

National News (October 2024 to February 2025)

1. Landslide Rehabilitation Loan:

The **Central Government** sanctioned an interest free, long term loan of Rs 529.50 crore to Kerala to rehabilitate landslide victims in Wayanad.

2. Customs Tariff Act Amendment:

India amended the **Customs Tariff Act, 1975** and became the first country to introduce an HS code for GI tagged rice varieties.

3. India's renewable energy share is projected to increase from 21% (2024) to 27% (2027).

4. The new Income Tax Bill 2025 was presented in Lok Sabha, replacing the Income Tax Act, 1961 and redefining "assessment year" as "tax year."

5. India targets 100 GW nuclear capacity by 2047, with L&T leading plant construction and supplying key components.

6. Bharat Tex 2025:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, **New Delhi** – touted as **India's** largest global textile event with themes Resilient Global Value Chains and Textile Sustainability. **India** is the 6th-largest textile exporter, contributing 8.21% to exports (2023–24).

7. Silk Sector Conference & Indie Haat:

The **Central Silk Board** inaugurated **SILKTECH 2025** at Bharat Mandapam.

Indie Haat was held from 12–18 February 2025 at the National Crafts Museum and Hastkala Academy, **New Delhi**.

8. Aadi Mahotsav – National Tribal Festival:

Held in **New Delhi** with the theme "A Celebration of the Spirit of Entrepreneurship, Tribal Craft, Culture, Cuisine and Commerce." Organized by **TRIFED** (Chairman – Ramsinh Rathwa).

9. Watershed Yatra:

Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Watershed Yatra under the theme "Jal Laaye Dhan-Dhaanya."

10. Renaming of Fort William:

The **Indian Army** renamed its **Eastern Command** headquarters in Kolkata from Fort William to "Vijay Durg."

11. President's Rule in Manipur & CM Resignation:

President Droupadi Murmu imposed President's Rule in Manipur under **Article 356** after a report from **Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla**.

This is the 11th time President's Rule has been imposed in Manipur—the highest among all states.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh resigned on 9 February 2025, nearly 21 months after ethnic violence (which has killed over 250 people and displaced more than 60,000 since 3 May 2023).

(For context, Jammu & Kashmir holds the record for the longest period of President's Rule—over 12 years.)

12. "Shatavari – For Better Health":

Launched by: **Ministry of Ayush**

Purpose: To promote the benefits of medicinal plants.

13. Constitutional Accountability:

The **Council of Ministers** is collectively responsible to the **Lok Sabha** under **Article 75(3)** of the **Indian Constitution**.

14. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Subscribers:

The highest number of **APY** subscribers as of January 2025 are in **Uttar Pradesh**.

15. New Delhi World Book Fair 2025 (NDWBF 2025):

Inaugurated by: **President Droupadi Murmu** on 1 February 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, **New Delhi**.

Theme: "Republic@75" – celebrating 75 years of the Republic of **India**.

Focus Country: Russia.

Organizers: **National Book Trust; ITPO** as venue partner.

