalities caused by delayed or inadequate medical treatment.
- **Which major category of emergencies is specifically addressed by the judgment?**
 - Road accidents and other medical emergencies requiring immediate care.

RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN – DELHI HIGH COURT

- **Which High Court recently recognised the Right to Be Forgotten (RTBF) as an intrinsic part of the Right to Privacy?**
 - Delhi High Court.
- **Under which Article of the Constitution is the Right to Be Forgotten linked to the Right to Privacy?**
 - Article 21.
- **What does the Right to Be Forgotten (RTBF) allow individuals to request?**
 - Removal or de-indexing of personal information from online platforms when it becomes irrelevant, outdated or disproportionately intrusive.
- **What is the main objective of the Right to Be Forgotten?**
 - To protect an individual's privacy, dignity and personal autonomy in the digital age.
- **What is meant by 'de-indexing' in the context of the Right to Be Forgotten?**
 - Removing or delinking personal information from search results so that it is not easily discoverable online.
- **What competing interest must be balanced with the Right to Be Forgotten?**
 - The legitimate public interest and the right to access information.

ASSAM UNIFORM CIVIL CODE (UCC) BILL, 2026

- **Which state became the first in Northeast India to pass a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill?**
 - Assam.
- **Which states had adopted UCC legislation before Assam?**
 - Uttarakhand and Gujarat.
- **What is the main objective of the Assam UCC Bill, 2026?**
 - To establish a common civil law framework governing marriage, divorce, inheritance and personal relationships.
- **What areas of personal law are covered under the Assam UCC Bill, 2026?**
 - Marriage, divorce, inheritance and personal relationships.
- **What is the key constitutional protection provided under the Assam UCC Bill, 2026?**
 - Scheduled Tribes (STs) are exempted to preserve their customary practices.
- **Why are Scheduled Tribes exempted from the Assam UCC framework?**
 - To protect their customary laws and cultural practices.

RIGHT TO SAFE TRAVEL & ARTICLE 142 – SUPREME COURT (2025)

- **In which case did the Supreme Court recognise the right to safe travel on National Highways as part of the Right to Life?**
 - In Re: Phalodi Accident vs. NHAI & Others (2025).
- **What constitutional right was the right to safe travel on National Highways held to be an integral part of?**
 - Right to Life under Article 21.
- **Which Article did the Supreme Court invoke to exercise its extraordinary powers in the Phalodi accident case?**
 - Article 142.
- **What does Article 142(1) empower the Supreme Court to do?**
 - Pass any decree or order necessary for doing “complete justice” in any cause or matter pending before it.

Which case held that statutory restrictions under ordinary laws cannot override the Supreme Court’s constitutional powers under Article 142?

- Delhi Judicial Service Association vs. State of Gujarat (1991).
- **Which case clarified that High Court powers under Article 226 are not coextensive with Article 142?**
 - Anil Kumar Jain vs. Maya Jain (2009).

NATIONAL STATISTICAL COMMISSION – NEW APPOINTMENTS (2026)

- **Who has approved the appointment of the new Chairperson and three Members of the National Statistical Commission?**
 - Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- **Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission?**
 - Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay.
- **Who are the three newly appointed Members of the National Statistical Commission?**
 - Prof. Shubhabrata Das, Satyendra Bahadur Singh and Madhavan Mukund.
- **Who serves as the Secretary to the National Statistical Commission?**
 - Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- **Which ministry is responsible for the overall statistical system and serves the NSC through its Secretary?**
 - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE ON DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES (2026)

- **Which Union Ministry constituted the High-Level Committee to examine demographic changes linked to illegal immigration?**
 - Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- **What is the main objective of the High-Level Committee?**
 - To examine demographic changes arising from illegal immigration and other abnormal factors.

- **What areas will the Committee focus on while recommending policy measures?**
 - National security, border management and sociocultural stability.
- **Who is the Chairperson of the High-Level Committee?**
 - Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar.
- **What is Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar's background?**
 - He is a retired Supreme Court judge and former Lokayukta of Madhya Pradesh.

SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENTS

- **How many new judges were approved for appointment to the Supreme Court?**
 - Five judges, raising the working strength to 37 judges.
- **Who are the five newly appointed Supreme Court judges?**
 - Sheel Nagu, Shree Chandrashekhar, Sanjeev Sachdeva, Arun Palli and Venkita Subramani Mohana.

DEFENCE & SECURITY

BALUCHISTAN LIBERATION ARMY (BLA) – UN 1267 SANCTIONS REGIME

- **Which country blocked the Pakistan-China proposal to designate the BLA and Majeed Brigade under the UN 1267 sanctions regime?**
 - United States.
- **Which countries supported the US position on the proposal?**
 - France and the United Kingdom.
- **Which country did not take a public stance on the proposal?**
 - Russia.
- **Under which UN framework was the proposed designation sought?**
 - UN 1267 sanctions regime.
- **What is the Baluchistan Liberation Army (BLA)?**
 - An armed separatist organisation operating in Pakistan's Baluchistan province.
- **What is the primary objective of the BLA?**
 - Creation of an independent Baluch state.
- **What is the Majeed Brigade?**
 - A militant faction associated with Baluch separatist groups.

MARITIME SECURITY & SAFETY OF INDIAN SEAFARERS

- **Which Indian authority advised restricting the deployment of Indian seafarers to conflict zones?**
 - Directorate General of Shipping (DGS).

- **What incident renewed concerns over the safety of Indian seafarers in conflict-prone regions?**
 - The death of three Indian seafarers aboard MT Settebello following a military strike in the Gulf of Oman.
- **What types of threats have expanded beyond traditional piracy in maritime conflict zones?**
 - Drone attacks, missile strikes, precision-guided munitions and other advanced weapons.
- **Which types of commercial vessels are particularly vulnerable to collateral damage?**
 - Civilian vessels carrying oil, gas and other hazardous cargo.
- **Which international convention guarantees freedom of navigation in international waters?**
 - United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- **Which two strategically important maritime routes have witnessed rising security incidents?**
 - Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman.

PROJECT KUSHA

- **What is Project Kusha?**
 - An indigenous **long-range surface-to-air missile (SAM) system** being developed by **DRDO**.
- **What is Project Kusha also known as?**
 - Extended Range Air Defence System (ERADS).
- **How did the Defence Minister describe Project Kusha?**
 - As a “game changer” for India’s security architecture.
- **Which organisation is developing Project Kusha?**
 - Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

BSF MISSION VANDE MATARAM – MOUNT EVEREST EXPEDITION

- **Which security force successfully completed its first all-women expedition to Mount Everest?**
 - Border Security Force (BSF).
- **What was the expedition titled?**
 - “Mission Vande Mataram.”
- **What was the significance of the expedition?**
 - It marked a historic achievement in India’s adventure sports and security forces’ history.
- **Which national song anniversary was commemorated through the expedition?**
 - The 150th anniversary of the national song ‘Vande Mataram’.

NIRBHAY RAHO

- **What is the objective of the ‘Nirbhay Raho’ initiative?**
 - To strengthen women’s safety in rural areas through capacity-building and training.
- **Which ministry organised the Training of Trainers (ToT) programme under ‘Nirbhay Raho’?**
 - Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Q-SAFE

- **What is Q-SAFE?**
 - Quantum Secure and Adaptive Financial Ecosystem, an RBI-led initiative to prepare India's financial ecosystem for quantum computing opportunities and security challenges.
- **Which institution constituted the eight-member Expert Committee on Q-SAFE?**
 - Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

EXERCISE PITCH BLACK 2026

- **Which country hosts Exercise Pitch Black 2026?**
 - Australia, hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).
- **What is Exercise Pitch Black?**
 - A major **multinational air combat exercise** and the largest such exercise conducted by the **RAAF**.
- **Which countries are participating in Exercise Pitch Black 2026?**
 - More than 19 countries, including India, Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom.

PRAGATI 2026

- **What does PRAGATI stand for?**
 - Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth and Transformation in the Indian Ocean Region.
- **Where was PRAGATI 2026 conducted?**
 - Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya.
- **Which countries participated in PRAGATI 2026 along with India?**
 - Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, among others.

OPERATION NAVJEEVAN

- **What is Operation Navjeevan?**
 - An operation under which 27 Maoists, including commanders and strike squad members, surrendered before the police in Ranchi.
- **Which forces jointly conducted Operation Navjeevan?**
 - Jharkhand Police, Jharkhand Jaguar and CRPF's Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA).

OPERATION MULE HUNT 1.0

- **Which State Police launched Operation Mule Hunt 1.0?**
 - Gujarat Police.
- **What was the objective of Operation Mule Hunt 1.0?**
 - To crack down on cyber fraud and illegal use of mule bank accounts.

