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POLITY, GOVERNANCE & JUDICIARY

FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT IN MANIPUR

- **Who has assumed office as the Chief Minister of Manipur after the end of President's Rule?**
– Yumnam Khemchand Singh.
- **Yumnam Khemchand Singh represents which Assembly constituency in Manipur?**
– Singjamei Assembly Constituency.
- **Who became the first woman and first Kuki-Zo Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur?**
– Nemcha Kipgen.
- **Losii Dikho, appointed as Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur, represents which community?**
– Naga community.
- **Under which Article of the Indian Constitution is President's Rule imposed in a state?**
– Article 356.
- **Which three major ethnic communities are represented in the new Manipur government?**
– Meitei, Kuki-Zo and Naga communities.

KALPETTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT – INDIA'S FIRST FULLY PAPERLESS DISTRICT COURT

- **Which district court has become India's first fully paperless district court?**
– Kalpetta Judicial District, Wayanad, Kerala.
- **Who virtually inaugurated the fully paperless court system of Kalpetta Judicial District?**
– Chief Justice of India Surya Kant.
- **Which digital platform has been developed for the paperless functioning of Kalpetta District Court?**
– District Court Case Management System (DCMS).
- **Which organisation developed the District Court Case Management System (DCMS)?**
– IT Department of the Kerala High Court.
- **What is the major objective of converting Kalpetta District Court into a fully paperless court?**
– To enhance judicial efficiency, reduce litigation costs, ensure faster access to justice, and promote green jurisprudence.
- **Which technology-based assistance tools are integrated into the DCMS platform?**
– AI-based judicial assistance tools for case summaries, annotation, query handling, and digital record support.

NIVEDITA DUBEY – APPOINTMENT TO AAI BOARD 2026

- **Who has become the first woman officer to be appointed to the Board of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?**
– Nivedita Dubey.

- **What position has Nivedita Dubey assumed on the AAI Board?**
 - Member (Human Resources).
- **What is the rank of the Member (Human Resources) position in the AAI Board?**
 - It is the second-highest position on the AAI Board.
- **When did Nivedita Dubey begin her career with the Airports Authority of India?**
 - In 1995, as a management trainee.
- **Which major airport has Nivedita Dubey served as an airport manager?**
 - Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.
- **Which regional position did Nivedita Dubey hold before joining the AAI Board?**
 - Regional Executive Director (Eastern Region).
- **What are the key responsibilities of Nivedita Dubey as Member (Human Resources) on the AAI Board?**
 - Policy formulation, personnel management, industrial relations and administration.

THANYA NATHAN – KERALA'S FIRST BLIND WOMAN JUDGE

- **Who is set to become Kerala's first visually challenged woman judge?**
 - Thanya Nathan.
- **What is historically significant about Thanya Nathan's achievement?**
 - She is set to become the first completely blind woman to be appointed as a judge in Kerala's judiciary.
- **Which landmark development strengthened judicial opportunities for visually impaired candidates?**
 - A 2025 Supreme Court ruling affirming that visually impaired candidates cannot be excluded from eligibility for judicial service.
- **Which Constitutional Articles support the principles of equality and equal opportunity relevant to her appointment?**
 - Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Indian Constitution.
- **What is the broader significance of Thanya Nathan's achievement?**
 - It promotes inclusivity and equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in the judiciary and legal profession.

KERALA TO BE RENAMED "KERALAM" – 2026

- **What new name has been proposed for the state of Kerala?**
 - Keralam.
- **Why has the name "Keralam" been proposed for the state?**
 - "Keralam" is the native Malayalam name of the state and has been in continuous linguistic and cultural use.
- **Which ancient historical reference is associated with the name of Kerala?**
 - "Keralaputra", mentioned in Emperor Ashoka's Rock Edict II (257 BCE), referring to the Chera dynasty.

- Which Article of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to alter the name of an existing state?
– Article 3.
- What is the voting requirement in Parliament for a Bill changing the name of a state?
– It requires a simple majority of members present and voting in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- Which Constitutional Schedules would need to be updated after the renaming of Kerala?
– The **First Schedule**, which lists the states and Union Territories, and the **Fourth Schedule**, which deals with the allocation of seats in the Rajya Sabha.

MUKHYAMANTRI GRAMOTTHAN YOJANA

- Which state has launched the Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana?
– Gujarat.
- Who launched the Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana?
– Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.
- At which village and district was the Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana launched?
– Bhadran village, Anand district.
- Under the Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana, how many villages will receive Gram Panchayat buildings-cum-Talati residences?
– 2,666 villages.
- What is the total sanctioned outlay for the Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana?
– ₹663 crore.
- What is the primary objective of the Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana?
– To strengthen rural governance and provide urban-like infrastructure and services in villages.

SEVA TEERTH AND KARTAVYA BHAVAN 2026

- Who inaugurated Seva Teerth and Kartavya Bhavan in New Delhi in February 2026?
– Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- What is Seva Teerth primarily intended to house?
– The Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
- From which historic building has the Prime Minister's Office shifted to Seva Teerth?
– South Block.
- What is the primary purpose of Kartavya Bhavan?
– To accommodate key **Union Ministries** and improve inter-ministerial coordination and administrative efficiency.
- Which larger infrastructure project includes Seva Teerth and Kartavya Bhavan?
– The Central Vista project.
- What does the establishment of Seva Teerth symbolise in India's governance framework?
– A shift towards **service-oriented and citizen-centric governance**.

- **What are the key features of Seva Teerth and Kartavya Bhavan in terms of infrastructure?**
 - They are **energy-efficient and eco-friendly buildings** incorporating green building standards and modern safety features.
- **What broader administrative transformation is represented by the relocation of the PMO to Seva Teerth?**
 - A transition from **colonial-era administrative infrastructure to modern, India-centric governance spaces.**

DEFENCE & SECURITY

CAPTAIN HANSJA SHARMA – FIRST WOMAN RUDRA HELICOPTER PILOT

- **Who became the first woman pilot in the Indian Army to qualify to fly the Rudra Armed Helicopter?**
 - Captain Hansja Sharma.
- **The Rudra Armed Helicopter is an armed variant of which helicopter?**
 - Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH).
- **Which organisation developed the Rudra Armed Helicopter?**
 - Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- **The Rudra Armed Helicopter is primarily designed for which two major operational roles?**
 - Close Air Support (CAS) and high-altitude warfare.
- **Which landmark decision paved the way for women to serve as Army Aviation Corps pilots?**
 - The 2021 decision allowing women into the Army Aviation Corps as pilots.
- **The Rudra Armed Helicopter is equipped with which major weapon systems?**
 - 20 mm turret gun, 70 mm rockets, and anti-tank guided missiles.

OPERATION SHASTRA

- **Which police force launched ‘Operation Shastra’ to curb the glorification of weapons on social media?**
 - Delhi Police.
- **What is the primary objective of Operation Shastra?**
 - To prevent the glorification and normalisation of firearms and weapons on social media and enhance public safety.
- **Which units of the Delhi Police are primarily involved in implementing Operation Shastra?**
 - Cyber units and field teams.
- **What technological approach is used under Operation Shastra to identify weapon-related content?**
 - Digital scanning and behavioural analysis of publicly available social media content.

- **Under Operation Shastra, authorities primarily monitored which type of online content?**
 - Social media posts and short-form videos displaying guns, knives, or other weapons.
- **Operation Shastra combines which two approaches to address emerging threats?**
 - Online surveillance and on-ground policing.
- **Which section of society is the campaign particularly aimed at discouraging from sharing or glorifying weapon-related content?**
 - Youth.

ANTI-DRONE SECURITY SYSTEM AT VOC PORT

- **Which port has become the first in India to initiate the deployment of an advanced Anti-Drone Security System?**
 - V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOC Port), Tamil Nadu.
- **The advanced Anti-Drone Security System deployed at VOC Port integrates which key technologies?**
 - Radar, Radio Frequency (RF) detection, and optical tracking technologies.
- **What is the primary objective of deploying the Anti-Drone Security System at VOC Port?**
 - To strengthen maritime security by detecting, monitoring, and responding to unauthorized drone activities.
- **In which state is the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOC Port) located?**
 - Tamil Nadu.
- **The deployment of the Anti-Drone Security System at VOC Port is primarily aimed at protecting what?**
 - Critical maritime infrastructure, trade routes, and port assets.
- **Which emerging threats does the Anti-Drone Security System seek to counter?**
 - Espionage, smuggling, and unauthorized or accidental drone incursions.
- **VOC Port's Anti-Drone Security System marks a significant advancement in which sector?**
 - Port and maritime security.

INDIA'S MAJOR MARITIME EVENTS 2026 (IFR, MILAN & IONS)

- **For the first time, India is simultaneously hosting which three major international maritime events in 2026?**
 - International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026, Exercise MILAN 2026, and Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs.
- **Where are the three major maritime events being conducted in 2026?**
 - Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Visakhapatnam is the headquarters of which command of the Indian Navy?**
 - Eastern Naval Command.
- **Who will review the fleet during the International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026?**
 - President Droupadi Murmu.

- **Exercise MILAN is organised by which organisation?**
– Indian Navy.
 - **What is the primary objective of Exercise MILAN?**
– To enhance maritime cooperation through professional exchanges, tactical drills, and collaborative naval operations among participating countries.
 - **India has assumed the chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) for which period?**
– 2025–2027.
 - **Which of the following statements regarding the 2026 maritime events is/are correct?**
 - International Fleet Review highlights India's indigenous naval shipbuilding capability.
 - Exercise MILAN is a multilateral naval exercise conducted by the Indian Navy.
 - IONS focuses on regional maritime security cooperation.
- Select the correct answer:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 3
 - (d) 1 and 3 only
- Ans: (c) 1, 2 and 3**

PNB SOLDIERATHON 2026

- **Which bank has announced the PNB Soldierathon 2026?**
– Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- **Which edition of the PNB Soldierathon is being organised in 2026?**
– The **second edition**.
- **When is the PNB Soldierathon 2026 scheduled to be held?**
– April 2026.
- **Where was the PNB Soldierathon 2026 announced?**
– At the PNB corporate office in Dwarka, New Delhi.
- **What is the official theme of the PNB Soldierathon 2026?**
– “Run with Soldiers, Run for Soldiers.”
- **What is the main objective of the PNB Soldierathon 2026?**
– To promote **fitness, healthy lifestyle, national unity and civil-military connect**.
- **Who are the key participants targeted by the PNB Soldierathon 2026?**
– Serving soldiers, veterans, youth and citizens from across India.
- **The PNB Soldierathon 2026 is being organised as part of celebrations leading up to which milestone of Punjab National Bank?**
– The bank's **132nd Foundation Day**.
- **What does the theme “Run with Soldiers, Run for Soldiers” emphasise?**
– It highlights respect for the **Indian Armed Forces** and aims to strengthen the bond between **citizens and defence personnel**.

INDIA-THAILAND JOINT IN-SITU AIR EXERCISE 2026

- Which two countries are conducting the joint in-situ air exercise?
– India and Thailand.
- Which two air forces are participating in the joint in-situ air exercise?
– The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the **Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF)**.
- What is an in-situ air exercise?
– It is a joint training operation conducted under **realistic flight and combat-relevant conditions**, allowing forces to operate together in operational environments.
- Which frontline fighter aircraft has India deployed for the exercise?
– **Su-30MKI** fighter aircraft.
- Which force-multiplier platforms has the Indian Air Force deployed in the exercise?
– AWACS, AEW&C platforms and IL-78 mid-air refuelling aircraft.
- Which fighter aircraft is being operated by the Royal Thai Air Force during the exercise?
– Gripen multirole fighter aircraft.
- What is the primary objective of the India-Thailand joint in-situ air exercise?
– To enhance **operational coordination, interoperability and mutual understanding** in aerial operations.
- What advanced capabilities are demonstrated through the participation of AWACS, AEW&C and IL-78 aircraft?
– Surveillance, airborne command and control, and extended mission endurance capabilities.
- Which Indian foreign-policy initiative provides a broader framework for India's defence cooperation with Thailand?
– India's **Act East Policy**.
- Which Thai foreign-policy initiative complements India's Act East Policy in strengthening bilateral defence cooperation?
– Thailand's **Act West Policy**.

WATERJET PRODUCTION AND TESTING FACILITY – GOA 2026

- Which organisation inaugurated the Waterjet Production and Testing Facility in Goa?
– The Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- Who inaugurated the state-of-the-art Waterjet Production and Testing Facility in Goa?
– Paramesh Sivamani, Director General of the Indian Coast Guard.
- When was the Waterjet Production and Testing Facility inaugurated?
– February 2026.
- In partnership with which company has the Waterjet Production and Testing Facility been established?
– M/s Marine Jet Power (MJP) India.
- Under which framework was the Waterjet Production and Testing Facility developed?
– The Manufacturing and Transfer of Technology (ToT) framework.

- **What is the primary purpose of the Waterjet Production and Testing Facility?**
 - To enable indigenous production, testing, maintenance and sustainment of waterjet propulsion systems in India.
- **India became the third country globally to host an advanced waterjet production and testing facility. Which are the other two countries?**
 - The United States and South Korea.
- **How many MJP waterjet propulsion systems does the Indian Coast Guard currently operate on its vessels?**
 - More than 100 MJP waterjet propulsion systems.

INS KRISHNA – FIRST INDIGENOUS CADET TRAINING SHIP 2026

- **What is the name of the Indian Navy's first indigenously designed and built Cadet Training Ship (CTS)?**
 - Krishna.
- **Where was the Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna' launched?**
 - At the L&T Shipyard in Kattupalli, Chennai.
- **Which company is constructing the Cadet Training Ships for the Indian Navy?**
 - Larsen & Toubro (L&T).
- **How many Cadet Training Ships are being constructed by L&T for the Indian Navy?**
 - Three Cadet Training Ships.
- **How many cadets and officers can the Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna' accommodate?**
 - 150 cadets and officers.
- **Who launched the Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna'?**
 - Anupama Chauhan, spouse of Chief of Defence Staff **General Anil Chauhan**.
- **What modern systems are incorporated into the Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna'?**
 - Modern navigation, communication and safety systems, enabling cadets to gain hands-on experience with advanced maritime technology.
- **When is the Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna' expected to be delivered to the Indian Navy?**
 - By the end of 2026.