16. The **Union Cabinet** approved setting up the **8th Pay Commission** to revise salaries of **central government** employees and allowances for pensioners.
Chairman of the 7th Pay Commission: **Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur**
17. The **BHASKAR** (Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry) platform, a central registry for start-ups and investors, indicates 1.54 lakh start-ups in 2024, up from 502 in 2016 (when 'Start-up **India**' initiative began).
18. **Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal**, launched the "PRABHAAV Factbook". PRABHAAV stands for "Powering a Resilient and Agile Bharat for the Advancement of Visionary Startups". It showcases **India's** startup ecosystem from 2016 to 2024.
Minister of Commerce & Industry: **Piyush Goyal** (Constituency – Mumbai North, Maharashtra)
MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: **Jitin Prasada**
19. **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** unveiled the "Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan" app on January 15, 2025, during the 77th **Army Day** celebrations in Pune.
Minister of Defence: **Rajnath Singh** (Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)
20. The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)**, chaired by **PM Narendra Modi**, approved an Rs 11,440 Cr revival package for **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL)**
21. **INROAD Project in North East**
INROAD stands for "**Indian Natural Rubber Operations for Assisted Development.**"
INROAD is the first project worldwide where the tyre industry directly contributes to rubber plantation development.
It received Rs 100 Cr in financial support to improve natural rubber quality.
Headquarters of **ATMA** (Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association): **New Delhi** | Chairman: **Arnab Banerjee**
22. **Union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal** inaugurated the **NTB (National Turmeric Board)** at Nizamabad, Telangana, appointing **Palle Ganga Reddy** as its 1st Chairperson.
23. The government re-constituted the "**Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)**":
Ajit Kumar Mohanty (Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy) is the Chairman
24. **Union FAHD & Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh** inaugurated the "Entrepreneurship Development Conclave" in Pune.
Theme: "Empowering Entrepreneurs Transforming Livestock Economics."
TRAJ HQ: New Delhi | Chairman: **Anil Kumar Lahoti** | Established in 1997.
25. **Union Women & Child Development Minister, Annapurna Devi** launched the "Bal Vivah Mukta Bharat Campaign" portal.
Objective: Prevent child marriage
Aim: Reduce child marriage prevalence to below 5% by 2029.
26. **Indian Army** conducted **Inno-Yoddha 2024-25** at Manekshaw Centre, **New Delhi**.
27. **Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change** will use updated base year 2022-23 instead of 2011-12 for compiling GDP and forest cover data.
28. **India's** biennial forest assessment reveals total forest cover: 7,15,343 sq km, i.e., 21.76% of **India's** geographic area.
29. **MoS for Forest, Environment & Climate Change Kirti Vardhan Singh** launched **Nano Bubble Technology** to clean and purify water for aquatic animals in National Zoological Park (**Delhi**)
30. **PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance & Timely Implementation)** was launched in 2015 by **PM Narendra Modi**.
PRAGATI uses digital data management, video conferencing, & geospatial tech (developed in-house by **PMO & NIC**).
31. The first-ever **Ganges River dolphin** (*Platanista gangetica*) was tagged in **Assam** under "**Project Dolphin**", aiming to conserve **India's** National Aquatic Animal.
32. **India**, the world's 2nd-largest sugar producer (after Brazil), permitted 1 million MT of sugar export this season (till September 2025) to support local prices.
33. 7 Products of Andaman & Nicobar Granted **GI Tags** (For the 1st time, a single **Union Territory** has been granted 7 **Geographical Indication (GI)** tags at once)

Geographical Indication Registry (GIR) in Chennai issues GI tags in **India**; a registered GI is valid for 10 years

34. **1st Tri-Services Tableau** in 76th **Republic Day** Parade (Jan 26, 2025)
The theme is “Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat” (Empowered & Secure **India**).
35. **India** Targets 10,000 **GI** Tags by 2030
Currently, **DPIIT** has issued 605 GI tags.
36. **MSP** for Raw Jute (2025-26) is ₹5,650/quintal for raw jute (TD-3)
37. **Union Minister for Culture & Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, inaugurated the “Bhagwat” exhibition at the Allahabad Museum.
38. **Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** launched an **AI**-based solution named “Linen Inspection and Sorting Assistant (LISA)” at the Ghorpadi Integrated Coaching Complex (**GICC**) in Pune.
39. **Indian Railways** also launched a ‘Gram Tent City’ near bathing ghats for the **Mahakumbh 2025** in Prayagraj, **Uttar Pradesh**, offering premium accommodations...
40. The **Rubber Board** (under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**) unveiled “iSNR (Indian Sustainable Natural Rubber)” and “INR Konnect”...
41. **PM Surya Ghar Scheme** Progress:
8.5 lakh **Indian** households have installed rooftop solar under “PM Surya Ghar” (launched 15 February 2024, outlay ₹75,000 Cr).
Overall scheme aims for 1 crore household installations.
42. **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)** has provided ₹1.2 lakh Cr in free hospitalization benefits since 2018.
43. **Project Veer Gatha:**
A collaborative initiative by the **Ministry of Defence** and the **Ministry of Education**, started in 2021...
44. **India’s** total installed renewable capacity stands at 218 GW (including solar, wind, hydro, bio-power). Government aims for 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.
45. **NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)** replaced the erstwhile Planning Commission on 1 January 2015...
46. **EmpowHER Biz – Sapno Ki Udaan** is an initiative launched under the **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)** of **NITI Aayog**.
47. **Bhārat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform:**
To Enhance **India’s** clean-tech value chains in solar, wind, green hydrogen, battery storage, etc
48. **IMD (India Meteorological Department)** celebrated its 150+ anniversary (founded 15 January 1875). Plans to set up a **Regional Meteorological Centre** in Jammu.
49. **National River Traffic and Navigation System (NRTNS):**
Government to invest around ₹50,000 Cr over the next 5 years to strengthen inland waterways infrastructure.
50. **Odisha** became the 34th state (including UTs) to adopt the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PM-JAY)**...
51. ‘Utkarsh’ (Multi-Purpose Vessels for **Indian Navy**) built by **L&T**
52. **Digital Agriculture Mission (DAM)**
Launched by the **Union Cabinet** with a total budget of ₹2,817 crore...
53. **E-Shram Portal**
Registrations : Recorded 30.48 crore registrations by December 2024.
Launched by the **Ministry of Labour and Employment** in August 2021...
54. **WPI Base Year Revision**
The **government** has formed an 18-member working group, chaired by **NITI Aayog’s** Prof. Ramesh Chand, to update the **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** base year from 2011–12 to 2022–23.
55. Launch of “**Baanknet**” E-Auction Portal
Launched by **M. Nagaraju**, Secretary, **Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance**.
56. **Intermodal Terminal (IMT)** at Kalughat, Bihar
Built at a cost of ₹82.48 crore under the World Bank-funded **Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP)**.