- **How much cyber fraud was uncovered during Operation Mule Hunt 1.0?**
– ₹2,289 crore.
- **How many mule bank accounts were targeted under the operation?**
– 913 mule bank accounts.
- **What is a mule bank account?**
– A bank account used to receive, transfer or conceal money obtained through illegal activities.

RUDRAM-II

- **What is RudraM-II?**
– An indigenous air-to-surface anti-radiation missile developed by DRDO to strengthen the IAF's Suppression of Enemy Air Defence (SEAD) capability.
- **Which organisations successfully conducted the flight tests of RudraM-II?**
– DRDO and the Indian Air Force (IAF).

S-400 TRIUMF

- **What is the S-400 Triumph?**
– An advanced long-range mobile surface-to-air missile (SAM) system acquired by India from Russia.
- **What is the S-400 known as in Indian service?**
– “Sudarshan.”
- **How many squadrons of the S-400 has India received?**
– The fourth squadron, further strengthening India's long-range air-defence capability.

BRAHMOS MISSILE

- **Which country became the first foreign customer of the BrahMos missile system?**
– The Philippines, in 2022.
- **With which countries has India pursued BrahMos missile exports?**
– Vietnam, through a signed export agreement, and **Indonesia**, with a similar deal in the final stages.
- **What is the BrahMos missile?**
– A supersonic cruise missile jointly developed by India and Russia, capable of being launched from land, air, sea and submarines.

AI-BASED KAUTILYA & Q-FORCE PLATFORMS

- **Which AI-enabled platforms are being inducted by the Indian Army?**
– Kautilya and Q-Force.
- **What is the Kautilya platform designed for?**
– Structured data generation and AI-driven analytics.

- **What is the Q-Force platform designed for?**
 - Logistics, inventory management and sustainment operations across different operational environments.
- **What has the Indian Army designated 2026 as?**
 - The “Year of Networking and Data Centricity.”

INDIA-CHINA WMCC

- **What is the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) between India and China?**
 - A mechanism for consultation and coordination on India-China border affairs.
- **Where was the 35th WMCC meeting held?**
 - Beijing, China.
- **What were the key issues discussed at the 35th WMCC meeting?**
 - Border management and bilateral cooperation between India and China.

ECONOMY, FINANCE & TRADE

WORLD GOLD COUNCIL CENTRAL BANK GOLD SURVEY 2026

- **Which organisation conducts the annual survey on central banks’ attitudes towards gold as a reserve asset?**
 - World Gold Council (WGC), in collaboration with YouGov.
- **Since which year has the World Gold Council conducted its annual central bank gold survey?**
 - 2018.
- **What is the major trend highlighted by the 2026 World Gold Council survey?**
 - Growing preference among central banks for gold as a strategic reserve asset.
- **Approximately how much gold have central banks purchased annually over the last four years?**
 - Around 1,000 tonnes per year.
- **Why are central banks increasingly accumulating gold?**
 - Rising economic uncertainty, inflation concerns and geopolitical tensions.
- **How is gold viewed by central banks in the context of inflation?**
 - As a hedge against inflation.

USTR – ADDITIONAL TARIFF ON INDIA UNDER SECTION 301

- **Which US authority proposed an additional 12.5% tariff on imports from India and 53 other economies?**
 - United States Trade Representative (USTR).

- **Under which provision was the proposed tariff measure initiated?**
 - Section 301 of the US Trade Act, 1974.
- **What does Section 301 of the US Trade Act, 1974 empower the US to do?**
 - Investigate and take action against foreign trade practices considered unjustifiable, unreasonable or discriminatory and harmful to US commerce.
- **Who can impose tariffs or other trade restrictions under Section 301?**
 - The US President and the United States Trade Representative (USTR).
- **How does Section 301 differ from the WTO dispute settlement mechanism?**
 - It allows the US to undertake unilateral trade actions outside the WTO dispute settlement framework.
- **Which Indian legislation specifically addresses the abolition of bonded labour?**
 - Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976.
- **What is India's position regarding the US concerns over forced labour?**
 - India maintains that the concerns are primarily related to global supply-chain linkages rather than domestic labour practices.

RBI ANNUAL REPORT 2025–26

- **Which institution released the Annual Report 2025–26 highlighting India's economic outlook?**
 - Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- **What was India's estimated real GDP growth in FY 2025–26 according to the RBI Annual Report?**
 - 7.3%, revised upward from 6.5%.
- **Which sector recorded the highest GVA growth in FY 2025–26?**
 - Manufacturing, with 11.5% growth.
- **What was the growth rate of Services GVA in FY 2025–26?**
 - 8.7%.
- **What was the average CPI inflation rate revised to during FY 2025–26?**
 - Nearly 2.0%, down from the earlier estimate of 4.0%.
- **What was India's Gross Fiscal Deficit (GFD) as a percentage of GDP in FY 2025–26?**
 - 4.4%, compared with 4.8% in FY 2024–25.
- **What was the growth rate of India's net services exports during April–December 2025?**
 - 15.3%.
- **What percentage of India's total services exports was contributed by software and business services?**
 - 77.8%.
- **What real GDP growth rate has the RBI projected for India for FY 2026–27?**
 - 6.9%.
- **What was India's global position in greenfield FDI announcements?**
 - Second globally, after the United States.

INDIA'S GDP GROWTH – FY 2025–26

- Which ministry released the Provisional Estimates of National Income for FY 2025–26?
– Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- What was India's real GDP growth rate in FY 2025–26 according to the Provisional Estimates?
– 7.7%.
- How did India's real GDP growth in FY 2025–26 compare with FY 2024–25?
– It increased from 7.1% to 7.7%.
- Which sector emerged as the growth leader in FY 2025–26?
– Manufacturing, with 10.7% growth.
- What was the growth rate of the trade, repair, hotels, transport and communication sector in FY 2025–26?
– 11%.
- What was the growth rate of agriculture and allied activities in FY 2025–26?
– 3%, down from 4.2% in FY 2024–25.
- What was the growth rate of Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) in FY 2025–26?
– 7.7%, compared with 5.8% in FY 2024–25.
- What was the growth rate of Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) in FY 2025–26?
– 8.2%, compared with 6.4% in FY 2024–25.
- What GDP growth rate has the RBI projected for FY 2026–27?
– 6.6%.
- What factors may moderate India's economic growth in FY 2026–27?
– Geopolitical uncertainties in West Asia and the possibility of a below-normal monsoon.

WPI BASE YEAR REVISION & PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI), 2026

- Which organisation revised the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) base year from 2011–12 to 2022–23?
– Office of Economic Adviser, DPIIT.
- What is the new base year of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI)?
– 2022–23.
- What is the main objective of revising the WPI base year?
– To better reflect the contemporary structure of the Indian economy.
- How many commodities are now covered under the revised WPI basket?
– 957 items, compared with 697 earlier.
- Which new energy sources have been added to the Electricity Group under the revised WPI?
– Solar energy, wind energy and nuclear electricity.
- From which category have Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas been shifted under the revised WPI?
– From Primary Articles to the Fuel and Power group.

- **What measure will now be used for assigning weights in the revised WPI?**
 - Gross Value of Output (GVO).
- **What methodology did the revised WPI replace for determining weights?**
 - Net Traded Value-based methodology.
- **When was the new Producer Price Index (PPI) framework launched?**
 - 15 June 2026.
- **What does the Producer Price Index (PPI) measure?**
 - Changes in prices received by domestic producers for goods and services.
- **What are the three major components of the PPI framework?**
 - Input PPI, Output PPI and Services PPI.

INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY CODE (IBC), 2016 – 10 YEARS

- **When did the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016 complete a decade of implementation?**
 - 2026.
- **What is the primary objective of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016?**
 - To provide a time-bound framework for insolvency resolution and maximise the value of distressed assets.
- **How has the IBC contributed to India's financial system over the past decade?**
 - It has strengthened credit discipline, reduced banking sector stress and facilitated the revival of distressed businesses.
- **How much recovery was enabled through insolvency resolution processes under the IBC as of March 2026?**
 - Nearly ₹4.32 lakh crore for creditors.
- **What was the approximate recovery realisation compared with the liquidation value of distressed assets?**
 - Around 167% of the liquidation value.
- **Which institutions play a key role in implementing the insolvency resolution framework under the IBC?**
 - The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

BLUE BOND

- **Which organisation is preparing to launch India's first Blue Bond?**
 - Sagarmala Finance Corporation (SFC).
- **What is a Blue Bond?**
 - A debt instrument that raises capital for sustainable projects related to oceans, marine resources, coastal ecosystems, inland waterways and maritime development.