ECONOMY, INDUSTRY & FINANCE

SBI 'CHAKRA' CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

- **What is the name of the Centre of Excellence launched by the State Bank of India (SBI) to support financing of sunrise sectors?**
 - CHAKRA.
- **What is the primary objective of SBI's CHAKRA Centre of Excellence?**
 - To support financing of sunrise sectors and catalyse capital expenditure in future-ready industries.

- **By which year does SBI's CHAKRA initiative aim to catalyse capital expenditure of over ₹100 lakh crore?**
– 2030.
- **Which eight sunrise sectors are the focus of SBI's CHAKRA Centre of Excellence?**
– Green Energy, Green Hydrogen & Ammonia, Decarbonisation, Semiconductors, Data Centre Infrastructure, Smart Infrastructure, Electric Mobility (E-mobility), and Advanced Cell Chemistry (ACC)/Battery Storage.
- **How many domestic and global financial institutions have signed MoUs with SBI under the CHAKRA initiative?**
– 21 institutions.
- **Which two Japanese banks have partnered with SBI under the CHAKRA initiative?**
– MUFG and SMBC.

NATIONAL SHIPBUILDING & HEAVY INDUSTRIES PARK (NSHIP), TAMIL NADU

- **What is the name of India's first Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) established to develop a mega shipbuilding cluster?**
– National Shipbuilding & Heavy Industries Park, Tamil Nadu (NSHIP, TN).
- **NSHIP, Tamil Nadu is a joint venture between which two organisations?**
– V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA) and the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT).
- **India's first mega shipbuilding cluster under NSHIP will be developed at which location?**
– Thoothukudi (Tuticorin), Tamil Nadu.
- **What is the total planned annual shipbuilding capacity of the NSHIP cluster?**
– Approximately 1.2 million Gross Tonnage (GT) per annum.
- **Approximately how many acres have been earmarked exclusively for shipyards under the NSHIP project?**
– 1,000 acres.
- **The National Shipbuilding & Heavy Industries Park (NSHIP) is expected to generate employment for approximately how many people?**
– Over 55,000 people.

TAMIL NADU DEEP TECH STARTUP POLICY 2025–26

- **Which state launched India's first dedicated Deep Tech Startup Policy?**
– Tamil Nadu.
- **At which summit was the Deep Tech Startup Policy 2025–26 launched?**
– UimagineTN 2026 summit, Chennai.
- **Who launched the Tamil Nadu Deep Tech Startup Policy 2025–26?**
– Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

- **Which agency will coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the Deep Tech Startup Policy in Tamil Nadu?**
 - Tamil Nadu Technology (iTNT) Hub.
- **How many deep tech startups does the policy aim to support and how much investment does it plan to mobilise over five years?**
 - Support 100 deep tech startups and mobilise ₹100 crore in public and private investment.
- **Which key sectors are covered under the Tamil Nadu Deep Tech Startup Policy?**
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI), semiconductors, biotechnology, space technologies, and clean energy.

INDIA'S FIRST INDIGENOUS GREEN UREA PLANT

- **Where will India's first large-scale indigenous green urea plant be developed?**
 - Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Which organisation has signed an MoU with Assago Industries Pvt. Ltd. for developing the green urea plant?**
 - NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL).
- **NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) is a subsidiary of which company?**
 - NTPC Limited.
- **Green urea is produced using which key inputs?**
 - Green hydrogen and renewable energy.
- **What is the major objective of developing the indigenous green urea plant?**
 - To reduce dependence on fossil fuel-based ammonia and imported fertilizers by creating a domestic green urea value chain.
- **The green urea initiative supports which national mission related to clean energy?**
 - National Green Hydrogen Mission under the National Hydrogen Policy.

PLASTINDIA 2026

- **PLASTINDIA 2026, one of the world's largest plastics exhibitions, was held at which venue?**
 - Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- **Which edition of PLASTINDIA was organised in 2026?**
 - 12th edition.
- **PLASTINDIA is organised under the aegis of which ministry?**
 - Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- **What is the theme of PLASTINDIA 2026?**
 - "Bharat Next".
- **Which five strategic pillars form the framework of PLASTINDIA 2026?**
 - Trade, Technology, Talent, Tradition, and Tourism.
- **What unique sustainability initiative was introduced for the first time at PLASTINDIA 2026?**
 - It was organised as a Zero Waste Exhibition with segregation, recycling, and reuse of solid waste generated during the event.

YANTRA INDIA LIMITED (YIL) – MINIRATNA CATEGORY-I STATUS

- Which Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) has been granted Miniratna Category-I status?
– Yantra India Limited (YIL).
- Yantra India Limited (YIL) was formed after the corporatisation of which organisation?
– Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
- In which year was Yantra India Limited (YIL) established?
– 2021 (1 October 2021).
- Yantra India Limited (YIL) functions under which department and ministry?
– Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.
- With Miniratna Category-I status, up to what amount can the Board of Directors of YIL independently approve capital expenditure proposals?
– ₹500 crore.
- Granting Miniratna Category-I status to Yantra India Limited primarily supports which national initiative?
– Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) initiative.

NITI AAYOG'S ASSET BLUEPRINT FOR ANDHRA PRADESH

- Which state is proposed to be transformed into one of India's top three renewable energy hubs by 2035 under NITI Aayog's draft blueprint?
– Andhra Pradesh.
- Under which NITI Aayog platform was the renewable energy transition blueprint for Andhra Pradesh presented?
– ASSET (Accelerating Sustainable State Energy Transition).
- Who presented the ASSET blueprint for Andhra Pradesh?
– NITI Aayog CEO B. V. R. Subrahmanyam.
- By which year does the blueprint aim to make Andhra Pradesh a leading renewable energy producer and exporter?
– 2035.
- Which national renewable energy target does the ASSET blueprint support?
– India's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.
- How much investment has been proposed for transmission infrastructure modernisation under the blueprint?
– ₹65,000–70,000 crore.
- Which major transmission infrastructure components are proposed under the blueprint?
– Green Energy Corridors, GIS substations, and HVDC transmission lines.
- What is the purpose of establishing an 'Energy War Room' under the ASSET blueprint?
– To monitor and track the implementation and progress of the state's renewable energy transition initiatives.

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK & DIGITAL FPI REGISTRATION

- **Which bank became the first custodian in India to facilitate the entire Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) registration process using electronic signatures?**
 - Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- **Which market regulator introduced the unified digital workflow enabling eSign-based FPI registration through the Common Application Form (CAF) portal?**
 - Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- **What major milestone did Kotak Mahindra Bank achieve in India's capital markets?**
 - It enabled the complete FPI registration and account opening process using electronic signatures without physical ("wet") signatures.
- **What is the primary objective of the digital FPI onboarding initiative?**
 - To simplify and accelerate foreign investor registration by reducing paperwork and operational delays.
- **What does the abbreviation FPI stand for?**
 - Foreign Portfolio Investor.
- **Which portal allows the use of digital signatures for FPI registration under SEBI's new framework?**
 - Common Application Form (CAF) portal.
- **Which type of signature has replaced physical "wet signatures" in the new FPI registration process?**
 - Electronic signatures (eSign).
- **The digital FPI registration initiative primarily supports which broader objective?**
 - Enhancing Ease of Doing Business and attracting greater foreign investment into India.
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WALMART – \$1 TRILLION MARKET VALUATION

- **Which company became the first traditional retail corporation to cross a \$1 trillion market valuation?**
 - Walmart.
- **Walmart is headquartered in which country?**
 - United States of America (USA).
- **Walmart is primarily known as what type of company?**
 - A multinational retail corporation operating hypermarkets, discount department stores, and grocery stores.
- **Which subscription service of Walmart contributed to its growth and \$1 trillion valuation?**
 - Walmart+.
- **Walmart's \$1 trillion market valuation reflects the success of which business strategy?**
 - Omni-channel retail strategy integrating physical stores with digital and e-commerce platforms.

- **Walmart joined the trillion-dollar club alongside technology companies such as which of the following?**
 - Nvidia and Alphabet (Google's parent company).
- **Walmart becoming the first traditional retailer to achieve a \$1 trillion market valuation signifies what?**
 - The growing importance of digital transformation and innovation in the retail sector.

BIOFACH 2026 – INDIA AS 'COUNTRY OF THE YEAR'

- **Which country was conferred the title of 'Country of the Year' at BIOFACH 2026?**
 - India.
- **BIOFACH is the world's leading trade fair related to which sector?**
 - Organic products and organic agriculture.
- **BIOFACH 2026 was held in which country?**
 - Germany.
- **In which city was BIOFACH 2026 organised?**
 - Nuremberg, Germany.
- **Which organisation represented India's participation at BIOFACH 2026?**
 - Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).
- **APEDA functions under which ministry of the Government of India?**
 - Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **India's recognition as 'Country of the Year' at BIOFACH 2026 highlights which of the following?**
 - (a) Growth of organic agriculture
 - (b) Expansion of organic exports
 - (c) Sustainable farming practices
 - (d) All of the above

Ans: (d) All of the above
- **Which of the following products were showcased by India at BIOFACH 2026?**
 - (a) Organic rice and pulses
 - (b) Spices and herbs
 - (c) Essential oils and value-added products
 - (d) All of the above

Ans: (d) All of the above

IIT MADRAS RESEARCH PARK DEEP-TECH VENTURE CAPITAL FUND

- **Which institution launched the ₹600 crore deep-tech venture capital fund to support technology-intensive startups?**
 - IIT Madras Research Park (IITMRP).

- **What is the name of the deep-tech venture capital fund launched by IIT Madras Research Park?**
– IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund I.
- **IIT Madras Research Park launched the deep-tech fund in collaboration with which venture capital firm?**
– Unicorn India Ventures.
- **What is the potential total investment capacity of the fund including the greenshoe option?**
– ₹1,000 crore.
- **Which of the following sectors are targeted under the IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund I?**
 1. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 2. Semiconductors
 3. Defence Technology
 4. Robotics

Select the correct answer:

 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - (d) 2 and 4 only

Ans: (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- **What is the primary objective of the IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund I?**
– To support early-stage deep-tech startups, promote indigenous innovation, and strengthen India's technology ecosystem.
- **IIT Madras Research Park primarily aims to bridge the gap between which two sectors?**
– Academia and industry.

PM RAHAT, LAKHPATI DIDI & STARTUP INDIA FUND OF FUNDS 2.0 – 2026

- **From where did the Prime Minister announce the recent decisions on social security, women's financial inclusion, agriculture and startups?**
– Seva Teerth, New Delhi.
- **What is the PM RAHAT Scheme aimed at providing to accident victims?**
– **Cashless treatment of up to ₹1.5 lakh** to ensure timely and affordable medical care.
- **What is the main objective of the PM RAHAT Scheme?**
– To provide **immediate cashless medical treatment** to accident victims and strengthen social security.
- **What change has been made in the target for Lakhpati Didis?**
– The target has been **doubled from 3 crore to 6 crore beneficiaries** by March 2029.
- **What is the objective behind increasing the Lakhpati Didis target?**
– To expand **women's financial inclusion, savings and economic empowerment**.

- **What decision was taken regarding the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund?**
 - The **loan allocation under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund was increased** to improve farmers' access to credit and strengthen agricultural value chains.
- **What is Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0?**
 - It is an initiative aimed at providing financial support to **early-stage and technology-driven startups** and promoting innovation.
- **What corpus has been allocated to the Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0?**
 - ₹10,000 crore.
- **What is the main objective of Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0?**
 - To boost **innovation, entrepreneurship and early-stage technology-driven ventures** across India.

INDIA'S FIRST CBDC-BASED PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (PDS) – GUJARAT 2026

- **Which state has launched India's first Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)-based Public Distribution System (PDS)?**
 - Gujarat.
- **What is the main objective of the CBDC-based PDS launched in Gujarat?**
 - To transform **food subsidy delivery** through digital currency and improve transparency, accountability and efficiency.
- **Which institution authorises the digital currency used under the CBDC-based PDS?**
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- **How do beneficiaries receive food subsidies under the CBDC-based PDS?**
 - Through **CBDC-linked digital coupons or tokens** credited to their digital wallets.
- **How can beneficiaries redeem CBDC-linked digital tokens at fair price shops?**
 - Using QR codes or Aadhaar-based OTP authentication.
- **What is the 'Annapurti Grain ATM' introduced under the new PDS model?**
 - A 24x7 automated grain-dispensing machine capable of dispensing subsidised food grains.
- **Where was the 'Annapurti Grain ATM' introduced?**
 - In the Sabarmati zone of Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **How much food grain can the Annapurti Grain ATM dispense and in how much time?**
 - Up to 25 kg of food grains in about 35 seconds.
- **In what form are commodities such as tur dal and chana being distributed under the new PDS model?**
 - In **1-kg sealed packs** instead of loose supplies, to improve hygiene and quality.
- **Which bank developed the CBDC platform used in Gujarat's PDS system?**
 - Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- **Under whose authorised framework was the CBDC platform developed?**
 - The RBI-authorised framework.

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES – VENEZUELAN CRUDE OIL IMPORTS 2026

- **Which Indian company has been granted a general licence by the United States to directly import crude oil from Venezuela?**
 - Reliance Industries Limited.
- **What does the US licence allow Reliance Industries to do?**
 - It allows Reliance to **directly purchase Venezuelan crude oil** without violating applicable US sanctions.
- **Why is Venezuelan crude oil particularly suitable for Reliance Industries?**
 - Venezuelan **heavy crude** is available at a discount and is compatible with the sophisticated refining units at Reliance's **Jamnagar refinery**.
- **Why had Reliance Industries previously stopped importing Venezuelan crude?**
 - It had halted imports in **2025 due to US sanctions**, although it had earlier sourced Venezuelan crude through traders.
- **How does the licence help India's crude oil supply diversification?**
 - It enables India's largest private refiner to **diversify crude oil sources** and reduce dependence on a limited group of suppliers.
- **How could Venezuelan crude imports affect India's dependence on Russian oil?**
 - Additional Venezuelan supplies could help **reduce dependence on Russian crude** by providing an alternative source of heavy oil.
- **Which major refinery of Reliance Industries is particularly suited to processing Venezuelan heavy crude?**
 - The Jamnagar refinery in Gujarat.
- **What is the broader strategic significance of Reliance obtaining the US licence?**
 - It supports **crude-source diversification, energy security and more reliable oil supply chains** amid global market uncertainties.