MEMFLATION – SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY

- **What is “memflation”?**
 - Inflationary pressure caused by shortages and rising prices of **memory chips**, particularly due to surging AI infrastructure demand.
- **What has triggered the recent rise in memory chip prices globally?**
 - Rapid growth in demand for **AI infrastructure**, creating supply constraints in memory-chip manufacturing.
- **Which two major types of memory chips are associated with memflation?**
 - DRAM and NAND Flash Memory.
- **What is DRAM?**
 - Dynamic Random-Access Memory used as **temporary working memory** for processors.
- **What is NAND Flash Memory?**
 - A non-volatile storage technology that retains data even when power is switched off.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & WORLD AFFAIRS

INDIA AT 114TH INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE (ILC), GENEVA

- **Where was the 114th International Labour Conference (ILC) held?**
 - Geneva, Switzerland.
- **What major labour reform did India highlight at the 114th ILC?**
 - Consolidation of 29 Central Labour Laws into four Labour Codes.
- **Which Digital Public Infrastructure initiatives were highlighted by India at the ILC?**
 - e-Shram Portal and National Career Service (NCS) Portal.
- **What principle did India emphasise as part of its labour and social welfare approach?**
 - “Antyodaya”, meaning upliftment of the weakest sections.
- **From what level did India’s youth employability increase to over 56% by 2025?**
 - From 34% in 2014 to over 56% in 2025.
- **How did India’s unemployment rate change between 2017 and 2025?**
 - It declined from 6% in 2017 to 3.1% in 2025.
- **How did India’s Female Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) change during the period highlighted?**
 - It increased from 22% to 38.8%.
- **How much did social security coverage in India increase between 2015 and 2025?**
 - From 19% to 64.3%.
- **According to ILO estimates, approximately how many people are covered by social protection in India?**
 - Around 1 billion people.

INDIA – FATF VICE-PRESIDENCY (2026–27)

- **For the first time, which position will India assume in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?**
 - Vice-Presidency.
- **Who will serve as India's FATF Vice-President from July 2026 to June 2027?**
 - Vivek Aggarwal.
- **What is the main role of the FATF Vice-President?**
 - To assist the FATF President in guiding the organisation's work and implementing its mandate.
- **What areas does the FATF Vice-President support?**
 - Policy coordination, strategic planning and international cooperation.
- **For how long is the FATF Presidency held?**
 - Two years.
- **When will India hold the FATF Vice-Presidency?**
 - From July 2026 to June 2027.

INDIA-UK CRITICAL MINERALS GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN OBSERVATORY (GSCO)

- **Which two countries launched the Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO)?**
 - India and the United Kingdom.
- **Where was the India-UK Critical Minerals GSCO launched?**
 - New Delhi.
- **What is the primary objective of the Critical Minerals GSCO?**
 - To build resilient and diversified global supply chains for critical minerals essential for clean energy and advanced manufacturing.
- **Which three institutions form the tripartite partnership behind the GSCO?**
 - TEXMiN, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, and the University of Cambridge.
- **What does TEXMiN stand for?**
 - Technology Innovation in Exploration & Mining Foundation.
- **Under which bilateral initiative was the GSCO developed?**
 - India-UK Technology Security Initiative.
- **Which critical minerals are particularly important for India's clean-energy transition?**
 - Lithium, cobalt, nickel and rare earth elements.

INDIAN OCEAN RIM ASSOCIATION (IORA) – CANADA DIALOGUE PARTNER

- **Which country's application for Dialogue Partner status is being considered by IORA?**
 - Canada.

- **Where was Canada's application for IORA Dialogue Partner status considered?**
 - New Delhi, during the 28th Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) meeting.
- **What areas of Canadian expertise are considered valuable for IORA cooperation?**
 - Maritime safety, maritime security, connectivity and ocean governance.
- **How many Member States does the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) have?**
 - 23 Member States.
- **How many Dialogue Partners does IORA have?**
 - 12 Dialogue Partners.
- **What is the primary objective of IORA?**
 - To promote regional cooperation and sustainable development in the Indian Ocean region.
- **Who first proposed the idea of an Indian Ocean regional organisation?**
 - Nelson Mandela during his 1995 visit to India.

INDIA-JAPAN JOINT CREDITING MECHANISM (JCM)

- **Which ministry adopted the Rules of Implementation for the India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)?**
 - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- **What is the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)?**
 - A bilateral carbon market mechanism between India and Japan for emission reduction, carbon removal, technology transfer and climate cooperation.
- **Under which Article of the Paris Agreement does the JCM operate?**
 - Article 6.2.
- **What does Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement facilitate?**
 - Voluntary cooperation between countries through the transfer of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs).
- **Which country's advanced low-carbon technologies will the JCM facilitate deployment of in India?**
 - Japan's.
- **Which sectors are expected to benefit from Japanese low-carbon technologies under the JCM?**
 - Heavy industries, energy-efficiency projects and renewable energy sectors.

52ND G7 SUMMIT OUTREACH SESSION – INDIA

- **Where was the 52nd G7 Summit Outreach Session held?**
 - Évian, France.
- **What was the theme of the 52nd G7 Summit Outreach Session?**
 - “Forging New Partnerships and Rebuilding International Solidarity.”
- **Who participated in the G7 Outreach Session from India?**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- **What did India identify as the most valuable strategic asset in international relations?**
 - Trust.
- **What did India identify as a major underlying cause of many global challenges?**
 - A deficit of trust rather than a lack of resources.
- **What model of international cooperation did India advocate for?**
 - Partnerships based on equality, mutual respect and shared responsibility instead of the traditional donor–recipient model.
- **What did India seek for developing and middle-income countries in global governance?**
 - Equitable representation rather than merely financial assistance.
- **Which countries were highlighted for strengthening bilateral ties on the sidelines of the G7 Outreach Session?**
 - Canada, the United Kingdom and the UAE.

INDIA–FRANCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP & INNOVATION ROADMAP 2030

- **Where did the Prime Minister of India and French President Emmanuel Macron hold their bilateral talks?**
 - Nice, France.
- **What major framework was adopted by India and France during the visit?**
 - Innovation Roadmap 2030.
- **What is the main objective of the India–France Innovation Roadmap 2030?**
 - To strengthen the technological sovereignty of both countries through cooperation in disruptive technologies, innovation and digital infrastructure.
- **Which new mechanism was launched for the first time by India and France?**
 - Economic Security Dialogue.
- **Which joint mechanism will focus specifically on Artificial Intelligence (AI)?**
 - Joint India–France AI Working Group.
- **Which Indian digital payment system is planned to be expanded across major French locations?**
 - Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- **Where will the National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics be established?**
 - National Skill Training Institute, Kanpur.
- **How many additional Indian startups will France incubate at Station F?**
 - 10 startups.
- **What is the target set for India–France bilateral trade under the new annual mechanism?**
 - To double bilateral trade within five years.

10TH INDIA–THAILAND DEFENCE DIALOGUE

- **Where was the 10th India–Thailand Defence Dialogue held?**
 - Bangkok, Thailand.

- **What are the key areas of India–Thailand defence cooperation?**
 - Defence manufacturing, research, innovation and capability development.
- **When did India and Thailand elevate their bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership?**
 - 2025.
- **Which agreement provides the long-term framework for India–Thailand defence cooperation?**
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Defence Cooperation, signed in 2012.
- **What is the objective of the India–Thailand Defence Cooperation MoU?**
 - To provide a long-term roadmap for joint defence activities and strategic engagement.

INDIA–SLOVAKIA COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP

- **Which country did Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit in a historic State Visit?**
 - Slovakia.
- **Why was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Slovakia historic?**
 - It was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Slovakia since its independence in 1993.
- **What new framework did India and Slovakia adopt during the visit?**
 - Comprehensive Partnership.
- **Which highest Slovak state honour was conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**
 - Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class).
- **What was the purpose of the Letter of Intent (LoI) signed between India and Slovakia?**
 - To promote joint development of defence technologies, defence manufacturing, capacity building and industrial partnerships.
- **What mechanism was launched to improve coordination on consular matters?**
 - Consular Dialogue Mechanism.

INDIA–ITALY SPECIAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

- **What major change was made in India–Italy bilateral relations during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Italy?**
 - Relations were elevated from a Strategic Partnership to a Special Strategic Partnership.
- **Which international organisation awarded Prime Minister Narendra Modi the FAO Agricola Medal 2026?**
 - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- **Which mechanism will oversee the implementation of the Joint Strategic Action Plan (2025–2029)?**
 - A new Foreign Ministers-led mechanism.
- **When was the India–Italy Joint Strategic Action Plan (2025–2029) adopted?**
 - During the G20 Summit 2024.
- **What bilateral trade target has India and Italy set for 2029?**
 - EUR 20 billion.

- **Which major trade agreement's negotiations contributed to the India-Italy trade target?**
 - EU-India Free Trade Agreement.
- **Which sectors have been identified as priority areas for India-Italy cooperation?**
 - Clean technologies, semiconductors, critical minerals and pharmaceuticals.
- **What is INNOVIT India?**
 - An innovation hub aimed at connecting startups, universities and industries.

INDIA-CYPRUS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

- **What major development took place in India-Cyprus relations during the President of Cyprus's State Visit to India?**
 - The bilateral relationship was elevated to a **Strategic Partnership**.
- **Which areas are covered under the expanded India-Cyprus cooperation?**
 - Defence, cybersecurity, connectivity, trade, digital payments, space and migration.
- **Which mechanism was established for cooperation against terrorism?**
 - A Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism.
- **What Indian contribution did Cyprus appreciate during the bilateral visit?**
 - India's contribution to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.
- **Which Indian-led initiative did Cyprus join during the visit?**
 - Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).
- **Under which IPOI pillar did Cyprus join the initiative?**
 - Trade, Connectivity and Maritime Transport.
- **What is the purpose of the India-Cyprus Joint Action Plan 2025-2029?**
 - To ensure timely implementation of bilateral cooperation across strategic sectors.
- **Which organisation's peacekeeping mission in Cyprus has received Indian participation?**
 - United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

11TH QUAD FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING

- **Where was the 11th Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting held?**
 - New Delhi, India.
- **Which four countries constitute the Quad?**
 - India, United States, Japan and Australia.
- **What is the primary objective of the Quad?**
 - To promote a free, open, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific.
- **Which major security mechanism was strengthened at the 11th Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting?**
 - Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA).
- **What is the initial geographical focus of the new Maritime Domain Awareness initiative?**
 - Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

- **What is the purpose of the Common Operating Picture (COP) under the Quad's maritime initiative?**
 - To integrate and share real-time maritime information across regional waters.
- **Which initiative was expanded to strengthen maritime security cooperation?**
 - Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA).
- **Which country will host the next Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission?**
 - India.
- **Which country will host the Quad Counterterrorism Tabletop Exercise in June 2026?**
 - Australia.

INDIA-NEPAL BOUNDARY DISPUTE: KALAPANI-LIPULEKH-LIMPIYADHURA

- **Which treaty forms the historical basis of the India-Nepal boundary dispute over Kalapani?**
 - Treaty of Sugauli, 1816.
- **What river was designated as the western boundary of Nepal under the Treaty of Sugauli?**
 - Kali (Mahakali) River.
- **What is the main source of the India-Nepal dispute over the Kali River?**
 - The Treaty of Sugauli did not clearly identify the source of the Kali River.
- **Where does Nepal claim the Kali River originates?**
 - Limpiyadhura.
- **Which three territories does Nepal claim based on its interpretation of the Kali River's origin?**
 - Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura.
- **When did Nepal adopt a revised political map incorporating Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura?**
 - 2020.
- **What is India's position regarding the origin of the Kali River?**
 - India considers its origin to be near Kalapani, east of Limpiyadhura.
- **Which Indian district does India consider the disputed region to be part of?**
 - Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand.
- **What major hydropower cooperation agreement reflects the growing economic dimension of India-Nepal relations?**
 - Nepal's agreement to export 10,000 MW of hydropower to India over the next decade.

INDIA-MYANMAR RELATIONS: PRESIDENT U MIN AUNG HLAING'S VISIT

- **Who was the President of Myanmar who paid a five-day State Visit to India?**
 - U Min Aung Hlaing.
- **What assurance did Myanmar give India regarding anti-India insurgent groups?**

- Myanmar assured that its territory would not be used by groups such as NSCN-K and ULFA for anti-India activities.
- **Which two previous coordinated operations were highlighted in the context of India–Myanmar counter-insurgency cooperation?**
 - Operation Hot Pursuit (2015) and Operation Sunrise (2019).
- **Which mechanism will be used to expand India–Myanmar bilateral trade?**
 - Rupee–Kyat Settlement Mechanism.
- **Since when has the Rupee–Kyat Settlement Mechanism been operational?**
 - 2024.
- **Which sectors were identified for enhanced India–Myanmar economic cooperation?**
 - Agro-processing, energy, petroleum, mining and investment.
- **Which two major connectivity projects did India and Myanmar agree to fast-track?**
 - Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project and India–Myanmar–Thailand (IMT) Trilateral Highway.

INDIA–SWEDEN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

- **What major development took place in India–Sweden relations during the Prime Minister’s visit to Sweden?**
 - Bilateral relations were elevated to a **Strategic Partnership**.
- **Which framework was adopted to guide India–Sweden cooperation from 2026 to 2030?**
 - Joint Action Plan (JAP) 2026–2030.
- **Which Swedish honour was conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**
 - Royal Order of the Polar Star (Commander Grand Cross).
- **What is the first pillar of the India–Sweden Joint Action Plan 2026–2030?**
 - Strategic Dialogue for Stability and Security.
- **What is the second pillar of the Joint Action Plan 2026–2030?**
 - Next-Generation Economic Partnership.
- **What is the third pillar of the Joint Action Plan 2026–2030?**
 - Emerging Technologies and Trusted Connectivity.
- **What is the fourth pillar of the Joint Action Plan 2026–2030?**
 - Shaping Tomorrow Together (People, Planet and Resilience).
- **Which broad areas are covered under the India–Sweden Joint Action Plan 2026–2030?**
 - Trade, defence, emerging technologies, sustainability and people-to-people ties.

INDIA’S ABSTENTION ON UNGA CLIMATE RESOLUTION

- **Which country introduced the UN General Assembly resolution on climate obligations based on the ICJ advisory opinion?**
 - Vanuatu.

- **How did India vote on the UNGA resolution on climate obligations?**
 - India abstained.
- **How many countries voted in favour of the resolution?**
 - 141 countries.
- **Which two major countries voted against the resolution?**
 - United States and Russia.
- **How many countries abstained from voting, including India?**
 - 28 countries.
- **What did the ICJ advisory opinion state regarding climate change?**
 - States have a legal obligation to address human-induced climate change and protect the environment for present and future generations.
- **What principle applies to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) according to the ICJ advisory opinion?**
 - The principle of due diligence.
- **What does India argue regarding the source of international climate obligations?**
 - They should arise exclusively from negotiated agreements such as the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement and related climate processes.
- **What major issue did India highlight as missing from the resolution?**
 - Climate finance.

G7 SUMMIT 2026

- **Which country hosted the G7 Summit 2026 under its Presidency?**
 - France.
- **Why was India invited to the G7 Summit 2026?**
 - India was invited as a partner country under the French Presidency.
- **How many times has India participated in a G7 Summit, and what was PM Modi's consecutive attendance?**
 - India's 13th participation and PM Modi's seventh consecutive attendance.

SAPLING DIALOGUE 2026

- **What does SAPLING stand for?**
 - South Asian Policy Leadership for Improved Nutrition and Growth.
- **Where was the SAPLING Dialogue 2026 held?**
 - Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **Which organisations jointly organised the SAPLING Dialogue 2026?**
 - Ministry of Food Processing Industries and the World Bank Group.
- **What is the main focus of the SAPLING platform?**
 - Promoting policy reforms, investment and Agri-Tech to improve nutrition and growth.

ORDER OF THE WHITE DOUBLE CROSS

- **Which highest state honour of Slovakia was conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**
 - Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class).
- **Who conferred the Order of the White Double Cross on Narendra Modi?**
 - Slovak President Peter Pellegrini, during a ceremony in Bratislava.

INDIA, UN, UPI & NDB

- **Which year will India and Italy observe as the ‘Year of Culture and Tourism’?**
 - 2027, to strengthen cultural ties, tourism cooperation and people-to-people exchanges.
- **Which country announced a ban on social media use for children below 16?**
 - United Kingdom, covering platforms such as Snapchat, TikTok and YouTube.
- **Which countries were included by the UN in its blacklist for conflict-related sexual violence?**
 - Israel and Russia, as part of the UN Secretary-General’s annual report.
- **Which historic fortress was captured by Israeli forces in southern Lebanon?**
 - Beaufort Castle, also known as Qalaat al-Shaqif or Shaqif Arnoun.
- **Where was the Indian War Memorial inaugurated in South Korea?**
 - Imjingak Park, Seoul, marking the 75th anniversary of the Korean War.
- **Which Indian military units are honoured by the Indian War Memorial in Seoul?**
 - The 60 Para Field Ambulance and the Custodian Force of India (CFI).
- **Which five countries were elected as non-permanent members of the UNSC for 2027–28?**
 - Austria, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, Zimbabwe and Kyrgyzstan.
- **Which country surpassed India to become the world’s fifth-largest stock market by market capitalisation?**
 - Taiwan.
- **Which country became the ninth country to accept UPI payments?**
 - Cambodia, through cross-border QR payment linkage.
- **Which countries already accept UPI payments?**
 - Singapore, UAE, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar and Sri Lanka.
- **Which country became the 10th member of the New Development Bank (NDB)?**
 - Uzbekistan, becoming the **first Central Asian country** to join the NDB.

BRICS & AGRICULTURE

- **Where was the Second BRICS Culture Working Group Meeting held?**
 - Varanasi, India.
- **What is the objective of the BRICS Culture Working Group?**
 - To promote cultural cooperation and people-to-people exchanges among BRICS countries.