UPI-DUITNOW QR PAYMENT INTEGRATION: INDIA-MALAYSIA

- **Which two organisations have signed an agreement to enable QR-based merchant payments between India and Malaysia?**
 - NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and Payments Network Malaysia Sdn Bhd (PayNet).
- **Which Indian payment system will be linked with Malaysia's DuitNow QR system?**
 - India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- **What is DuitNow QR?**
 - It is Malaysia's national QR payment standard, operated by PayNet.
- **What is the main objective of linking UPI with DuitNow QR?**
 - To enable seamless and interoperable cross-border QR-based merchant payments between India and Malaysia.
- **What will Indian travellers be able to do under Phase I of the integration?**
 - Indian travellers will be able to use UPI-enabled apps to scan DuitNow QR codes at participating merchant locations in Malaysia.

- **What is envisaged under Phase II of the India–Malaysia QR payment integration?**
 - Malaysian visitors to India will be able to scan UPI QR codes and make payments using their DuitNow-enabled apps.
- **Which organisation operates Malaysia’s national QR payment network, DuitNow QR?**
 - Payments Network Malaysia Sdn Bhd (PayNet).
- **Which institutions provide broader policy and regulatory support for India’s internationalisation of UPI?**
 - The Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

BUDGET 2026–27

- **What is the full form of Biopharma SHAKTI announced in Union Budget 2026–27?**
 - Strategy for Healthcare Advancement through Knowledge, Technology & Innovation.
- **What is the proposed outlay for Biopharma SHAKTI over the next five years?**
 - ₹10,000 crore.
- **How many new National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs) are proposed under Biopharma SHAKTI?**
 - 3.
- **How many existing NIPERs are proposed to be upgraded under Biopharma SHAKTI?**
 - 7.
- **What is the target number of accredited clinical trial sites under Biopharma SHAKTI?**
 - More than 1,000.
- **To what amount has the proposed outlay for the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme been increased?**
 - ₹40,000 crore.
- **Which four states are proposed to be supported for establishing Rare Earth Corridors?**
 - Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- **How many dedicated Chemical Parks are proposed under Budget 2026–27?**
 - Three.
- **What is the proposed allocation for the Container Manufacturing Scheme over five years?**
 - ₹10,000 crore.
- **Which initiative aims to strengthen khadi and handicrafts?**
 - Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj initiative.
- **What is the proposed corpus of the SME Growth Fund?**
 - ₹10,000 crore.
- **What is TREDIS primarily associated with?**
 - Trade Receivables Discounting System for improving MSME liquidity.
- **Which organisation is proposed to provide guarantees for invoice discounting on TREDIS?**
 - CGTMSE.
- **Which two platforms are proposed to be integrated to facilitate MSME credit?**
 - GeM and TREDIS.

- **Which new Dedicated Freight Corridor is proposed in Budget 2026–27?**
-Dankuni–Surat Dedicated Freight Corridor.
- **How many new National Waterways are proposed to be operationalised over the next five years?**
-20.
- **Which National Waterway is proposed as the starting point for connecting mineral-rich areas of Odisha with ports?**
-National Waterway-5.
- **What is the target share of inland waterways and coastal shipping by 2047?**
-12%.
- **What mechanism is proposed to support seaplane connectivity?**
-Seaplane Viability Gap Funding (VGF).
- **Through which instrument are CPSE real-estate assets proposed to be monetised?**
-Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).
- **How much is proposed for Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) over five years?**
-₹20,000 crore.
- **Which five industrial sectors are specifically targeted under the CCUS initiative?**
-Power, steel, cement, refineries and chemicals.
- **How many legacy industrial clusters are proposed to be revived?**
-200.
- **What is the proposed public capital expenditure for FY 2026–27?**
-₹12.2 lakh crore.
- **Which committee is proposed to comprehensively review the banking sector?**
-High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat.
- **Which two public financial institutions are proposed for restructuring to improve efficiency and scale?**
-Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC).
- **What framework is proposed to improve liquidity in the corporate bond market?**
-Market-making framework.
- **Which type of investors are proposed to be permitted to invest in equity instruments through the Portfolio Investment Scheme?**
-Individual Persons Resident Outside India (PROIs).
- **What type of committee is proposed for identifying high-potential service sub-sectors?**
-High-Powered Education to Employment and Enterprise Standing Committee.
- **How many Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) are proposed to be added over five years?**
-1 lakh.
- **How many caregivers are proposed to be trained in the coming year?**
-1.5 lakh.
- **How many Regional Hubs for Medical Value Tourism are proposed?**
-Five.

- **How many new All India Institutes of Ayurveda are proposed?**
-Three.
- **What does AVGC stand for?**
-Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics.
- **In how many secondary schools are AVGC Content Creator Labs proposed to be established?**
-15,000.
- **In how many colleges are AVGC Content Creator Labs proposed to be established?**
-500.
- **How many University Townships are proposed near industrial and logistics corridors?**
-Five.
- **What is the proposed coverage of girls' hostels under Budget 2026-27?**
-One girls' hostel in every district.
- **Which mission has been proposed to strengthen India's sports ecosystem?**
-Khelo India Mission.
- **What is the objective of the Khelo India Mission?**
-Integrated talent development, coaching development, sports science and sports infrastructure.
- **How many veterinary professionals are proposed to be added to support the livestock sector?**
-More than 20,000.
- **What is Bharat-VISTAAR?**
-A multilingual AI-based agricultural advisory system.
- **What does Bharat-VISTAAR stand for?**
-Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources.
- **What are SHE-Marts intended to promote?**
-Women's transition from credit-led livelihoods to business ownership.
- **Which programme is being built upon through the proposed SHE-Marts?**
-Lakhpatri Didi Programme.
- **Which crops are specifically targeted under the high-value agriculture initiatives?**
-Coconut, sandalwood, cocoa, cashew and agar.
- **What is the objective of the Coconut Promotion Scheme?**
-Replacing old coconut trees to increase productivity.
- **What is the proposed new scheme for empowering Divyangjans through industry-relevant training called?**
-Divyangjan Kaushal Yojana.
- **Which organisation will be supported under Divyang Sahara Yojana for assistive devices?**
-ALIMCO.
- **Where is NIMHANS-II proposed to be established?**
-North India.
- **By what percentage is emergency and trauma care capacity proposed to be increased in district hospitals?**
-50%.

- **When will the New Income Tax Act, 2025 come into effect?**
-1 April 2026.
- **From what rate to what rate is TCS on education and medical remittances under LRS proposed to be reduced?**
-From 5% to 2%.
- **What is the proposed new rate of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT)?**
-14%.
- **What will be the treatment of MAT under the proposed tax reforms?**
-It will be treated as a final tax, with no further MAT credit accumulation after 1 April 2026.
- **What is the proposed new safe-harbour threshold for IT services?**
-₹2,000 crore.
- **What is the proposed common harbour margin for specified IT services?**
-15.5%.
- **What is the proposed STT rate on futures?**
-0.05%.
- **What is the proposed STT rate on options premium?**
-0.15%.
- **What penalty is proposed for non-furnishing of crypto-asset statements?**
-₹200 per day.
- **What penalty is proposed for furnishing inaccurate crypto-asset information?**
-₹5 lakh.
- **What is the proposed reduction in the basic customs duty on Monazite?**
-From 2.5% to Nil.
- **Which sector receives customs-duty exemption on capital goods required for battery energy storage systems?**
-Battery energy storage/lithium-ion cell manufacturing.
- **What customs-duty relief is proposed for nuclear power projects?**
-Exemption is extended to all goods required for nuclear power projects, regardless of capacity.
- **What is the proposed tariff rate on dutiable goods imported for personal use?**
-10%.
- **How many drugs for cancer and rare diseases are proposed to be exempted from Basic Customs Duty?**
-17.
- **For how long will the validity of advance rulings be extended?**
-From 3 years to 5 years.
- **What is the proposed time frame for rolling out the Customs Integrated System (CIS)?**
-Two years.
- **What is the proposed new approach to customs warehousing?**
-A warehouse-centric system based on self-declaration and electronic tracking.
- **What is the proposed maximum value limit for courier exports after the removal of the cap?**
-The ₹10 lakh per-consignment cap is removed.

- **What is the main objective of developing City Economic Regions (CERs)?**
-To harness the economic potential of urban agglomerations and strengthen city-led growth.
- **How many High-Speed Rail corridors are proposed as “Growth Connectors”?**
-Seven.
- **Which initiative aims to promote sustainable tourism through mountain, turtle and bird trails?**
-Niche Trails initiative.
- **Which cities/sites are among the archaeological destinations proposed for development?**
-Lothal, Dholavira and Sarnath.

ECONOMIC SURVEY OF INDIA

- **What was India’s real GDP growth rate according to the First Advance Estimates for FY 2025–26?**
- 7.4%.
- **What was India’s GVA growth rate according to the First Advance Estimates for FY 2025–26?**
- 7.3%.
- **For how many consecutive years has India remained the fastest-growing major economy?**
- Four years.
- **What share of GDP did private consumption reach in FY 2025–26?**
- 61.5%.
- **What was the growth rate of Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) in H1 FY 2025–26?**
- 7.6%.
- **What was India’s headline CPI inflation according to the Economic Survey for FY 2025–26?**
- 1.7%.
- **What fiscal deficit target is India on track to achieve in FY 2025–26?**
- 4.4% of GDP.
- **What was India’s gross NPA ratio according to the Economic Survey?**
- 2.2%.

What was India’s total exports in FY 2024–25?

- USD 825.3 billion.

- **What was India’s current account deficit in H1 FY 2025–26?**
- 0.8% of GDP.
- **What real GDP growth rate has been projected for India for FY 2026–27?**
- 6.8–7.2%.
- **From what level in FY 2020–21 did India’s fiscal deficit decline to 4.8% in FY 2024–25?**
- 9.2% of GDP.
- **What share of total tax collections was contributed by direct taxes in FY 2024–25?**
- 58.8%.

- **What were India's gross GST collections during April–December 2025?**
– ₹17.4 lakh crore.
- **What was the year-on-year growth in gross GST collections during April–December 2025?**
– 6.7%.
- **What were the GST rate slabs introduced under GST 2.0?**
– 5%, 18% and 40%.
- **What was India's average CPI inflation during 2025?**
– 2.8%.
- **In which month of 2025 did CPI inflation touch a series-low of 0.3%?**
– October 2025.
- **What was the approximate core inflation rate in FY 2025–26?**
– 4.3%.
- **Which commodities were primarily responsible for the rise in core inflation?**
– Gold and silver.
- **What was the approximate foodgrain output projected for 2024–25?**
– 3,577.3 lakh metric tonnes.
- **What was India's horticulture output according to the Economic Survey?**
– 362 million tonnes.
- **What share of agricultural GVA is contributed by horticulture?**
– 33%.
- **What percentage of India's workforce is sustained by agriculture?**
– 46.1%.
- **What was the decadal growth rate of India's agriculture sector?**
– 4.4%.
- **What was the growth rate of fisheries and aquaculture?**
– 8.8%.
- **To how many countries does India export seafood?**
– More than 130 countries.
- **What is India's position among the world's services exporters?**
– Seventh largest.
- **What was India's share in global services trade in 2024?**
– 4.3%.
- **From what level in 2005 did India's share in global services trade rise to 4.3% in 2024?**
– 2%.
- **What share of India's GVA is contributed by the services sector?**
– More than half.
- **What was the growth rate of industrial GVA in H1 FY 2025–26?**
– 7%.
- **What was the manufacturing GVA growth rate in Q2 FY 2025–26?**
– 9.13%.

- **What share of manufacturing value added is accounted for by medium- and high-technology industries?**
– 46.3%.
- **What was India's Competitive Industrial Performance rank according to the Economic Survey?**
– 37th.
- **Since when has India's Manufacturing PMI remained above the 50-mark?**
– March 2023.
- **Which scheme is a major policy lever for strengthening India's manufacturing sector?**
– Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme.
- **What is the estimated GDP multiplier of every rupee spent on infrastructure?**
– ₹2.5–3.5.
- **From what level did central government capital expenditure rise to ₹11.21 lakh crore?**
– ₹5.92 lakh crore.
- **What was the CAGR of NBFC credit to the commercial sector during FY 2020–FY 2025?**
– 43.3%.
- **What is the minimum asset size proposed for Small and Medium REITs?**
– ₹50 crore.
- **Which digital public infrastructure initiatives form part of India's digital backbone?**
– BharatNet, 5G, UPI, Aadhaar, DigiYatra and FASTag.
- **What is the central climate-policy thesis highlighted by the Economic Survey?**
– Development is, in itself, a form of climate adaptation.
- **What are the three pillars of India's climate strategy highlighted in the Economic Survey?**
– Adaptation-first investment, mitigation, and reliance on domestic resources.
- **Which scheme promotes behavioural change towards sustainable lifestyles?**
– Mission LiFE.
- **What share of India's population is in the 3–18 years school-going age group?**
– Nearly 27%.
- **What age group constitutes India's working-age population as defined in the Economic Survey?**
– 15–59 years.
- **Around what year is India's demographic dividend expected to peak?**
– Around 2030.
- **What proportion of India's population is projected to be in the working-age group around 2030?**
– About 65%.
- **Which category of workers has been formally recognised under the new Labour Codes?**
– Gig and platform workers.
- **What is the 'longevity dividend' referred to in the Economic Survey?**
– Converting longer and healthier working lives into an economic asset through healthcare, upskilling and flexible retirement.

- **Which scheme uses technology for mapping rural property rights?**
– SVAMITVA.
- **What does DILRMP stand for?**
– Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme.
- **Which rural employment legislation is described as being reset by the Economic Survey?**
– VB G-RAM G Act, 2025.
- **Which concept of Elinor Ostrom is applied to the governance of village commons?**
– Community-based governance of commons.
- **What percentage of firms surveyed by McKinsey in 2025 were using AI in at least one business function?**
– 88%.
- **What percentage of surveyed firms were scaling AI?**
– 31%.
- **What percentage of surveyed firms had fully integrated AI?**
– 7%.
- **What is the Economic Survey's proposed approach towards AI development in India?**
– A development-oriented and bottom-up AI strategy.
- **What does the Economic Survey identify as a strategic national resource in the AI ecosystem?**
– Data.
- **According to the Economic Survey, by approximately how much does productivity increase when city size doubles in India?**
– About 12%.
- **What does the Economic Survey identify as a major governance constraint on Indian cities?**
– Lack of economic agency, including inadequate fiscal and regulatory powers.
- **What urban planning regulation is identified as encouraging urban sprawl?**
– Restrictive Floor Space Index (FSI) rules.
- **What three-stage framework describes India's evolution from self-reliance to global strategic leverage?**
– Import Substitution → Strategic Resilience → Strategic Indispensability.
- **What is meant by 'Strategic Indispensability' in the Economic Survey?**
– Creating leverage by making India a must-have node in global systems.
- **How many tiers of indigenisation are proposed in the Economic Survey?**
– Three tiers.
- **What does Tier I of the proposed indigenisation framework cover?**
– Strategic non-negotiables such as critical technologies and defence-related inputs.
- **What does the Economic Survey mean by 'Swadeshi reinterpreted as strategic realism'?**
– Strategic self-reliance without blanket protectionism.
- **What is identified as the current binding constraint on India's strategic capability?**
– State capacity and strategic depth.

- **What type of state does the Economic Survey advocate for India's future development?**
 - An entrepreneurial, capable, accountable and citizen-centric state.
- **What concept highlights the importance of reversible policies and learning from well-intentioned failures?**
 - Hysteresis.
- **What is the broad objective of Mission Karmayogi highlighted in the Economic Survey?**
 - Competency-based civil-service reform.
- **What governance transition does the Economic Survey envision?**
 - From “Ruler’s Raj” to “Citizen’s Raj.”

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT & AVIATION

PAIMANA PORTAL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT MONITORING

- **Which ministry has operationalised the PAIMANA portal for monitoring infrastructure projects?**
 - Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- **What is the full form of PAIMANA?**
 - Project Assessment, Infrastructure Monitoring & Analytics for Nation-building.
- **PAIMANA portal is designed to monitor Central Sector Infrastructure Projects of what minimum cost?**
 - ₹150 crore and above.
- **Which earlier monitoring system has been replaced by PAIMANA?**
 - OCMS-2006 (Online Computerised Monitoring System).
- **PAIMANA portal is integrated with which DPIIT portal for automatic data flow?**
 - Integrated Project Monitoring Portal of DPIIT.
- **What is the key principle followed in the integration of PAIMANA with other monitoring platforms?**
 - “One data, one entry” principle.

AIRBUS-GATI SHAKTI VISHWAVIDYALAYA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (COE)

- **Airbus has inaugurated a Centre of Excellence (CoE) at which Indian university?**
 - Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), Vadodara, Gujarat.
- **The Airbus-GSV Centre of Excellence primarily focuses on research in which sector?**
 - Aerospace and sustainable aviation technologies.

- **Which of the following areas is a major focus of the Airbus–GSV CoE?**
 - (a) Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)
 - (b) Hydrogen-based propulsion systems
 - (c) Aviation decarbonisation
 - (d) All of the above**Ans: (d) All of the above**
- **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) is a Central University established under which ministry?**
 - Ministry of Railways, Government of India.
- **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya is located in which city?**
 - Vadodara, Gujarat.
- **The primary objective of the Airbus–GSV collaboration is to strengthen which ecosystem?**
 - India’s aerospace research and industry–academia innovation ecosystem.
- **Which aircraft manufacturing facility complements the Airbus–GSV Centre of Excellence initiative in Vadodara?**
 - C-295 aircraft manufacturing facility (Tata-Airbus collaboration).
- **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya acts as the academic driver for which national initiative?**
 - PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

KERALA URBAN POLICY – 2026

- **Which state has become the first in India to frame a comprehensive Urban Policy?**
 - Kerala.
- **What is the long-term vision of Kerala’s Urban Policy?**
 - To develop Kerala by **2050 as a continuous network of climate-smart cities and towns** through scientific planning and sustainable governance.
- **Who approved the draft Kerala Urban Policy?**
 - The **Kerala Cabinet**, under the leadership of Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan**.
- **Which department prepared the Kerala Urban Policy?**
 - The **Local Self Government Department** of Kerala.
- **When was the Kerala Urban Policy initiative first announced?**
 - In the **Kerala State Budget 2023–24**.
- **Which body was constituted to prepare the roadmap for Kerala’s urban development?**
 - The Kerala Urban Policy Commission, comprising national and international experts.
- **What was the name of the report submitted by the Kerala Urban Policy Commission?**
 - Nava Kerala Urban Policy report.
- **When did the Kerala Urban Policy Commission submit the Nava Kerala Urban Policy report?**
 - March 2025.
- **What proportion of Kerala’s population is expected to be urban by 2050 according to the Commission’s estimates?**
 - Nearly **80%**.

NHAI BEE CORRIDORS INITIATIVE – 2026

- **Which organisation has announced the Bee Corridors initiative along India's National Highways?**
 - National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- **What is the main objective of NHAI's Bee Corridor initiative?**
 - To create **pollinator-friendly green corridors**, support bee populations, enhance biodiversity and strengthen ecosystem services such as crop pollination.
- **What are Bee Corridors?**
 - They are **continuous linear stretches of vegetation** along highways containing flowering trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses that provide nectar and pollen to pollinators.
- **Which pollinators are primarily targeted under the Bee Corridor initiative?**
 - Honeybees and wild bees, along with other pollinating insects.
- **Which plant species are proposed for plantation under the Bee Corridor initiative?**
 - Neem, Karanj, Mahua, Palash, Bottle Brush, Jamun and Siris, among other nectar- and pollen-rich native species.
- **How many trees does NHAI plan to plant along National Highways during 2026–27?**
 - Approximately 40 lakh trees.
- **What proportion of NHAI's planned tree plantation in 2026–27 is expected to be allocated to the Bee Corridor initiative?**
 - Nearly 60%.
- **How many dedicated pollinator corridors are expected to be developed during 2026–27?**
 - At least three dedicated pollinator corridors.

EAT RIGHT STATION CERTIFICATION – NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

- **Which organisation awards the 'Eat Right Station' certification to railway stations?**
 - The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- **What is the main objective of the 'Eat Right Station' initiative?**
 - To promote food safety, hygiene, quality and nutrition for railway passengers.
- **Under which broader initiative does the 'Eat Right Station' programme operate?**
 - The Eat Right India movement, led by FSSAI.
- **How many railway stations under Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) received the 'Eat Right Station' certification?**
 - Five railway stations.
- **Which railway stations received the 'Eat Right Station' certification?**
 - Dimapur, Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, Golakganj and New Mal Junction Railway Stations.
- **What is the significance of the 'Eat Right Station' certification for railway passengers?**
 - It ensures that food outlets at railway stations follow **improved standards of hygiene, food quality and safety**, promoting healthier food choices for passengers.

UN ROAD SAFETY FINANCING PROJECT – INDIA 2026

- **Which organisation has launched the Sustainable Road Safety Financing Project in India?**
 - The United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF).
- **What is the main objective of the Sustainable Road Safety Financing Project?**
 - To establish sustainable and coordinated financing mechanisms for road safety programmes at national and state levels.
- **Where was the Sustainable Road Safety Financing Project inaugurated?**
 - New Delhi.
- **During whose visit to India was the project inaugurated?**
 - During the visit of Jean Todt, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety.
- **Which Indian ministry is partnering with the UNRSF for the project?**
 - The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).
- **Which international organisations are partnering in the road safety financing project?**
 - The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF, along with non-profit organisations such as the Save LIFE Foundation.
- **Which four Indian states are covered under the initial phase of the project?**
 - Rajasthan, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Assam.
- **What innovative financing mechanisms are being promoted under the project?**
 - Road safety bonds, dedicated taxes and public-private partnerships (PPPs).
- **Which global road safety framework does the project support?**
 - The Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

CSIR-NIO SHORE-BASED LABORATORY AT VISAKHAPATNAM

- **Which Union Minister inaugurated the Shore-Based Laboratory of CSIR-NIO Regional Centre at Visakhapatnam?**
 - Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- **The Shore-Based Laboratory at Visakhapatnam is associated with which organisation?**
 - CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO).
- **Where is the newly inaugurated Shore-Based Laboratory of CSIR-NIO located?**
 - Yendada village, Rushikonda, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- **What is the primary research focus of the Shore-Based Laboratory?**
 - Marine geological and geophysical surveys of the Eastern Continental Margin of India (ECMI).
- **Which concept of sustainable development will be strengthened by the activities of this laboratory?**
 - Blue Economy.

- **The laboratory will help in mapping bathymetry and identifying resource potential related to which areas?**
 - Hydrocarbons, seabed minerals, oil and natural gas resources.

NEOPHYTEID AI APP

- **Which state has launched the AI-powered mobile application ‘NeophyteID’?**
 - Kerala.
- **What is the main purpose of the NeophyteID application?**
 - To detect, identify, and track invasive plant species across Kerala.
- **Which organisation developed the NeophyteID application?**
 - Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences (MBGIPS).
- **Which Artificial Intelligence model is used in the NeophyteID application?**
 - YOLOv11 machine learning model.
- **How many invasive plant species can be identified and tracked through the NeophyteID app?**
 - Nearly 98 invasive species.
- **In which two languages can users access plant identification through the NeophyteID app?**
 - English and Malayalam.

CHINA’S SPACE-BASED AI DATA CENTRES

- **Which country has announced plans to develop space-based Artificial Intelligence (AI) data centres over the next five years?**
 - China.
- **By which year does China aim to establish an orbital “Space Cloud”?**
 - 2030.
- **China’s proposed “Space Cloud” will primarily be powered by what source of energy?**
 - Large-scale solar power hubs in space.
- **Which Chinese AI model became the world’s first general-purpose AI to successfully run inference in orbit?**
 - Qwen-3 (Alibaba Cloud).
- **China’s proposed space-based AI infrastructure aims to integrate which three key capabilities?**
 - Cloud, edge, and terminal (device) capabilities.
- **Which private aerospace company is considered China’s primary competitor in developing orbital data centres?**
 - SpaceX.
- **What is the major objective of China’s space-based AI data centre project?**
 - To process AI-generated data directly in space by integrating computing power, storage, and transmission bandwidth.

- **What are the major challenges associated with deploying large-scale space-based AI data centres?**
 - Increased risk of satellite collisions, space traffic management issues, and vulnerability to solar flares, radiation, and micrometeorite impacts.

GUJARAT-STARLINK SATELLITE INTERNET INITIATIVE

- **The Government of Gujarat signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with which company to expand satellite internet connectivity?**
 - Starlink (a subsidiary of SpaceX).
- **Starlink is a subsidiary of which company?**
 - SpaceX.
- **The Gujarat-Starlink initiative primarily aims to provide connectivity to which areas?**
 - Remote, border, tribal, and underserved regions where traditional telecom infrastructure is difficult to deploy.
- **Which organisation will be responsible for final licensing and security approvals for Starlink's commercial rollout in India?**
 - Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and IN-SPACe.
- **Which of the following sectors are included in the pilot project of Gujarat-Starlink connectivity?**
 - Smart classrooms in schools
 - Telemedicine services through PHCs
 - Coastal security infrastructure
 - e-Governance hubs
 - Select the correct answer:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - (d) 2 and 4 only
 - **Ans: (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
- **Which type of technology will be used by Starlink to provide internet connectivity under the initiative?**
 - Satellite-based internet connectivity.
- **Which Gujarat districts have been given special emphasis under the Starlink connectivity initiative?**
 - Aspirational districts such as Narmada and Dahod.
- **What is the broader objective of Gujarat's partnership with Starlink?**
 - To bridge the digital divide and strengthen digital connectivity in geographically difficult areas.

NATIONAL LARGE SOLAR TELESCOPE (NLST), NATIONAL LARGE OPTICAL-NEAR INFRARED TELESCOPE (NLOT) & ASTRONOMY INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION IN LADAKH

- **Which new mega-telescopes have been approved under the astronomy infrastructure expansion programme in Ladakh?**
 - National Large Solar Telescope (NLST) and National Large Optical-Near Infrared Telescope (NLOT).

- **Where will the National Large Solar Telescope (NLST) be established?**
 - Near Pangong Tso Lake, Ladakh.
- **What is the primary objective of the National Large Solar Telescope (NLST)?**
 - To observe the Sun's surface and atmosphere with high-resolution imaging.
- **Which solar activities will be studied through the National Large Solar Telescope (NLST)?**
 - Solar magnetic fields, solar flares, coronal mass ejections and space-weather phenomena.
- **After completion, NLST will become India's which ground-based solar observatory?**
 - India's third ground-based solar observatory after Kodaikanal Solar Observatory and Udaipur Solar Observatory.
- **Which Indian solar mission's observations will be complemented by NLST data?**
 - Aditya-L1 solar observatory mission.
- **What type of telescope is the National Large Optical-Near Infrared Telescope (NLOT)?**
 - A deep-space optical and near-infrared telescope for advanced cosmic research.
- **Which major astronomical studies will be conducted using NLOT?**
 - Studies of exoplanets, stellar and galactic evolution, cosmology, supernovae and distant galaxies.

'PADHAI WITH AI' DIGITAL LEARNING INITIATIVE – HIMACHAL PRADESH

- **Who launched the 'Padhai with AI' digital learning initiative?**
 - Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.
- **In which district of Himachal Pradesh was the 'Padhai with AI' initiative launched?**
 - Bilaspur district.
- **What is the primary objective of the 'Padhai with AI' initiative?**
 - To provide a fully digital learning environment with academic counselling, quality study materials and guidance for competitive exam preparation.
- **Which category of students is specifically targeted under the 'Padhai with AI' initiative?**
 - Students preparing for various competitive examinations.
- **Which technology is used under the 'Padhai with AI' initiative to improve education delivery?**
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based technology.
- **Which organisation is supporting the 'Padhai with AI' initiative of Himachal Pradesh?**
 - National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).
- **What is the broader vision behind the 'Padhai with AI' initiative?**
 - To strengthen education through innovation and provide equal learning opportunities to students.

AMARAVATI QUANTUM CENTRE & NATIONAL QUANTUM MISSION (NQM)

- **Under which national initiative is the Amaravati Quantum Centre being established in Andhra Pradesh?**
 - National Quantum Mission (NQM).