- **Where was the 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting held?**
 - Indore, under India's BRICS Chairship 2026.
- **Which ministry organised the National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign-2026?**
 - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
- **What was India's estimated foodgrain production for 2025-26?**
 - A historic 376.563 million tonnes, an increase of 18.8 million tonnes over 2024-25.

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE

YAMUNA RIVER REJUVENATION

- **Who chaired the high-level review meeting on the rejuvenation of the Yamuna River?**
 - Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- **Which three states/UTs are involved in the coordinated action plan for Yamuna rejuvenation?**
 - Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.
- **Which two organisations will sign an MoU to manage dairy waste entering the Yamuna?**
 - Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).
- **How will the proposed initiative help reduce Yamuna pollution?**
 - Dairy waste will be diverted to biogas and manure plants instead of being discharged into the Yamuna.
- **At approximately what elevation does the Yamuna originate?**
 - About 6,387 metres.

KUDANKULAM NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT – UNIT 5

- **Which organisation successfully installed the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) at Unit-5 of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project?**
 - Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL).
- **Where is the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project located?**
 - Tamil Nadu.
- **What is the significance of the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) in a nuclear reactor?**
 - It houses the reactor core where nuclear fission takes place to generate energy.
- **Approximately how much does the RPV installed at Kudankulam Unit-5 weigh?**
 - Around 320 tonnes.
- **Which Russian organisation provided technical support for the RPV installation?**
 - Rosatom and its engineering arm Atomstroyexport.
- **Which two countries are cooperating in the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project?**
 - India and Russia.

KISHAU MULTIPURPOSE DAM PROJECT

- **How many states reached a consensus on the Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project?**
 - Six states.
- **On which river is the Kishau Multipurpose Project located?**
 - Tons River.
- **The Tons River is a tributary of which major river?**
 - Yamuna River.
- **Why is the Tons River significant in the Yamuna basin?**
 - It is the largest Himalayan tributary of the Yamuna.
- **Which six states are participating in the Kishau Multipurpose Project?**
 - Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan.
- **What type of project is the Kishau Multipurpose Project?**
 - An inter-state hydropower and water-storage project.

E85 FUEL ROLLOUT IN INDIA

- **On which occasion was the E85 fuel rollout launched in India?**
 - World Environment Day.
- **Who launched the E85 fuel rollout in New Delhi?**
 - Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas.
- **What is E85 fuel?**
 - A fuel blend containing approximately 80–85% ethanol and 14–19% petrol.
- **What type of vehicles are designed to use E85 fuel?**
 - Flex-Fuel Vehicles (FFVs).
- **What range of ethanol blends can Flex-Fuel Vehicles operate on?**
 - From E20 to E100.
- **What is the approximate Research Octane Number (RON) of E85?**
 - Around 108.
- **Which country has inspired India's flex-fuel mobility strategy?**
 - Brazil.
- **Approximately what proportion of light vehicles in Brazil operate on high-ethanol flex-fuel technology?**
 - Nearly 80%.

FLOATING SOLAR POWER POTENTIAL IN INDIA

- **Which organisation estimated India's floating solar power potential at about 102 GW?**
 - National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

- **What is the estimated floating solar power potential of India?**
– About **102.18 GW**.
- **How much water surface area in India is estimated to be suitable for floating solar installations?**
– Around **1,946 sq. km**.
- **Where are floating solar panels generally installed?**
– On water bodies, with floating structures anchored to the water surface.
- **Why is floating solar considered 'land-neutral'?**
– It uses water surfaces instead of large land areas, reducing land acquisition and conflicts with agriculture and habitation.
- **Which type of solar projects currently dominate India's installed solar capacity?**
– Ground-mounted solar projects.
- **What is the key advantage of Floating Solar PV over conventional ground-mounted solar?**
– It reduces pressure on land resources while utilising reservoirs and other water bodies for renewable energy generation.

COMPRESSED BIOGAS (CBG) BLENDING

- **What is the target for Compressed Biogas (CBG) blending with CNG and domestic PNG in FY 2026–27?**
– 3%.
- **What is the current level of CBG blending with CNG and PNG?**
– Nearly 2%.
- **What is Compressed Biogas (CBG)?**
– A renewable fuel produced from biomass and organic waste through anaerobic digestion.
- **Which raw materials can be used to produce CBG?**
– Agricultural residues, cattle dung, sugarcane press mud and sewage.
- **What are the phased CBG blending targets set by the National Biofuel Coordination Committee (NBCC)?**
– 1% in 2025–26, 3% in 2026–27 and 4–5% in subsequent years.
- **How many CBG/Bio-CNG plants have been commissioned across India according to the Gobardhan portal?**
– 210 plants.
- **Which state has the highest number of CBG projects under construction?**
– Uttar Pradesh, with 80 projects.

MAHA WATER MISSION

- **What is the MAHA Water Mission?**
– A joint initiative of ANRF and the Ministry of Jal Shakti to promote innovation and research in the water sector.

- **What does MAHA stand for?**
– Missions for Advancement in High-Impact Areas.
- **Who are the key beneficiaries targeted under the MAHA Water Mission?**
– Startups, MSMEs, universities and other innovators in the water sector.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ARTEMIS III – REVISED MISSION PROFILE

- **Which space agency announced the four-member crew and revised mission profile for Artemis III?**
– National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
- **When is Artemis III now scheduled to launch?**
– 2027.
- **What type of mission will Artemis III now conduct?**
– An advanced **Low Earth Orbit (LEO) test mission**.
- **Why has Artemis III been redesigned as a LEO mission?**
– To test critical technologies and operational procedures needed for future human lunar landings.
- **What was Artemis III originally planned to achieve?**
– To return humans to the Moon.
- **How many astronauts will constitute the Artemis III crew?**
– Four.
- **Who is the Commander of Artemis III?**
– Randy Bresnik.
- **Who is the Pilot of Artemis III?**
– Luca Parmitano.
- **Who are the two Mission Specialists of Artemis III?**
– Frank Rubio and Andre Douglas.

QUARK–GLUON PLASMA (QGP) – LHC

- **What is the smallest known droplet discovered at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) that still behaves like a fluid?**
– Quark–Gluon Plasma (QGP).
- **What is Quark–Gluon Plasma (QGP)?**
– An extremely hot and dense state of matter composed of quarks and gluons.
- **When did Quark–Gluon Plasma exist naturally in the universe?**
– During the first few microseconds after the Big Bang, before the formation of protons and neutrons.

- **What are the fundamental constituents of Quark–Gluon Plasma?**
– Quarks and gluons.
- **How are Quark–Gluon Plasma conditions created at the LHC?**
– By colliding atomic nuclei at extremely high speeds.
- **Which organisation operates the Large Hadron Collider (LHC)?**
– CERN.
- **Where is the Large Hadron Collider located?**
– Near Geneva, on the France–Switzerland border.
- **What is the approximate length of the LHC underground ring?**
– 27 km.
- **What particles are accelerated and collided in the LHC?**
– Protons and heavy ions, accelerated to nearly the speed of light.

PYROPROCESSING

- **What is pyroprocessing?**
– A high-temperature industrial process used to bring about physical or chemical changes in solid materials.
- **Which industry is the largest user of pyroprocessing?**
– Cement manufacturing.
- **What type of process is pyroprocessing?**
– A dry and energy-intensive process.
- **At approximately what temperature does calcination occur during cement production?**
– Around **900°C**, when limestone releases carbon dioxide.
- **At what temperature does clinker formation occur in cement manufacturing?**
– Around **1,450°C**.
- **Which raw materials are fed into the rotary kiln during cement production?**
– Finely ground limestone, clay and iron ore.
- **What are the major pyroprocessing techniques used in metallurgy?**
– Roasting, smelting and calcining.
- **What is roasting in metallurgy?**
– Heating sulphide ores in the presence of air to convert them into metal oxides.
- **How is pyroprocessing used in the nuclear industry?**
– It is used as an advanced technique for reprocessing spent nuclear fuel.
- **What molten salt is typically used in nuclear pyroprocessing?**
– A molten mixture of **lithium chloride (LiCl)** and **potassium chloride (KCl)**.
- **How does nuclear pyroprocessing separate elements from spent fuel?**
– An electric current is passed through the molten salt, separating elements based on their electrochemical properties.

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GRAPES-3 DETECTOR

- **Where is the GRAPES-3 detector located?**
 - Ooty, Tamil Nadu.
- **What does GRAPES-3 stand for?**
 - Gamma Ray Astronomy PeV EnergieS – Phase 3.
- **What does the GRAPES-3 detector primarily study?**
 - High-energy cosmic rays and their secondary particles, particularly muons.
- **What are muons?**
 - Subatomic particles generated when cosmic rays interact with Earth's atmosphere.
- **How long have observations from GRAPES-3 been conducted for this study?**
 - More than **22 years** of continuous observations.

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE CULTIVATION OF SCIENCE (IACS)

- **When was the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) established?**
 - 1876.
- **Who founded the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)?**
 - Dr. Mahendralal Sircar.
- **What is the historical significance of IACS?**
 - It is recognized as the **first research institution in Asia established by Indians** for promoting modern scientific research and discovery.

- **How many years of its establishment did IACS commemorate?**

– 150 years.

CHANDRAYAAN-3 – LUNAR REGOLITH STUDY

- **Which ISRO mission provided data on the Moon's upper regolith through the Vikram Lander Hop Experiment and ChaSTE?**
– Chandrayaan-3.
- **What is the Moon's surface material more accurately called instead of "lunar soil"?**
– Lunar regolith.
- **Which two experiments contributed to the study of the Moon's upper regolith?**
– Vikram Lander Hop Experiment and Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE).
- **What did the study reveal about the upper lunar surface?**
– It has a two-layered, cake-like structure within the top few centimetres.
- **What did the experiments reveal about lunar surface processes?**
– They provided insights into surface erosion, regolith compaction and geotechnical variability.
- **What does ChaSTE primarily study?**
– The thermal properties and heat transfer of the lunar surface.

STRATOSPHERIC BALLOON

- **Which company launched India's first stratospheric super-pressure balloon?**
– Red Balloon Aerospace, in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- **How many countries have indigenous hydrogen-powered stratospheric balloon capability?**
– Five countries: India, the United States, France, Japan and China.

SARVAM AI & SOLAR-1

- **Which Indian AI startup became India's 130th unicorn after raising USD 234 million?**
– Sarvam AI, based in Bengaluru, with a post-money valuation of USD 1.5 billion.
- **What is SOLAR-1 (formerly SWFO-L1)?**
– A U.S. NOAA space-weather satellite designed for continuous monitoring of space weather and real-time warnings of solar storms.

BHARAT INNOVATES

- **Where was Bharat Innovates 2026 inaugurated?**
– Nice, France, jointly by PM Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron.
- **What was the focus of Bharat Innovates 2026?**
– Trust, innovation and technological cooperation between India and France.

HEALTH & MEDICINE

WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY – FIRST RESOLUTION ON STROKE

- **Which global health body adopted its first-ever resolution on stroke?**
 - World Health Assembly (WHA).
- **What does the WHA resolution recognize stroke as?**
 - A major public health priority.
- **What are the key areas covered under the WHA resolution on stroke?**
 - Prevention, risk-factor control, timely treatment, rehabilitation, health-system readiness and long-term care.
- **What is a stroke?**
 - A medical emergency caused by interruption of blood flow to part of the brain, leading to damage or death of brain cells.
- **What is an ischemic stroke?**
 - A stroke caused by blockage of a blood vessel supplying the brain.
- **Which type of stroke accounts for the majority of stroke cases?**
 - Ischemic stroke.

BUNDIBUGYO VIRUS – EBOLA OUTBREAK

- **Which international organisation declared the Bundibugyo virus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)?**
 - World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Which countries are affected by the Bundibugyo virus outbreak?**
 - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda.
- **What is Bundibugyo virus (BDBV)?**
 - A species of the **Orthoebolavirus** genus that causes Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).
- **What is considered the most likely natural reservoir of Bundibugyo virus?**
 - Fruit bats.
- **What major public-health challenge has been highlighted by the outbreak?**
 - The absence of a licensed vaccine or specific treatment for Bundibugyo virus.
- **What is the genus to which Bundibugyo virus belongs?**
 - Orthoebolavirus.

DENGUE VACCINE – DENGIALL & BUTANTAN-DV

- **What type of vaccines are DengiAll and Butantan-DV?**
 - Live-attenuated tetravalent dengue vaccines.
- **How many dengue virus serotypes are targeted by these vaccines?**

– Four: DENV-1, DENV-2, DENV-3 and DENV-4.

- **Which four dengue serotypes circulate in both India and Brazil?**
 - DENV-1, DENV-2, DENV-3 and DENV-4.
- **What are type-specific antibodies in dengue infection/vaccination?**
 - Antibodies that provide strong protection against a particular dengue serotype.
- **What major immunological concern has been raised regarding dengue vaccination?**
 - Antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE).

SHIGELLOSIS – KERALA

- **What is shigellosis also known as?**
 - Bacillary dysentery.
- **What causes shigellosis?**
 - Shigella, a Gram-negative bacterium.
- **Who first identified the Shigella bacterium?**
 - Kiyoshi Shiga in 1897.
- **How does shigellosis primarily spread?**
 - Through the faeco-oral route.
- **Which age group is particularly vulnerable to severe shigellosis?**
 - Children below five years of age.

HISTORY & CULTURE

PANDIT IYOTHEE THASS – SOCIAL REFORM

- **Who was Pandit Iyothee Thass?**
 - A pioneering social reformer, anti-caste activist, thinker and early leader of the **Dalit Buddhist movement in South India**.
- **On which occasion were tributes paid to Pandit Iyothee Thass?**
 - His **181st birth anniversary**, observed on 20 May.
- **What were the major social causes championed by Iyothee Thass?**
 - Social justice, opposition to caste discrimination and untouchability, and Buddhist revival.
- **Which organisation did Iyothee Thass establish to promote Buddhism in Madras?**
 - Sakya Buddhist Society.
- **Which organisation did he use to organise members of the Depressed Classes?**
 - Advaidananda Sabha.
- **Which organisation was led by Iyothee Thass to represent oppressed communities?**
 - Dravida Mahajana Sabha.
- **Which Tamil journal was launched by Iyothee Thass in 1907?**
 - Oru Paisa Tamizhan.

BIRSA MUNDA – TRIBAL FREEDOM MOVEMENT

- **On which occasion did the Prime Minister pay tribute to Birsa Munda?**
 - Martyr's Day, 9 June.
- **Who was Birsa Munda?**
 - A tribal freedom fighter, socio-religious reformer and folk hero of the **Munda tribe** of the Chotanagpur region.
- **Which tribal movement was led by Birsa Munda?**
 - The Ulgulan (Great Tumult) movement.
- **Which earlier movement influenced Birsa Munda's Ulgulan movement?**
 - The Sardari Larai (Sardar Movement).
- **What was the famous slogan associated with Birsa Munda?**
 - "Abua Raj Ete Jana, Maharani Raj Tundu Jana."
- **What does "Abua Raj Ete Jana, Maharani Raj Tundu Jana" mean?**
 - "Let our rule be established and the Queen's rule end."

V. V. S. AIYAR – FREEDOM FIGHTER & TAMIL SCHOLAR

- **On which occasion did the Vice President pay tribute to V. V. S. Aiyar?**
 - His death anniversary, 3 June.
- **Who was V. V. S. Aiyar?**
 - A freedom fighter, revolutionary, scholar and pioneer of **modern Tamil literature**.
- **Which revolutionary organisation in London was V. V. S. Aiyar associated with?**
 - India House and the Abhinav Bharat Society.
- **Which Tamil newspaper did V. V. S. Aiyar edit?**
 - Desabhaktan.
- **Why is V. V. S. Aiyar called the "Father of the Tamil Short Story"?**
 - He pioneered modern Tamil fiction, notably through Mangayarkkarasiyin Kaadhal.
- **Which short story of V. V. S. Aiyar is considered a landmark in Tamil literature?**
 - Kulathangarai Arasamaram.

JANJATI SANSKRITIK SAMAGAM

- **What was the 'Janjati Sanskritik Samagam' described as by the Union Home Minister?**
 - A "Janjatiya Mahakumbh", held at Delhi's Red Fort.

BOOKS

- **What book on P. N. Panicker was released by the Vice President?**
 - "The Library Man of India: The Story of P. N. Panicker."
- **Who was P. N. Panicker?**

- A renowned librarian, educationist and social reformer from Kerala, popularly known as the “Father of the Library Movement in Kerala.”
- **What is the title of Shubhanshu Shukla’s memoir?**
 - “The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man. Dreams of 1.4 Billion Hearts.”
- **What does Shubhanshu Shukla’s memoir chronicle?**
 - His journey from astronaut training to becoming the first Indian to visit the International Space Station (ISS).