- **Who laid the foundation stone of the Amaravati Quantum Centre?**
 - Union Minister Jitendra Singh.
- **What is the total allocation of India's National Quantum Mission?**
 - About ₹6,000 crore.
- **Which ministry is the nodal ministry for implementing the National Quantum Mission?**
 - Department of Science & Technology (DST), Ministry of Science & Technology.
- **Which four core areas are covered under the National Quantum Mission?**
 - Quantum Computing, Quantum Communication, Quantum Sensing & Metrology, and Quantum Materials & Devices.
- **What is the target capacity of quantum computers under the National Quantum Mission?**
 - Development of intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50–1,000 physical qubits.
- **Which global and Indian technology companies are collaborating with Amaravati Quantum Valley for quantum innovation?**
 - IBM and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

BODHAN AI AND BHARAT EDUAI STACK – 2026

- **What is the main objective of the Government of India's initiative to integrate AI into education?**
 - To integrate Artificial Intelligence tools across all levels of education, from pre-primary to higher education, making learning more adaptive, effective and accessible.
- **What is Bodhan AI?**
 - A not-for-profit company launched at the Centre of Excellence in AI for Education, IIT Madras, to develop foundational AI technologies for the education sector.
- **Where has Bodhan AI been launched?**
 - At the Centre of Excellence in AI for Education, hosted by IIT Madras.
- **What is the Bharat EduAI Stack?**
 - A proposed Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for education designed to enable large-scale and interoperable AI services, similar in concept to UPI.
- **Which organisation is developing the Bharat EduAI Stack?**
 - Bodhan AI.
- **What are the major data privacy and ethical concerns associated with AI in education?**
 - Protection of **student data and personal information**, avoiding unnecessary storage of sensitive information on public platforms, and ensuring responsible screen engagement.
- **Which national education policy provides the broader framework for the integration of AI into education?**
 - The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- **Which educational frameworks are proposed to be incorporated into the AI ecosystem?**
 - NCERT and SCERT educational frameworks.

NORTH EASTERN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CLUSTER (NEST) – 2025

- **What is the North Eastern Science & Technology Cluster (NEST)?**
 - A Government of India initiative aimed at strengthening research, innovation, skill development and entrepreneurship in the North Eastern Region (NER).
- **Under which framework was the NEST project sanctioned?**
 - Under the Schemes of the North Eastern Council (NEC) and the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER).
- **What is the approximate financial outlay for the NEST project?**
 - Approximately ₹22.98 crore.
- **Which institution will implement the North Eastern Science & Technology Cluster?**
 - IIT Guwahati.
- **What are the four thematic verticals of the NEST project?**
 - Innovation Hub on Grassroots Technologies;
 - Technology Hub for Semiconductors and Artificial Intelligence;
 - Centre of Excellence for Bamboo-Based Technology;
 - Skill Development & Innovation Centre for Biodegradable and Eco-friendly Plastics.
- **Which groups will receive special attention under the NEST project?**
 - Youth, SC/ST communities, women and Divyangjan, with a focus on self-employment and entrepreneurship.
- **What approach will be adopted by the NEST Cluster to connect different stakeholders?**
 - A **hub-and-spoke approach** connecting academia, research institutions, industries and government agencies.

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY 2026

- **When is National Science Day observed every year in India?**
 - 28 February.
- **What was the theme of National Science Day 2026?**
 - “Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat.”
- **What does the theme “Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat” emphasise?**
 - It highlights the contributions of **women scientists and innovators** to research, technology and STEM fields in building a developed India.
- **How does the National Science Day 2026 theme relate to gender equality?**
 - It seeks to promote **greater participation of women in scientific research and STEM**, helping reduce gender gaps in science and technology.
- **Which international observance is aligned with the focus of National Science Day 2026?**
 - The International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

IIT KANPUR'S 3D MAPPING OF THE SUN'S INTERNAL MAGNETIC FIELD

- **Which Indian institute has developed the first three-dimensional map of the Sun's hidden interior magnetic field?**
 - Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur.
- **What major scientific achievement has been made by the IIT Kanpur research team?**
 - It has developed a 3D dynamo model to map the Sun's internal magnetic structure by assimilating about 30 years of solar magnetic field observations.
- **Who led the IIT Kanpur research on mapping the Sun's internal magnetic field?**
 - Soumyadeep Chatterjee from the Department of Physics, IIT Kanpur.
- **What is the solar dynamo?**
 - The **solar dynamo** is the deep-interior process responsible for generating and maintaining the Sun's magnetic field.
- **Which major solar phenomena are driven by the Sun's magnetic field?**
 - Sunspots, solar flares and coronal mass ejections (CMEs).
- **Which satellite missions provided long-term solar magnetic field observations used in the IIT Kanpur model?**
 - NASA's SOHO and Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) missions.
- **What does the SOHO mission study?**
 - It studies the **Sun's interior, surface, corona, solar wind and coronal mass ejections (CMEs)**.

ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY & WILDLIFE

NEW RAMSAR SITES ADDED TO INDIA'S WETLAND LIST

- **Which two new wetlands have been added to India's Ramsar List in 2026?**
 - Patna Bird Sanctuary (Uttar Pradesh) and Chhari-Dhand Wetland (Gujarat).
- **Patna Bird Sanctuary, recently included in the Ramsar List, is located in which district of Uttar Pradesh?**
 - Etah district.
- **Chhari-Dhand Wetland is located in which region of Gujarat?**
 - Rann of Kutch region.
- **After the inclusion of Chhari-Dhand Wetland, how many Ramsar sites does Gujarat have?**
 - Five Ramsar sites.
- **The Ramsar Convention is related to the conservation of which ecosystem?**
 - Wetlands of international importance.
- **On which date is World Wetlands Day observed every year?**
 - 2 February.
- **What was the theme of World Wetlands Day 2026?**
 - "Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage".

HOYA NAGAENSIS DISCOVERY

- **What is the scientific name of the new flowering plant discovered by researchers from Nagaland University?**
– Hoya nagaensis.
- **In which Community Reserved Forest was Hoya nagaensis discovered?**
– Kavünhou Community Reserved Forest, Phek district, Nagaland.
- **The newly discovered flowering plant Hoya nagaensis has been assigned which IUCN conservation status?**
– Critically Endangered.
- **Nagaland's high-altitude forests are part of which global biodiversity hotspot?**
– Eastern Himalayan Biodiversity Hotspot.
- **The discovery of Hoya nagaensis highlights the importance of which type of forests in conserving rare and endemic species?**
– Community Reserved Forests.

BIRD ATLAS OF GOA

- **Which Indian state has become the second to publish a comprehensive state-level Bird Atlas?**
– Goa.
- **Which was the first Indian state to publish a state-level Bird Atlas?**
– Kerala.
- **The Bird Atlas of Goa was unveiled during which event?**
– Ninth Bird Festival of Goa.
- **What is the primary objective of the Bird Atlas of Goa?**
– To systematically map the distribution of bird species and support research, ecological monitoring, and conservation planning.
- **Which approach was primarily used in preparing the Bird Atlas of Goa?**
– Citizen science involving ornithologists, researchers, birdwatchers, and volunteers.
- **The Bird Atlas of Goa is expected to assist policymakers mainly in which area?**
– Habitat protection and species conservation planning.
- **The Bird Atlas of Goa primarily promotes which of the following?**
– Scientific documentation of avian biodiversity and public participation in wildlife conservation.

WORLD PULSES DAY 2026

- **World Pulses Day is observed globally on which date?**
– 10th February.
- **World Pulses Day was designated by which international organisation?**
– United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

- **In which year did the United Nations General Assembly designate World Pulses Day?**
– 2019.
- **What is the theme of World Pulses Day 2026?**
– “Pulses of the world: from modesty to excellence.”
- **Which organisation selected the theme for World Pulses Day 2026?**
– Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- **India is the world’s largest producer, consumer and importer of which agricultural commodity?**
– Pulses.
- **Under which mission has India targeted a record pulse production of 28–29 million tonnes for the 2025–26 crop year?**
– National Food Security Mission (NFSM).
- **The nitrogen-fixing ability of pulses helps in which of the following?**
 - (a) Improving soil fertility
 - (b) Reducing dependence on synthetic fertilizers
 - (c) Supporting climate-smart agriculture
 - (d) All of the above**Ans: (d) All of the above**

CSIR-IHBT TULIP GARDEN, PALAMPUR 2026

- **Where has the CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT) opened its Tulip Garden to the public?**
– Palampur, Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh.
- **Which organisation manages the Tulip Garden at Palampur?**
– CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT).
- **Which is the second major tulip garden in India after the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden?**
– CSIR-IHBT Tulip Garden, Palampur.
- **Where is the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, the largest tulip garden in Asia, located?**
– Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.
- **At approximately what altitude is the CSIR-IHBT Tulip Garden situated?**
– About **1,290 metres** above sea level.
- **Which geographical feature provides the unique agro-climatic conditions for the Tulip Garden at Palampur?**
– The **Dhauladhar range**.
- **How many tulips are featured in the CSIR-IHBT Tulip Garden at Palampur?**
– More than **50,000 tulips**.
- **What is the major objective of indigenous tulip bulb production at CSIR-IHBT?**
– To reduce India’s dependence on tulip bulb imports from the **Netherlands**.

MUD VOLCANO ERUPTION IN NORTH ANDAMAN – 2026

- **Where did the dormant mud volcano erupt unexpectedly?**
 - At Shyamnagar in Diglipur, North Andaman.
- **How long had the mud volcano remained dormant before the recent eruption?**
 - For more than two decades.
- **What materials are released during a mud volcano eruption?**
 - Mud, gases and water, driven by underground pressure and fluid movements.
- **What is the geological significance of mud volcanoes in the Andaman region?**
 - They provide insights into **underground geological processes, tectonic activity and fluid dynamics** beneath the islands.
- **What precautionary measure has been taken by local authorities?**
 - Public access to the eruption site has been restricted as a safety measure.

TIDAL FLOODING DECLARED STATE-SPECIFIC DISASTER – KERALA 2026

- **Which state has declared tidal flooding as a State-Specific Disaster?**
 - Kerala.
- **What are the other commonly used names for tidal flooding?**
 - “Sunny Day Flooding” and “Nuisance Flooding.”
- **Which areas of Kerala are particularly affected by tidal flooding?**
 - Coastal and backwater regions of Ernakulam (Kochi), Alappuzha and Thrissur.
- **How is tidal flooding different from sudden-onset disasters such as cyclones or tsunamis?**
 - Tidal flooding is generally a **slow-onset disaster**, producing repeated and cumulative damage rather than sudden destruction.
- **What policy gap does Kerala’s declaration seek to address?**
 - Under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, conventional disaster relief mechanisms were not designed to cover regular tidal flooding events.
- **How does Kerala’s decision represent a change in disaster management thinking?**
 - It shifts the focus from “**sudden trauma**” to “**cumulative loss**”, recognising slow-onset and climate-related risks.

HEALTH & MEDICINE

WORLD CANCER DAY 2026

- **On which date is World Cancer Day observed every year?**
 - 4 February.
- **What is the official theme of World Cancer Day 2026?**
 - “United by Unique”.

- The theme “United by Unique” is part of which global campaign period?
 - Three-year global campaign (2025–2027).
- What is the primary objective of World Cancer Day?
 - To raise awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, and equitable access to cancer care.
- According to WHO analyses, what proportion of new cancer cases can be prevented through risk-reducing measures?
 - Around 4 in 10 new cancer cases.
- Which approach is emphasised by the theme “United by Unique” for cancer care?
 - Person-centred care recognising individual experiences, needs, dignity, and survivorship planning.

KERALA ELDERLY BUDGET 2026-27

- Which state became the first in India to introduce a separate ‘Elderly Budget’ document?
 - Kerala.
- The Elderly Budget was introduced along with Kerala’s State Budget for which financial year?
 - 2026–27.
- Who presented the Kerala State Budget 2026–27?
 - Finance Minister K. N. Balagopal.
- What is the primary objective of Kerala’s Elderly Budget?
 - To address the specific needs of senior citizens through financial security, healthcare, housing, and caregiving support.
- To how much amount were social security pensions increased under the Elderly Budget?
 - ₹2,000 per month.
- Which scheme provides doorstep medicines and health check-ups for elderly citizens in Kerala?
 - Vayomithram Scheme.
- What is the purpose of the ₹50 crore health insurance allocation under the Elderly Budget?
 - To provide health insurance coverage to the ‘missing middle’ (families above the poverty line not covered under existing schemes).
- Which of the following best describes the significance of Kerala’s Elderly Budget?
 - (a) Promotion of industrial development
 - (b) Focus on elderly welfare and geriatric care
 - (c) Expansion of agricultural subsidies
 - (d) Development of urban transport

Ans: (b) Focus on elderly welfare and geriatric care.

LAKHPATI BITIYA YOJANA – DELHI GOVERNMENT

- **Which new social welfare scheme has been launched by the Delhi Government for girls' education?**
 - Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana.
- **Who announced the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana and when will it come into effect?**
 - Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta; the scheme will come into effect from **1 April 2026**.
- **Which earlier scheme is being replaced and upgraded by the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana?**
 - Ladli Scheme (launched in 2008).
- **What is the primary objective of the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana?**
 - To prevent girls' school dropouts and promote educational continuity, financial security and empowerment.
- **How will financial assistance be provided under the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana?**
 - Through phased bank deposits linked with major educational milestones from birth to graduation/ diploma.
- **What is the maturity amount targeted under the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana?**
 - The deposited amount, along with interest, is designed to grow to over ₹1 lakh at maturity.
- **What are the eligibility criteria for the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana?**
 - The girl child must be born in Delhi, the family must have resided in Delhi for at least three years, and annual family income should not exceed ₹1.20 lakh.
- **How many girl children per family can be covered under the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana?**
 - Up to two girl children per family.

NATIONWIDE MASS DRUG ADMINISTRATION (MDA) CAMPAIGN FOR LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS 2026

- **What is the main objective of the Nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) Campaign for Lymphatic Filariasis?**
 - To interrupt transmission of Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) and eliminate it as a public health problem.
- **How many endemic states of India are covered under the nationwide MDA campaign for Lymphatic Filariasis?**
 - 12 endemic states.
- **Which states are covered under the Nationwide MDA Campaign for Lymphatic Filariasis?**
 - Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
- **Which groups are generally excluded from Mass Drug Administration (MDA) for Lymphatic Filariasis?**
 - Pregnant women, infants below the specified age limit, and seriously ill individuals.
- **Which medicines are commonly used under the Mass Drug Administration programme for Lymphatic Filariasis?**
 - Diethylcarbamazine (DEC) and Albendazole, with Ivermectin added in selected districts under Triple Drug Therapy (IDA).