79TH CANNES FILM FESTIVAL 2026

- **Who won the Palme d’Or at the 79th Cannes Film Festival?**
 - Cristian Mungiu for his film Fjord.
- **Which film won the Best Director award (ex-aequo)?**
 - Fatherland by Paweł Pawlikowski and La Bola Negra by Javier Calvo and Javier Ambrossi.
- **Which film won the Best Screenplay award?**
 - Notre Salut, directed by Emmanuel Marre.
- **Who won the Best Actor award at Cannes 2026?**
 - Emmanuel Macchia and Valentin Campagne for Coward.
- **Who won the Best Actress award at Cannes 2026?**
 - Virginie Efira and Tao Okamoto for Soudain.
- **Which Nepali film won the Un Certain Regard Jury Prize at Cannes 2026?**
 - Elephants in the Fog.
- **Who wrote and directed Elephants in the Fog?**
 - Abinash Bikram Shah, marking his feature directorial debut.
- **What was the significance of Elephants in the Fog at Cannes 2026?**
 - It became the first Nepali film to receive an award at Cannes.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES & SOCIAL WELFARE

CSIR SMART VILLAGE INITIATIVE – KUSUNPUR, ODISHA

- **Which organisation is implementing AI-driven technologies in Kusunpur village, Odisha, under the Smart Village Initiative?**
 - Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- **What is the primary objective of the CSIR’s Smart Village Initiative in Kusunpur?**
 - To address human-animal conflict, improve rural livelihoods and promote inclusive rural development.
- **Which AI-based system is being introduced in Kusunpur to reduce human-animal conflicts?**
 - An AI-enabled wild animal detection and alert system, particularly targeting crocodile-related incidents.

- **What does the Smart Village Initiative seek to integrate for rural transformation?**
 - Science, technology, innovation and sustainable infrastructure.

PM SVANIDHI SCHEME – FINANCIAL INCLUSION OF STREET VENDORS

- **When was the PM SVANidhi scheme launched?**
 - 1 June 2020.
- **Which ministry launched the PM SVANidhi scheme?**
 - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in collaboration with the Department of Financial Services.
- **What type of scheme is PM SVANidhi?**
 - A Central Sector micro-credit scheme providing collateral-free working capital loans through formal banking channels.
- **What are the three progressive loan tranches under PM SVANidhi?**
 - ₹15,000, ₹25,000 and ₹50,000.
- **What interest subsidy is provided under PM SVANidhi?**
 - 7% interest subsidy on the loan.

VB-G RAM G ACT, 2025 – RURAL EMPLOYMENT FRAMEWORK

- **Which Act is set to replace MGNREGA from July 2026?**
 - Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (VB-G RAM G) Act, 2025.
- **What funding model does VB-G RAM G propose in place of MGNREGA's demand-driven model?**
 - A normative allocation system with a spending ceiling for States.
- **On what basis will the central allocation under VB-G RAM G be determined?**
 - An objective formula based on the 16th Finance Commission's horizontal devolution criteria.
- **Which criterion receives the highest weightage in the VB-G RAM G allocation formula?**
 - GSDP distance – 42.5%.
- **What weightage is assigned to population under the proposed allocation formula?**
 - 17.5%.

PMSMA – SURAKSHIT MATRITVA ABHIYAAN

- **What is the full form of PMSMA?**
 - Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan.
- **When was PMSMA launched?**
 - 9 June 2016.
- **Which ministry implements PMSMA?**
 - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- **What is the main objective of PMSMA?**
 - To ensure safe pregnancy and healthy motherhood through quality antenatal care.

- **What was the theme of the 10-year celebration of PMSMA?**
 - “10 Years of PMSMA – A Decade of Care.”

SARTHAK-PDS SCHEME

- **What is the objective of the SARTHAK-PDS Scheme?**
 - To strengthen the Public Distribution System (PDS) through financial assistance and technology-driven reforms.
- **Which Finance Commission period will SARTHAK-PDS continue during?**
 - The award period of the 16th Finance Commission.

BHAVYA PORTAL

- **What is the BHAVYA Portal associated with?**
 - Implementation of the **BHAVYA scheme** for developing industrial infrastructure.
- **What is the main objective of the BHAVYA scheme?**
 - To develop **100 investment-ready, world-class industrial parks** across India.
- **Which ministry launched the BHAVYA Portal?**
 - Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

MISSION SENEHJORI

- **What is Mission Senehjori?**
 - A cluster-based development programme for the Muga silk sector.
- **Which ministry launched Mission Senehjori?**
 - Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) in collaboration with the Government of Assam, Central Silk Board and other stakeholders.

NAVACHAR MANTRA

- **What is Navachar Mantra?**
 - A flagship programme to identify and support grassroots innovators.
- **Which ministry launched Navachar Mantra?**
 - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- **Which organisations are implementing Navachar Mantra?**
 - NIESBUD, in partnership with FITT, IIT Delhi.

PM-AJAY

- **Which ministry launched the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App?**
 - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

- **What is the objective of the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App?**
 - To digitise grassroots implementation and monitoring of the PM-AJAY scheme.
- **What is the main objective of PM-AJAY?**
 - To improve the socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Caste (SC) communities.
- **What type of scheme is PM-AJAY?**
 - A Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

SAMADHAN DIDI

- **What is ‘Samadhan Didi’?**
 - An AI-enabled CPGRAMS voice chatbot designed to improve public grievance redressal.
- **Who launched the ‘Samadhan Didi’ AI chatbot?**
 - Union Minister Jitendra Singh.

REPORTS & INDICES

SIPRI YEARBOOK

- **Which institute released the SIPRI Yearbook 2026?**
 - Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
- **What was India’s position among the world’s military spenders in 2025?**
 - Fifth-largest military spender, with defence expenditure increasing by 8.9% over 2024.
- **What was India’s position among major arms importers?**
 - Second-largest importer, accounting for 8.2% of global major arms imports.

GLOBAL PEACE INDEX 2026

- **What was India’s rank in the Global Peace Index 2026?**
 - 127th out of 163 countries, down from 115th in 2025.
- **Which country remained the world’s most peaceful country in the Global Peace Index 2026?**
 - Iceland.

LPPI

- **Which ministry released the Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI) for FY 2024–25?**
 - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- **Which port topped the Dry Bulk category in the LPPI?**
 - Paradip Port Authority, Odisha.
- **Which port topped the Liquid Bulk category in the LPPI?**
 - Sikka Port and Terminals, Gujarat.

- Which port topped the Container Cargo category in the LPPI?
– Mundra Port, Gujarat.

PRISON STATISTICS INDIA REPORT

- Which organisation released the Prison Statistics India Report 2024?
– National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- How many prisons and what sanctioned capacity did India have as of 2024?
– 1,333 prisons with a sanctioned capacity of approximately 4.53 lakh inmates.
- Which State/UT recorded the highest prison occupancy rate in 2024?
– Delhi – 194.6%, followed by Meghalaya (163.5%), Jammu & Kashmir (148.3%) and Madhya Pradesh (147.1%).
- Which two regions showed notable changes in prison overcrowding?
– Jammu & Kashmir witnessed a sharp rise, while Chhattisgarh significantly reduced overcrowding.

NFHS-6

- Which ministry released the NFHS-6 findings?
– Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- What percentage of births were institutional deliveries according to NFHS-6?
– 90.6%.
- What was the postnatal care coverage for newborns within two days of birth?
– 85.3%.
- What was the full immunisation coverage among children aged 12–23 months?
– 87.1%, up from 83.8%.
- What is India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) according to NFHS-6?
– 2.0, below the replacement-level fertility rate of 2.1.
- What improvements were observed in child malnutrition under NFHS-6?
– Stunting: 29.3%; severe wasting: 5.2%; underweight: 31.8%.

SAMPLE REGISTRATION SURVEY (SRS) BULLETIN 2024

- What was India's birth rate according to the SRS Bulletin 2024?
– 18.3 per 1,000 population.
- What was India's death rate according to the SRS Bulletin 2024?
– 6.4 per 1,000 population, down from 6.7.
- What was India's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) according to SRS 2024?
– 24 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- How did rural and urban birth rates compare in SRS 2024?
– Rural: 20.2; Urban: 14.7 per 1,000 population.

- **How did rural and urban IMR compare?**
 - Rural IMR: 27; Urban IMR: 17 per 1,000 live births.
- **Which States recorded the best demographic indicators?**
 - Kerala, followed by Tamil Nadu.

PANCHAYAT ADVANCEMENT INDEX

- **Which initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj won the Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026?**
 - Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI).
- **What award did the Panchayat Advancement Index receive?**
 - The Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026.

AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS & HONOURS

PADMA AWARDS 2026

- **Who conferred the Padma Awards 2026?**
 - President Droupadi Murmu.
- **How many Padma Awards were approved for 2026?**
 - 131 awards: 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri.
- **Who were the recipients of Padma Vibhushan 2026?**
 - Dharmendra Singh Deol (Posthumous), K. T. Thomas, N. Rajam, P. Narayanan and V. S. Achuthanandan (Posthumous).
- **Which Padma Vibhushan 2026 recipient was honoured for Public Affairs from Kerala?**
 - K. T. Thomas and V. S. Achuthanandan (Posthumous).
- **Which Padma Vibhushan recipient was honoured for Art from Uttar Pradesh?**
 - N. Rajam.
- **Which Padma Bhushan recipients were honoured for Art?**
 - Alka Yagnik, Mammooty and Piyush Pandey (Posthumous).
- **Which Padma Bhushan recipient was honoured for Sports?**
 - Vijay Amritraj.
- **Which Padma Bhushan recipient was honoured for Trade & Industry?**
 - Uday Kotak.
- **Which Padma Bhushan recipient was honoured for Medicine from the USA?**
 - Nori Dattatreya.

GALLANTRY AWARDS

- **How many Gallantry Awards were presented by the President during the Defence Investiture Ceremony?**

- 51 Gallantry Awards, including 7 Kirti Chakras, 15 Vir Chakras and 29 Shaurya Chakras.
- **How many Gallantry Awards were announced in 2026?**
 - 70 Gallantry Awards.

SANSAD RATNA AWARDS 2026

- **Who were selected for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2026?**
 - Rajya Sabha MP Medha Kulkarni and Lok Sabha MP Smita Uday Wagh for their parliamentary performance.
- **When were the Sansad Ratna Awards instituted and by whom?**
 - Instituted in 2010 by the Prime Point Foundation, based on an idea suggested by former President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.

GODDARD ASTRONAUTICS AWARD

- **Which Indian space mission received the 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award?**
 - Chandrayaan-3, for its outstanding contribution to lunar exploration.

INTERNATIONAL BOOKER PRIZE 2026

- **Which novel won the International Booker Prize 2026?**
 - Taiwan Travelogue.
- **Who wrote Taiwan Travelogue?**
 - Taiwanese author Yáng Shuāng-zǐ.
- **Who translated Taiwan Travelogue into English?**
 - Lin King.
- **In which language was Taiwan Travelogue originally written?**
 - Mandarin Chinese.

EARTH PRIZE 2026

- **Who won The Earth Prize 2026 from India?**
 - Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal and Avyana Mehta.
- **What is “Plas-Stick” developed by the Earth Prize winners?**
 - An innovative solution that uses tamarind seed waste to remove microplastics from water.

APPOINTMENTS & AWARDS

- **Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia?**
 - Vipul, a 1998-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer.
- **Who became the first Indian to win the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026?**
 - Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik.

- **Where was the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026 awarded?**
 - At the II International Festival of Sand Sculpture in the Kaliningrad Region of Russia.
- **Who were elected as Fellows of the Royal Society (FRS) from India?**
 - Soumya Swaminathan and Manindra Agrawal.
- **What is significant about Soumya Swaminathan's election as an FRS?**
 - She and her father, M. S. Swaminathan, became the first father-daughter duo from India to be elected Fellows of the Royal Society.
- **Who was the first Indian woman scientist to be elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society?**
 - Gagandeep Kang.
- **Why was Manindra Agrawal elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society?**
 - For his outstanding contributions to theoretical computer science, particularly the AKS primality test (2002).
- **Who received the 2025 UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award from India?**
 - Major Abhilasha Barak, an Indian peacekeeper serving with UNIFIL in Lebanon.
- **Who has been appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court as the second woman directly elevated from the Bar?**
 - Venkita Mohana.
- **Who was the first woman directly elevated from the Bar to the Supreme Court?**
 - Indu Malhotra, in 2018.
- **Who became the first woman officer in the IAF to obtain the CAT-A QFI qualification?**
 - Squadron Leader Saanya.
- **Who was appointed Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions?**
 - Raghav Chadha.
- **Who briefly became the world's first trillionaire according to Bloomberg?**
 - Elon Musk
- **Who was elected President of the 81st session of the UN General Assembly?**
 - Khalilur Rahman, Bangladesh's Foreign Minister.
- **What is the theme of the 81st UNGA session?**
 - “Restoring Trust, Managing Transformation: A United Nations that Delivers for All.”

IMPORTANT DAYS

IMPORTANT DAYS & THEMES – JUNE 2026

- **When is World No Tobacco Day observed and what was the 2026 theme?**
 - 31 May — “Unmasking the Appeal: Countering Nicotine and Tobacco Addiction.”
- **When is World Milk Day observed and what was the 2026 theme?**
 - 1 June — “Celebrating Women Farmers.”

- **When is World Environment Day observed and what was the 2026 theme?**
– 5 June — “Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future.”
- **When is World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought observed and what was the 2026 theme?**
– 17 June — “Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore.”
- **When is World Sickle Cell Day observed and what was the 2026 theme?**
– 19 June — “Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Disease.”
- **When is World Refugee Day observed and what was the 2026 theme?**
– 20 June — “Until Everyone Is Safe.”

PLACES IN NEWS

KERALA

- **Where was Kerala’s first private medical museum inaugurated?**
– Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, showcasing the history and evolution of medical science and healthcare practices.
- **Which Indian state became the first to establish a dedicated AI portfolio in its state government?**
– Kerala.
- **What is Project Zero launched by Kerala?**
– A comprehensive anti-corruption initiative promoting transparency, accountability and ethical governance through a zero-tolerance approach to corruption.

SIKKIM

- **Which state became India’s fifth fully literate state under the ULLAS programme?**
– Sikkim.
- **What does ULLAS stand for?**
– Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society.
- **Which states were declared fully literate before Sikkim?**
– Mizoram, Goa, Tripura and Himachal Pradesh.

JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN BIRD SANCTUARY

- **Which bird sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh became India’s 100th Ramsar Site?**
– Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Ballia.
- **What is India’s global rank in the number of Ramsar Sites?**
– Third, after the United Kingdom (176) and Mexico (144).

TRIPURA

- **What is Mission Queen Pineapple launched by Tripura?**
 - An initiative to promote the GI-tagged Queen Pineapple in domestic and international markets.

HYDERABAD

- **What is the CHIRAG Centre established by Indian Railways in Hyderabad?**
 - A centre to modernise human resource management using AI and digital technologies.
- **What functions will the CHIRAG Centre streamline?**
 - Employee management, performance monitoring and policy implementation.

JAMMU

- **Where was India's seventh Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) inaugurated?**
 - Jammu.
- **Where are the six earlier IMD Regional Meteorological Centres located?**
 - Mumbai, Chennai, New Delhi, Kolkata, Nagpur and Guwahati.

LAKE CHAD BASIN

- **Which organisation has emerged as the most influential jihadist group in the Lake Chad Basin?**
 - Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP).
- **Which countries are part of the Lake Chad Basin?**
 - Parts of Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon and Benin.
- **What is the geographical significance of the Lake Chad Basin?**
 - It is a major transboundary drainage basin in Central and West Africa, covering nearly 8% of Africa's land area.

SPORTS

SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS 2026

- **Which team won the IPL 2026 title?**
 - Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), defeating Gujarat Titans (GT) in the final at Ahmedabad.
- **Who was named Player of the Match in the IPL 2026 final?**
 - Virat Kohli.
- **Who won the Orange Cap in IPL 2026?**
 - Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, with 776 runs.

- **Who won the Purple Cap in IPL 2026?**
 - Kagiso Rabada, with 29 wickets.
- **Who won the Emerging Player of the Season award in IPL 2026?**
 - Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (RR).
- **Who won the Super Striker, Super Sixes and Most Valuable Player awards in IPL 2026?**
 - Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (RR).
- **Which team received the IPL 2026 Fair Play Award?**
 - Punjab Kings.
- **Who set a new world record in the F64 javelin throw category?**
 - Indian Paralympic athlete Sumit Antil, with a throw of 74.82 metres.
- **Who set a new national record in the men's 100m at the Athletics Federation Cup 2026?**
 - Gurindervir Singh, with a time of 10.09 seconds.
- **Which country topped the medal tally at the World Yogasana Championship 2026?**
 - India, with 114 medals: 102 Gold, 9 Silver and 3 Bronze.
- **Who became the first footballer to receive the Princess of Asturias Award?**
 - Argentine football icon Lionel Messi.
- **What was the theme of the Ahmedabad edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle?**
 - “A New Icon for a Fitter India – Pedalling to 2030.”
- **Who became the youngest Indian woman to win a WTT Feeder Women's Singles title?**
 - Divyanshi Bhowmick, at Prishtina, Kosovo.
- **Who broke Chris Gayle's record for the most sixes in a single IPL season?**
 - Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, with 72 sixes in IPL 2026.
- **Who became the first Indian to win the Norway Chess Tournament 2026?**
 - Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa.
- **Whom did R. Praggnanandhaa defeat in the final round of Norway Chess 2026?**
 - Vincent Keymer of Germany.
- **Who became the World No. 1 Under-13 tennis player?**
 - Indian tennis prodigy Srishti Kiran.
- **Which country won the SAFF Women's Championship 2026?**
 - India, defeating Bangladesh in the final.
- **How many times has India won the SAFF Women's Championship?**
 - Six times, the highest number of titles by any team in the tournament.
- **Who won the 2026 French Open men's singles title?**
 - Alexander Zverev of Germany, defeating Flavio Cobolli of Italy.