- **What is Triple Drug Therapy (IDA) used in the elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis?**
 - A combination of **Ivermectin, Diethylcarbamazine (DEC), and Albendazole.**
- **What type of disease is Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)?**
 - It is a **neglected tropical disease (NTD)** caused by parasitic filarial worms.
- **Which parasitic worms are primarily responsible for Lymphatic Filariasis?**
 - *Wuchereria bancrofti* and *Brugia malayi*.
- **How is Lymphatic Filariasis transmitted, and what are its major chronic manifestations?**
 - It is transmitted through the bite of infected mosquitoes and can cause **elephantiasis, hydrocele and long-term disability.**
- **What is India's target year for eliminating Lymphatic Filariasis?**
 - 2027.
- **How does India's 2027 target for Lymphatic Filariasis elimination align with the Sustainable Development Goals?**
 - It reflects India's proactive approach towards achieving **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)** targets ahead of schedule.

STHREE SURAKSHA SCHEME – KERALA 2026

- **Which state government has launched the Sthree Suraksha Scheme?**
 - Government of Kerala.
- **What is the main objective of the Sthree Suraksha Scheme?**
 - To provide monthly financial assistance to economically vulnerable unemployed women and transgender women.
- **How much monthly financial assistance is provided to eligible beneficiaries under the Sthree Suraksha Scheme?**
 - ₹1,000 per month.
- **Through which system is the financial assistance under the Sthree Suraksha Scheme credited to beneficiaries?**
 - Through the state's **social security pension system** directly into their bank accounts.
- **Who are the primary beneficiaries targeted under the Sthree Suraksha Scheme?**
 - **Unemployed women and homemakers** who are not covered under existing social welfare pension schemes, along with eligible transgender women.
- **What is the prescribed age group for beneficiaries under the Sthree Suraksha Scheme?**
 - **35 to 60 years.**
- **Which ration card categories are eligible under the Sthree Suraksha Scheme?**
 - Antyodaya Anna Yojana (Yellow Card) and Priority Household (Pink Card) categories.
- **Where can eligible applicants submit applications for the Sthree Suraksha Scheme?**
 - Through **Local Self-Government Institutions**, including Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations.
- **What is the mode of transfer of financial assistance under the Sthree Suraksha Scheme?**
 - Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

WHO PREQUALIFICATION OF NOVEL ORAL POLIO VACCINE TYPE 2 (NOPV2) 2026

- Which organisation has prequalified the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2)?
 - World Health Organization (WHO).
- What type of vaccine has been prequalified by WHO for combating polio outbreaks?
 - Novel Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2 (nOPV2).
- Which Indian company manufactures the WHO-prequalified nOPV2 vaccine?
 - Biological E. Limited (BioE).
- Where is Biological E. Limited (BioE), the manufacturer of nOPV2, based?
 - Hyderabad, Telangana.
- What is the major challenge in polio eradication that nOPV2 aims to address?
 - Circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus Type 2 (cVDPV2) outbreaks.
- What causes Circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus (cVDPV2) outbreaks?
 - In under-immunised communities, the weakened virus used in traditional oral polio vaccines can genetically change and regain the ability to cause disease.
- Why is nOPV2 considered a “game-changer” in polio eradication?
 - It is engineered to be **more genetically stable**, reducing the risk of the vaccine virus reverting to a form capable of causing paralysis.
- By approximately what percentage does nOPV2 reduce the risk of reversion compared with traditional oral polio vaccines?
 - Approximately **80%**.
- What is the expected annual production capacity of nOPV2 by Biological E. Limited?
 - Approximately **600 million doses annually**.
- What is the shelf life of nOPV2, and how long can it be stored at standard temperatures?
 - It has a **24-month shelf life** and can be stored at standard temperatures for up to **six months**.
- When is World Polio Day observed every year?
 - 24 October.

LENACAPAVIR LAUNCH IN ZIMBABWE – 2026

- Which African country has become one of the first to launch Lenacapavir for HIV prevention?
 - Zimbabwe.
- What is Lenacapavir?
 - A long-acting antiretroviral medicine used for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).
- Which company developed Lenacapavir?
 - Gilead Sciences.
- What type of HIV medicine is Lenacapavir?
 - It is a **capsid inhibitor** that targets the HIV-1 viral capsid.

- **How does Lenacapavir work against HIV?**

- It interferes with the HIV-1 viral capsid at multiple stages of the virus's lifecycle, disrupting viral replication and function.

- **How frequently is Lenacapavir administered for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis?**

- Twice a year, providing protection for approximately six months.

- **Which organisation prequalified Lenacapavir for HIV prevention?**

- The World Health Organization (WHO).

- **Which African countries have taken the lead in adopting Lenacapavir through the WHO Collaborative Registration Procedure?**

- Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa.

- **Who are the primary target groups in Zimbabwe's initial Lenacapavir programme?**

- Approximately 46,500 high-risk individuals, including adolescent girls, young women, sex workers, and pregnant or breastfeeding women.

SPORTS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2026

- **Who won the men's singles title at the Australian Open 2026?**

- Carlos Alcaraz (Spain).

- **Who won the women's singles title at the Australian Open 2026?**

- Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan).

- **Whom did Carlos Alcaraz defeat to win the Australian Open 2026 men's singles title?**

- Novak Djokovic (Serbia).

- **Whom did Elena Rybakina defeat to win the Australian Open 2026 women's singles title?**

- Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus).

- **Where was the Australian Open 2026 held?**

- Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia.

- **The Australian Open is played on which type of court?**

- Hard courts.

EXERCISE AGNI PARIKSHA

- **Which two forces recently conducted the joint training exercise "Agni Pariksha"?**

- Indian Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

- **Where was the joint exercise "Agni Pariksha" conducted?**

- Sigar, East Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh.

- **What was the primary objective of Exercise "Agni Pariksha"?**

- To familiarise non-artillery personnel with artillery procedures, fire control systems, coordination mechanisms, and firing missions.

- Which Army formation participated in Exercise “Agni Pariksha” along with the ITBP?
– Spear Corps (Spearhead Gunners) of the Indian Army.
- Exercise “Agni Pariksha” was primarily aimed at strengthening what?
– Inter-force operational synergy and operational readiness in high-altitude border areas.

MILANO CORTINA WINTER OLYMPICS 2026

- The 25th edition of the Winter Olympic Games 2026 will be hosted by which country?
– Italy.
- Which two cities are jointly hosting the Winter Olympics 2026?
– Milano and Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy.
- What is the theme of the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics opening ceremony?
– “Armonia” (Harmony).
- Who are the official mascots of the Milano Cortina Winter Olympics 2026?
– Tina and Milo (two stoats).
- Where will the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics 2026 be held?
– San Siro Stadium, Milan.
- Which Indian athletes are representing India at the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics?
– Arif Mohammad Khan (Alpine Skiing) and Stanzin Lundup (Cross-Country Skiing).
- Milano Cortina Winter Olympics 2026 will be the first Winter Olympic Games to be jointly hosted by which type of arrangement?
– Two cities jointly hosting the Games.
- In which year did India make its debut in the Winter Olympic Games?
– 1964.
- Which Indian athlete qualified for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics in Alpine Skiing?
– Arif Mohammad Khan.
- The Winter Olympic Games were first organised in which year?
– 1924.

ICC MEN’S UNDER-19 CRICKET WORLD CUP 2026

- Which team won the ICC Men’s Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2026 title?
– India Under-19 cricket team.
- Which team did India defeat in the final of the ICC Men’s Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2026?
– England Under-19 team.
- Where was the final match of the ICC Men’s Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2026 played?
– Harare Sports Club, Zimbabwe.
- How many ICC Men’s Under-19 Cricket World Cup titles has India won after the 2026 victory?
– Six titles.

- **Who was awarded the Man of the Match in the ICC U-19 World Cup 2026 final?**
– Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.
- **Who was the captain of India's Under-19 cricket team in the ICC U-19 World Cup 2026?**
– Ayush Mhatre.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE (WPL) 2026

- **Which team won the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026 title?**
– Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB).
- **Which team did Royal Challengers Bengaluru defeat in the WPL 2026 final?**
– Delhi Capitals (DC).
- **Who scored the highest individual score in a Women's Premier League final during the 2026 season?**
– Smriti Mandhana (87 runs).
- **Which two franchises have won two Women's Premier League titles each?**
– Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Mumbai Indians (MI).
- **Who won the Orange Cap in the Women's Premier League 2026?**
– Smriti Mandhana (RCB).
- **Who won the Purple Cap in the Women's Premier League 2026?**
– Sophie Devine of the Gujarat Giants.
- **Who was named the Emerging Player of the Season in the Women's Premier League 2026?**
– Nandni Sharma (Delhi Capitals).
- **Which Indian government initiative is promoted through the growing success of women's professional sports like the WPL?**
– Khelo India.

BBC INDIAN SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2025

- **Who was named the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year for 2025?**
– Smriti Mandhana, Indian women's cricketer.
- **Why was Smriti Mandhana honoured with the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year Award 2025?**
– For her outstanding performances, particularly her pivotal role in India's historic 2025 Women's World Cup triumph and success in domestic leagues.
- **Where was the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2025 award ceremony held?**
– New Delhi.
- **Who was named the Emerging Player of the Year?**
– Divya Deshmukh, chess prodigy.
- **Who received the Para-Sportswoman of the Year award?**
– Preethi Pal.
- **Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award?**
– Anjali Bhagwat, veteran Indian shooter.

- **What is the major achievement associated with Anjali Bhagwat's career?**
 - She became the first Indian woman shooter to reach an Olympic final.

FIDE FREESTYLE CHESS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

- **Who won the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship?**
 - Magnus Carlsen of Norway.
- **Whom did Magnus Carlsen defeat in the final of the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship?**
 - Fabiano Caruana of the United States.
- **Where was the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship held?**
 - Weissenhaus, Germany, at Schloss Weissenhaus in Wangels.
- **Which organisations organised the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship?**
 - FIDE (International Chess Federation) in collaboration with Freestyle Chess Operations.
- **What is Freestyle Chess also known as?**
 - Chess960 or Fischer Random Chess.
- **How many top grandmasters competed in the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship?**
 - Eight grandmasters competed in the championship.
- **What milestone did Magnus Carlsen achieve with his 2026 Freestyle Chess title?**
 - It became his **21st world title across different chess formats**.

AWARDS & HONOURS

CHITTOOR GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR ELECTRIC BICYCLE DISTRIBUTION

- **Which district administration entered the Guinness World Records by distributing 5,555 electric bicycles in 24 hours?**
 - Chittoor district administration, Andhra Pradesh.
- **What Guinness World Record was achieved by the Chittoor district administration?**
 - “Most electric bicycles distributed in 24 hours.”
- **How many electric bicycles were distributed by the Chittoor district administration to create the record?**
 - 5,555 electric bicycles.
- **Who were the primary beneficiaries of the electric bicycle distribution initiative?**
 - Government school students, especially girls and students from marginalized communities.
- **What is the major objective of distributing electric bicycles under this initiative?**
 - To improve educational accessibility, reduce dropout rates, and promote sustainable rural transport.

DALAI LAMA WINS FIRST GRAMMY AWARD

- **Who won his first Grammy Award at the 68th Annual Grammy Awards (2026)?**
 - His Holiness the Dalai Lama.
- **In which category did the Dalai Lama win the Grammy Award 2026?**
 - Best Audio Book, Narration & Storytelling Recording.
- **Which album earned the Dalai Lama his first Grammy Award?**
 - Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.
- **At what age did the Dalai Lama receive his first Grammy Award?**
 - 90 years.
- **Which Indian classical musicians contributed to the Grammy-winning album of the Dalai Lama?**
 - Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and his sons Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash.
- **The Dalai Lama's Grammy-winning album primarily conveys messages related to which themes?**
 - Peace, compassion, mindfulness and universal responsibility.

VEERABHADRAN RAMANATHAN WINS 2026 CRAFOORD PRIZE IN GEOSCIENCES

- **Who was awarded the 2026 Crafoord Prize in Geosciences?**
 - Indian-origin climate scientist Veerabhadran Ramanathan.
- **The Crafoord Prize in Geosciences is awarded by which organisation?**
 - Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
- **Veerabhadran Ramanathan was recognised for his pioneering contributions in understanding which climate-related phenomenon?**
 - Role of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) and the greenhouse effect.
- **Which greenhouse gases were identified by Ramanathan as potent greenhouse gases in 1975?**
 - Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs).
- **What are Atmospheric Brown Clouds (ABCs) identified in Ramanathan's research?**
 - Clouds of soot and dust particles, including black carbon, that absorb sunlight and affect climate systems.
- **The Crafoord Prize is awarded in which fields not covered by the Nobel Prizes?**
 - Mathematics, Astronomy, Geosciences, and Biosciences.

GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE 2026

- **Who won the Global Teacher Prize 2026?**
 - Indian educator Rouble Nagi.
- **What is the prize money awarded under the Global Teacher Prize 2026?**
 - USD 1 million.

- **Which organisations present and organise the Global Teacher Prize?**
 - Presented by GEMS Education and organised by the Varkey Foundation in collaboration with UNESCO.
- **Rouble Nagi was honoured for promoting education through which innovative approach?**
 - Art-based education for children in marginalised communities.
- **Through which foundation has Rouble Nagi established over 800 learning centres across India?**
 - Rouble Nagi Art Foundation.
- **From how many countries were nominations and applications received for the Global Teacher Prize 2026?**
 - 139 countries.

‘BOONG’ WINS BAFTA 2026

- **Which Indian film won the Best Children’s and Family Film award at the 79th BAFTA Awards 2026?**
 - ‘Boong’, a Manipuri-language Indian film.
- **What historic achievement did ‘Boong’ accomplish at the BAFTA Awards 2026?**
 - It became the first Indian film to win the Best Children’s and Family Film category at the BAFTA Awards.
- **Which language is the film ‘Boong’ made in?**
 - Manipuri.
- **Which international films did ‘Boong’ compete against at the BAFTA Awards 2026?**
 - It competed against titles including ‘Zootopia 2’ and ‘Lilo & Stitch’.
- **Who directed the film ‘Boong’?**
 - Lakshmipriya Devi.
- **Who are among the producers associated with ‘Boong’?**
 - Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani, among others.
- **What is the central storyline of the film ‘Boong’?**
 - It is a coming-of-age drama about a young boy from Manipur who undertakes an emotional journey to reunite his family.
- **What major themes are explored in ‘Boong’?**
 - Childhood, family bonds, identity and emotional resilience.

CULTURE, HERITAGE & TOURISM

Meghalaya’s Living Root Bridges – UNESCO World Heritage Nomination

- **Which Indian state’s Living Root Bridges have been nominated for UNESCO World Heritage status?**
 - Meghalaya.
- **What is the title of Meghalaya’s Living Root Bridges UNESCO nomination dossier?**
 - “Jingkieng Jri / Lyu Chrai Cultural Landscape”.

- **The Living Root Bridges are mainly located in which hill regions of Meghalaya?**
– Khasi and Jaintia Hills.
- **Which indigenous communities are associated with the creation and maintenance of Meghalaya's Living Root Bridges?**
– Khasi and Jaintia communities.
- **The Living Root Bridges represent which type of traditional knowledge system?**
– Traditional ecological stewardship and bioengineering practices.

RETURN OF ANCIENT CHOLA-VIJAYANAGAR BRONZE SCULPTURES TO INDIA

- **Which museum announced the return of three ancient bronze sculptures to India?**
– Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art.
- **The three bronze sculptures being repatriated to India originally belonged to which state?**
– Tamil Nadu.
- **Which Chola-period bronze sculpture dating to around 990 CE is among the artefacts being returned?**
– Shiva Nataraja.
- **The Somaskanda bronze sculpture depicts which deities?**
– Shiva, Parvati and their son Skanda.
- **The original location of the Shiva Nataraja sculpture was identified as which temple?**
– Sri Bhava Aushadesvara Temple, Thanjavur district, Tamil Nadu.
- **Which archival source helped confirm the original locations of the stolen sculptures?**
– Rare 1950s photographs from the French Institute of Pondicherry archives.

WORLD RADIO DAY 2026

- **When is World Radio Day celebrated every year?**
– 13 February.
- **What is the official theme of World Radio Day 2026?**
– "Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice."
- **What is the objective of the World Radio Day 2026 theme?**
– To highlight how Artificial Intelligence can support broadcasters without replacing human voices in radio communication.
- **Which international organisation proclaimed World Radio Day in 2011?**
– United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- **When was World Radio Day adopted by the United Nations General Assembly?**
– 2012.
- **Which historical event is commemorated through World Radio Day?**
– The founding of United Nations Radio in 1946.

- Which organisation collaborated with Akashvani Raipur to host the World Radio Day Conclave 2026?
– UNESCO.
- Where was the World Radio Day Conclave 2026 organised?
– Akashvani Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- What was the major focus of the World Radio Day Conclave 2026?
– Discussing the role of Artificial Intelligence in preserving human-centric communication.

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY 2026

- When is International Mother Language Day observed every year?
– 21 February.
- Which organisation proclaimed International Mother Language Day?
– UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).
- What was the theme of International Mother Language Day 2026?
– “Youth voices on multilingual education.”
- What is the main focus of the 2026 theme?
– It emphasises the role of young people in promoting multilingual education and inclusive learning through mother tongues.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & WORLD AFFAIRS

64TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSOCD64)

- Where is the 64th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD64) being held?
– United Nations Headquarters, New York.
- Which Union Minister is leading India's delegation to the 64th Session of CSocD?
– Savitri Thakur, Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development.
- The Commission for Social Development (CSocD) functions under which United Nations body?
– United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- Who is presiding over the 64th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD64)?
– Ambassador Khrystyna Hayovyshyn (Ukraine).
- What is the primary focus of the United Nations Commission for Social Development (CSocD)?
– International cooperation for social development, including poverty eradication, social inclusion, equity, and welfare policies.

- Which guiding principle did India highlight during the 64th Session of CSocD?
– “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas”.

FIRST BRICS SHERPA AND SOUS-SHERPA MEETING 2026

- Which country hosted the first BRICS Sherpa and Sous-Sherpa Meeting in 2026?
– India.
- Where was the first BRICS Sherpa and Sous-Sherpa Meeting 2026 held?
– New Delhi.
- Who chaired the first BRICS Sherpa and Sous-Sherpa Meeting held under India's 2026 BRICS chairmanship?
– Sudhakar Dalela, India's BRICS Sherpa and Secretary (Economic Relations).
- Who is India's BRICS Sous-Sherpa for 2026?
– Shambhu L. Hakki.
- Which countries participated in the first BRICS Sherpa and Sous-Sherpa Meeting 2026?
– Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the UAE, along with India.
- What is the theme of India's BRICS chairmanship for 2026?
– “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.”
- What approach does India's BRICS 2026 theme reflect?
– A people-centric approach to BRICS leadership.
- Which major sectors were emphasised during the first BRICS Sherpa and Sous-Sherpa Meeting 2026?
– Health, agriculture, labour, disaster risk reduction, climate change, energy, innovation, ICT, security, and economic and financial cooperation.
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MIA AMOR MOTTLEY'S THIRD CONSECUTIVE ELECTORAL VICTORY – BARBADOS 2026

- Who is Mia Amor Mottley?
– She is the Prime Minister of Barbados.
- How many consecutive electoral victories has Mia Amor Mottley secured?
– She secured her third consecutive electoral victory.
- Which political milestone did Mia Amor Mottley achieve in the Barbados general elections?
– Her party won all seats in the House of Assembly, enabling her to secure a third successive term as Prime Minister.
- Where had Narendra Modi and Mia Amor Mottley previously met, as recalled by PM Modi?
– On the sidelines of the India-CARICOM Summit 2024.
- What is the significance of Mia Mottley's third consecutive electoral victory for Barbados?
– It represents a significant political milestone and reinforces her leadership in Barbados.

- **What broader diplomatic significance does Mia Mottley's leadership have?**
 - Her leadership has enhanced **Barbados' international diplomatic profile**, particularly on climate action, economic reform and cooperation among developing countries.

TARIQUE RAHMAN AND BNP VICTORY IN BANGLADESH – 2026

- **Who is poised to become the next Prime Minister of Bangladesh following the 2026 general elections?**
 - Tarique Rahman, leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).
- **Which political party won a landslide victory in the Bangladesh general elections held in February 2026?**
 - The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).
- **What enabled the BNP to form the next government in Bangladesh?**
 - The party secured a clear parliamentary majority in the 2026 general elections.
- **What has been Tarique Rahman's role in the Bangladesh Nationalist Party?**
 - He has been a **leading figure in BNP politics** for several years and emerged as the party's top leader.
- **What were the major issues highlighted in the BNP's 2026 election campaign?**
 - Economic revival, political reform and national unity.
- **What political change did the 2026 Bangladesh general elections signify?**
 - They marked a significant political shift after a period of political uncertainty and leadership transitions in Bangladesh.
- **What is the broader significance of Tarique Rahman's expected premiership for Bangladesh?**
 - It could mark a **new phase of political leadership and governance** following a period of political uncertainty in the country.

RUSSIA'S RESTRICTIONS ON WHATSAPP AND TELEGRAM – 2026

- **Which country has blocked access to WhatsApp and imposed restrictions on Telegram?**
 - Russia.
- **Which Russian regulator is responsible for enforcing restrictions on WhatsApp and Telegram?**
 - Roskomnadzor, Russia's state communications regulator.
- **Why has Russia fully blocked WhatsApp?**
 - Russia cited WhatsApp's alleged **failure to comply with Russian laws and regulatory requirements**, including local legal and security obligations.
- **Which state-supported messaging application is Russia promoting as an alternative to foreign messaging platforms?**
 - Max, a state-supported messaging and super-app.
- **What is the broader objective behind Russia's promotion of Max?**
 - To encourage the use of a **domestically controlled digital platform** and strengthen Russia's digital sovereignty.

EU European Legal Gateway Office – New Delhi 2026

WHERE HAS THE EUROPEAN UNION INAUGURATED ITS FIRST EUROPEAN LEGAL GATEWAY OFFICE?

– New Delhi, India.

- **What is the significance of the European Legal Gateway Office in New Delhi?**

– It is the first such facility established by the EU in a partner country.

- **What is the main purpose of the European Legal Gateway Office?**

– To provide clear and reliable information on legal mobility pathways for work, study and research opportunities across EU Member States.

- **How many EU Member States are covered under the Legal Gateway Office's mobility information services?**

– All 27 EU Member States.

- **Which category of Indian professionals and students is particularly targeted by the initiative?**

– Information and Communication Technology (ICT) students, professionals and researchers.

Which areas of India–EU cooperation are expected to benefit from the initiative?

– Migration and mobility, education, research and employment, along with greater engagement between Indian talent and EU institutions.

ROB JETTEN – PRIME MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS 2026

- **Who has become the Prime Minister of the Netherlands in 2026?**

– Rob Jetten.

- **What historic distinction did Rob Jetten achieve as Prime Minister?**

– He became the youngest Prime Minister in Dutch history and the first openly gay person to lead the Netherlands.

- **How old was Rob Jetten when he became Prime Minister?**

– 38 years old.

- **Which political party does Rob Jetten lead?**

– Democrats 66 (D66), a centrist political party.

- **Which parties form the three-party minority coalition led by Rob Jetten?**

– Democrats 66 (D66), Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA), and People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD).

REPORTS & INDICES

IIFT TOPS TIMES B-SCHOOL RANKING 2026

- **Which institution secured the first position in the Times B-School Ranking 2026?**

– Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT).

- **In which year was the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) established?**
– 1963.
- **Under which ministry was IIFT established as an autonomous body?**
– Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- **IIFT is a Deemed-to-be University with campuses in which four locations?**
– Delhi, Kolkata, Kakinada, and GIFT City.
- **Which institution ranked first in the Top Emerging B-School category in the Times B-School Ranking 2026?**
– SRM University AP (Paari School of Business).
- **Which new international initiative of IIFT was highlighted as a factor behind its strategic growth?**
– The launch of its offshore campus in Dubai.

PANCHAYAT ADVANCEMENT INDEX (PAI) 2.0

- **Which state secured the top rank in the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0?**
– Tripura.
- **Which Village Committee secured the first position nationwide in PAI 2.0?**
– Jugal Kishore Nagar Village Committee, Jampuijala RD Block, Sepahijala district, Tripura.
- **What score was achieved by Jugal Kishore Nagar Village Committee in the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0?**
– 88.44.
- **Which ministry launched the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0?**
– Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- **Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 evaluates Gram Panchayats based on how many local indicators across how many themes?**
– 435 local indicators across 9 themes aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **How many Gram Panchayats and Village Committees of Tripura achieved 100% data submission and verification under PAI 2.0?**
– 1,176 Gram Panchayats and Village Committees.

CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX (CPI) 2025

- **Which organisation releases the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)?**
– Transparency International.
- **How many countries and territories were ranked in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2025?**
– 182 countries and territories.
- **What scale is used in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)?**
– A scale of 0 to 100, where 0 indicates **highly corrupt** and 100 indicates **very clean**.
- **What was India's rank in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025?**
– 91st out of 182 countries.

- **What score did India receive in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025?**
 - 39 out of 100.
- **What major concerns regarding corruption in India were highlighted in the CPI 2025?**
 - Concerns related to **political financing** and the protection of **whistleblowers and journalists**.
- **Which country ranked 18th in CPI 2025 and performed better than India among the countries mentioned?**
 - Bhutan.
- **Which country was ranked the highest among Asian countries in the CPI 2025?**
 - **Singapore**, ranked **3rd** globally.
- **Which country topped the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025?**
 - **Denmark**, with a score of **89**.
- **Which countries occupied the second and third positions in CPI 2025?**
 - **Finland** ranked second and **Singapore** ranked third.
- **Which countries shared the bottom position in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025?**
 - **Somalia and South Sudan**, with a score of **9** each.

HENLEY PASSPORT INDEX 2026 – INDIA'S PASSPORT RANKING

- **What is the rank of India in the 2026 Henley Passport Index?**
 - 75th position.
- **How many positions did India's passport improve in the 2026 Henley Passport Index?**
 - It improved by **10 positions**, from **85th** in 2025 to **75th** in 2026.
- **How many destinations can Indian passport holders access without obtaining a prior visa according to the 2026 index?**
 - 56 destinations.
- **Which organisation publishes the Henley Passport Index?**
 - Henley & Partners.
- **What is the basis of the Henley Passport Index?**
 - It ranks passports according to the **number of destinations accessible without a prior visa**, including visa-free entry, visa-on-arrival and electronic travel authorisation (ETA).
- **How many passports and destinations are covered by the 2026 Henley Passport Index?**
 - 199 passports and 227 destinations.
- **Which organisation provides the travel data used by the Henley Passport Index?**
 - The International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- **Which country has the world's most powerful passport according to the 2026 Henley Passport Index?**
 - Singapore, with access to 192 destinations without a prior visa.
- **Which countries follow Singapore at the top of the 2026 Henley Passport Index?**
 - Japan and South Korea.
- **Which countries remain at the bottom of the 2026 Henley Passport Index?**
 - Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

- **How does India's passport rank regionally in South Asia?**
- India ranks **above Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal**, while the **Maldives** ranks substantially higher.

UTTAR PRADESH CURRENT AFFAIRS

Uttar Pradesh's First High-Tech Media Tower – Bareilly

- **Where will Uttar Pradesh's first high-tech Media Tower be constructed?**
 - Ramganga Nagar Housing Scheme, Bareilly.
- **Which authority will implement the Media Tower project?**
 - Bareilly Development Authority (BDA).
- **What is unique about the proposed Media Tower in Bareilly?**
 - It will be Uttar Pradesh's first Media Tower, making Bareilly the first city in the state to adopt such advanced digital display infrastructure.
- **What will be the approximate height of the Media Tower?**
 - 11 metres.
- **What type of display will be installed on the Media Tower?**
 - An approximately 8-metre curved LED display.
- **Which international landmark inspired the LED lighting technology of the Media Tower?**
 - Singapore's 'Gardens by the Bay'.
- **What is the estimated cost of the Media Tower project?**
 - Around ₹2.5 crore.

UTTAR PRADESH EXCISE EXPORT POLICY 2026-29

- **Which state became the first in India to frame a separate Excise Export Policy?**
 - Uttar Pradesh.
- **When was the Uttar Pradesh Excise Export Policy 2026-29 approved?**
 - 13 February 2026.
- **What is the validity period of Uttar Pradesh's Excise Export Policy?**
 - 2026-27 to 2028-29, for a three-year period.

What is the primary objective of the Uttar Pradesh Excise Export Policy 2026-29?

- To increase exports of liquor, ethanol and other alcohol-related products, attract investment and expand the global presence of UP-made brands.
- **Which raw materials are particularly emphasised for ethanol and alcohol-related exports under the policy?**
 - Grain- and fruit-based raw materials, leveraging Uttar Pradesh's agricultural base.
- **What is the revised level of export duty on molasses-based Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA) to other states?**

- ₹0.50 per bulk litre. Top of Form
NSSTA 18th Foundation Day – 2026

- **When did the National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA) celebrate its 18th Foundation Day?**
 - 13 February 2026.
- **Where is the National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA) located?**
 - Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Under which Union Ministry does NSSTA function?**
 - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- **What was the theme of NSSTA's 18th Foundation Day in 2026?**
 - “Reimagining Capacity Building for Official Statistics to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.”
- **What is the primary mandate of NSSTA?**
 - To create a pool of trained manpower in theoretical and applied statistics for the Indian Statistical Service (ISS) and Subordinate Statistical Service (SSS).
- **What major facility was inaugurated during NSSTA's 18th Foundation Day celebrations?**
 - The Digital Data Lab.
- **Which organisations collaborate with NSSTA for capacity building and statistical training?**
 - IITs, IIMs, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), NITI Aayog, World Bank and IMF.

NATIONAL COW CULTURE MUSEUM – MATHURA

- **Which state has announced plans to establish India's first National Cow Culture Museum?**
 - Uttar Pradesh.
- **Where will India's first National Cow Culture Museum be established?**
 - On the campus of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Veterinary Science University, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- **What is the primary objective of the National Cow Culture Museum?**
 - To showcase the religious, cultural, spiritual and scientific significance of cattle in Indian society.
- **What types of cattle breeds will be represented in the museum?**
 - Major indigenous and endangered Indian cattle breeds.
- **What will be a major attraction related to dairy products at the museum?**
 - An exhibition explaining the nutritional, scientific and Ayurvedic aspects of cow milk and dairy products such as curd, ghee and cheese.

NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR SKILLING IN AERONAUTICS & DEFENCE – KANPUR

- **Where will the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) for Skilling in Aeronautics and Defence be established?**
 - At the National Skill Training Institute (NSTI), Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Who announced the establishment of the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) for Skilling in Aeronautics and Defence?**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- **What is the primary focus of the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE)?**
 - To provide advanced skill training in aeronautics, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), airport operations, defence manufacturing and allied sectors.
- **Which two countries are collaborating to establish the National Centre of Excellence?**
 - India and France.
- **Under which scheme is the National Centre of Excellence being established?**
 - The PM-SETU Scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- **What is the overall outlay of the PM-SETU Scheme?**
 - ₹60,000 crore.
- **What sectors will benefit from the establishment of the NCoE?**
 - Primarily aerospace, aviation, MRO, airport operations and defence manufacturing, along with other high-technology sectors.

SANT KABIR STATE AWARDS – UTTAR PRADESH

- **Where was the Sant Kabir State Awards ceremony held to honour handloom weavers of Uttar Pradesh?**
 - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Who received the Sant Kabir State Awards?**
 - Skilled handloom weavers (Bunakar) from different regions of Uttar Pradesh.
- **How many weavers received the Sant Kabir State Awards?**
 - 39 weavers from 13 different regions (Parikshetra) of Uttar Pradesh.
- **Who inaugurated the Sant Kabir State Awards ceremony?**
 - Rakesh Sachan, Minister of MSME and Khadi Gramodyog, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Who won the first, second and third prizes respectively?**
 - Neeraj Devi (Aligarh) – First; Latish Tenguria (Agra) – Second; Saroj (Hathras) – Third.

STATE DATA CENTRE AUTHORITY – UTTAR PRADESH

- **Which state government has announced the establishment of the State Data Centre Authority?**
 - Uttar Pradesh Government, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- **What is the main objective of the State Data Centre Authority?**
 - To strengthen data governance, integrate data across government departments, and promote evidence-based policy-making.
- **What data centre capacity does Uttar Pradesh aim to develop by 2030?**
 - Around 5 GW of data centre capacity.
- **How much budgetary provision has been earmarked for establishing and operationalising the State Data Centre Authority?**
 - ₹100 crore.
- **Which emerging technology sectors are being promoted alongside data centre infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh?**
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI), cloud computing and digital startups.

SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING UNIT, NAMO BHARAT RRTS & MEERUT METRO – UTTAR PRADESH

- **Where will North India's first semiconductor manufacturing unit be established?**
 - Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Who will lay the foundation stone of the semiconductor manufacturing unit?**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Which companies are jointly developing the semiconductor manufacturing facility in Uttar Pradesh?**
 - HCL and Foxconn.
- **What is the estimated investment in the semiconductor manufacturing facility?**
 - Around ₹3,700 crore.
- **What is the significance of establishing the semiconductor manufacturing unit in Uttar Pradesh?**
 - It will strengthen domestic chip production, generate employment, attract ancillary electronics industries, and support India's semiconductor ecosystem.
- **Which major regional rapid transit corridor will be inaugurated in February 2026?**
 - The Namo Bharat Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Corridor, connecting Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi to Modipuram in Meerut.
- **What is the total length of the Namo Bharat RRTS Corridor between Delhi and Meerut?**
 - 82 km.

ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT RULING ON UTTAR PRADESH ANTI-CONVERSION LAW

- **What did the Allahabad High Court clarify regarding interfaith marriages under the Uttar Pradesh anti-conversion law?**
 - The Court clarified that the law does not prohibit interfaith marriages between consenting adults.
- **Under what circumstances does the anti-conversion law apply?**
 - It applies when there is actual religious conversion through force, fraud, coercion, allurement or similar unlawful means.
- **Which Fundamental Rights did the Allahabad High Court rely upon while affirming the right of adults to choose their partner?**
 - Articles 14, 15 and 21 of the Constitution.

UTTAR PRADESH INVESTMENT OUTREACH IN SINGAPORE

- **Which Uttar Pradesh leader concluded an official visit to Singapore to attract investments?**
 - Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- **How much investment did Uttar Pradesh secure in investment proposals during the Singapore visit?**
 - Investment proposals worth nearly ₹1 lakh crore.

- **How much of these investment proposals were formalised through MoUs?**
 - MoUs worth around ₹60,000 crore were formalised through Invest UP.
- **What is Invest UP?**
 - Invest UP is the nodal investment promotion and facilitation agency of the Uttar Pradesh government.
- **Which sectors are expected to receive investments from the Singapore outreach?**
 - Infrastructure, logistics, warehousing, urban development, fintech, data centres, renewable energy and advanced manufacturing.
- **Which types of investors did the Uttar Pradesh delegation engage with during the Singapore visit?**
 - Sovereign wealth funds, private equity firms and institutional investors.
- **What areas of Singapore's expertise did Uttar Pradesh seek to adopt?**
 - Smart city planning, sustainable urban transport and industrial township models.

UTTAR PRADESH–JAPAN INVESTMENT MOUS

- **Who signed investment MoUs with Japanese companies during the official visit to Japan?**
 - Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- **What is the approximate value of the initial investment commitments secured from Japanese companies?**
 - Around ₹11,000 crore.
- **Which major Japanese companies were among the investors?**
 - Kubota Corporation, Minda Corporation and Japan Aviation Electronics Industry (JAE), among others.
- **Which sectors are targeted under the investment agreements?**
 - Automobiles, advanced electronics, agricultural equipment, infrastructure and real estate.
- **How are the MoUs expected to strengthen Uttar Pradesh's manufacturing ecosystem?**
 - By bringing Japanese technology, capital and expertise into the state's manufacturing and industrial value chains.

UTTAR PRADESH STATE BUDGET 2026–27

- **Who presented the Uttar Pradesh State Budget for 2026–27?**
 - Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna.
- **When was the Uttar Pradesh State Budget 2026–27 presented?**
 - 11 February 2026.
- **What is the total budget estimate of Uttar Pradesh for 2026–27?**
 - ₹9,12,696.35 crore.
- **What is the major economic objective of the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27?**
 - To transform Uttar Pradesh into a USD 1 trillion economy by 2029.
- **What share of the total budget outlay has been allocated to capital expenditure?**
 - Around 19.5%, amounting to approximately ₹1.78 lakh crore.

- **What fiscal deficit target has been set by Uttar Pradesh for 2026–27?**
 - 3% of GSDP, in line with the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission.
- **What debt-to-GSDP ratio does Uttar Pradesh aim to achieve by the end of 2026–27?**
 - Approximately 23.1%.
- **What is the estimated GSDP of Uttar Pradesh for 2026–27?**
 - Around ₹30.25 lakh crore, with an estimated growth of 13.4%.
- **What is the allocation for infrastructure under the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27?**
 - Around 25% of the total budget outlay.
- **What major high-speed corridor has been proposed in the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27?**
 - The Northeast Corridor, a high-speed corridor connecting Gorakhpur to Saharanpur, with an allocation of around ₹34,000 crore.
- **What expansion is planned for Jewar International Airport?**
 - Expansion to five runways to enhance global air connectivity.
- **What initiative has been announced for youth entrepreneurs in Uttar Pradesh?**
 - The CM Youth Entrepreneur Scheme, providing interest-free loans of up to ₹5 lakh.
- **What has been announced under the Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme?**
 - Distribution of 50 lakh tablets/smartphones to youth.
- **How many new universities and medical colleges have been announced in the budget?**
 - Three new universities and 16 new medical colleges.
- **What major relief has been provided to farmers regarding sugarcane prices?**
 - Sugarcane prices for 2025–26 were increased by ₹30 per quintal, expected to add around ₹3,000 crore to farmers' income.
- **What provision has been made for free electricity to farmers?**
 - Continued provision of free electricity for private tube wells.
- **What changes have been made under the Kanya Sumangala Yojana?**
 - The scheme benefits more than 26.81 lakh girls, while the grant for a daughter's marriage has been increased from ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh.
- **What allocation has been made for the dedicated scooter scheme for women?**
 - ₹400 crore has been allocated to enhance the mobility of school-going and working women.
- **What employment initiative has been introduced by Uttar Pradesh?**
 - The Uttar Pradesh Employment Mission, aimed at expanding domestic and overseas employment opportunities for 10 lakh youth.
- **What is Uttar Pradesh's position in India's mobile phone and electronics manufacturing sector?**
 - Uttar Pradesh produces around 65% of India's total mobile phones and houses about 55% of the country's electronics component units.
- **What progress has Uttar Pradesh made in solar power capacity?**
 - Total installed solar power projects have reached around 2,815 MW.
- **How has thermal power capacity changed in Uttar Pradesh since 2016?**
 - Thermal power capacity has increased by more than 55% since 2016.

What is the broader significance of the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27?

- The budget focuses on capital expenditure, infrastructure, employment, industrial development, digital empowerment, agriculture, women's welfare and energy transition, supporting the state's goal of becoming a USD 1 trillion economy by 2029.

UTTAR PRADESH ECONOMIC SURVEY 2025–26

- **What is the primary long-term economic target highlighted in the Uttar Pradesh Economic Survey 2025–26?**
 - To transform Uttar Pradesh into a **\$1 trillion economy** through investment-led growth, infrastructure development, productivity enhancement and policy reforms.
- **What was Uttar Pradesh's GSDP at current prices in 2024–25?**
 - ₹30.25 lakh crore.
- **What is the projected GSDP of Uttar Pradesh for 2025–26?**
 - ₹36 lakh crore, implying projected growth of around 12%.
- **What was the CAGR of Uttar Pradesh's GSDP between 2016–17 and 2024–25?**
 - 10.8%.
- **From ₹13.30 lakh crore in 2016–17 to ₹30.25 lakh crore in 2024–25, how has Uttar Pradesh's economy changed?**
 - The state's economy has more than doubled during this period.
- **What was Uttar Pradesh's contribution to India's GDP in 2024–25 according to the Economic Survey?**
 - 9.1%, up from 8.6% in 2016–17.
- **What was Uttar Pradesh's per capita income in 2024–25?**
 - ₹1,09,844.
- **What is the targeted per capita income of Uttar Pradesh for 2025–26?**
 - ₹1,20,000.
- **What is the size of the investment pipeline built by Uttar Pradesh?**
 - More than ₹50 lakh crore in industrial proposals.
- **How many expressways does Uttar Pradesh have according to the Economic Survey?**
 - 22 expressways, supporting its positioning as India's expressway hub.
- **What is Uttar Pradesh's planned aviation expansion?**
 - Expansion to 24 airports, including five international airports.
- **How many registered factories are there in Uttar Pradesh?**
 - More than 30,000 registered factories.
- **Which major industrial clusters are being promoted under Uttar Pradesh's cluster-based development strategy?**
 - Lucknow – AI City and Capital Region; Kanpur – Drone Manufacturing and Testing Hub; Noida – IT, Electronics and Data Centres; Bundelkhand – Defence Industrial Corridor.
- **What is Uttar Pradesh's position in India's startup ecosystem?**
 - 4th.

- **What percentage of India's total foodgrain production comes from Uttar Pradesh?**
– 20.6%.
- **Which major agricultural commodities is Uttar Pradesh the largest producer of in India?**
– Sugarcane, milk and potatoes.
- **What share of India's total milk production comes from Uttar Pradesh?**
– 15.66%, the highest share among Indian states.
- **How has Gross Value Added (GVA) per hectare in agriculture changed in Uttar Pradesh?**
– It increased from ₹0.98 lakh in 2017–18 to ₹1.73 lakh in 2024–25.
- **What is the crop intensity in Uttar Pradesh according to the Economic Survey 2025–26?**
– 193.7%.
- **How much irrigated area did Uttar Pradesh have in 2024–25?**
– 2.76 crore hectares.
- **What is the size of the Uttar Pradesh state budget for 2025–26?**
– ₹8.33 lakh crore.
- **What is Uttar Pradesh's fiscal deficit as a percentage of GSDP?**
– 3% of GSDP.
- **What revenue surplus is projected for Uttar Pradesh?**
– 2.6% of GSDP.
- **What is Uttar Pradesh's debt-to-GSDP ratio?**
– 28%.
- **How much has Uttar Pradesh's own tax revenue increased to?**
– ₹2.09 lakh crore, around 2.5 times the earlier level.
- **What is Uttar Pradesh's rank in the Export Preparedness Index 2024?**
– 4th nationally and 1st among landlocked states.
- **Which framework forms the basis of Uttar Pradesh's investment strategy?**
– The Triple "S" framework: Safety, Stability and Speed.
- **Which digital platform is highlighted for speedy investment clearances in Uttar Pradesh?**
– Nivesh Mitra.
- **What major urban development initiatives are highlighted in the Economic Survey?**
– Creation of the Lucknow State Capital Region and plans for 100 new townships.
- **What is the projected share of Uttar Pradesh's urban population by 2046?**
– 35.8%.