57. New Division in Northern Railways**Jammu Division**

A new railway division created with headquarters in Jammu...

58. Draft "Digital Personal Data Protection Rules"

Released by : **Government of India.**

59. Bharat Grand Challenge

This is a special program meant to provide mentorship (guidance) and funding (money) to startups located in **India's** Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) and Stride Ventures are doing this program

60. Development Projects in Delhi

Total Worth : Inaugurated by **PM Modi**, costing around ₹12,200 crore...

61. Panchayat Se Parliament 2.0

Inaugurated by **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla**...

62. NEAT 4.0 Launched

Phase 4 of the **National Educational Alliance for Technology.**

By: **AICTE** (All India Council for Technical Education).

63. BHARATPOL Portal

Inaugurated by : **Union Home Minister Amit Shah.**

Developed by : **CBI** (Central Bureau of Investigation).

64. E-Shram Portal Integration with Bhashini

Launched by **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Labour & Employment**...

65. Integration of Indonesia into BRICS

Indonesia Became the 10th full member of **BRICS**...

16th **BRICS** Summit Held in Kazan, Russia.

66. Green Hydrogen Hub Project

Foundational Ceremony Laid by **PM Modi** for **India's** first "Green Hydrogen Hub" by **NTPC Green Energy Limited** in Andhra Pradesh...

67. Indusfood 2025

Inaugurated by **Minister Chirag Paswan** at Greater Noida...

68. IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency) scored 98.24 points out of 100...**69. Amrit Gyaan Kosh Portal**

Launched by **Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Science and Technology**...

70. Fuel Subsidy Plan

Amount Approved: ₹35,000 crore for **IOCL** (₹19,550 Cr), **BPCL** (₹10,570 Cr), and **HPCL** (₹10,400 Cr).

71. Tax Devolution

Central Funds to States: ₹1.73 lakh crore was given to states...

72. National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)

Launched by : **Piyush Goyal** at Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, **New Delhi**...

73. India Joins UNCEBD

UNCEBD = **UN Committee of Experts on Big Data** and Data Science for Official Statistics.

74. Kisan Samridhi Market Portal

Launched by **ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ICAR-ATARI)**, Bengaluru...

75. Inland Waterways Development

2nd Meeting of the **Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC)**

Held at Kohora, Kaziranga...

76. Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS)

3rd Edition Scheduled in Varanasi, UP, from February 15–24, 2025

Launched by : **Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan**...

- 77. National Testing Agency (NTA) Restructuring**
A high-level committee headed by **K. Radhakrishnan** (former ISRO chairman) has recommended the restructuring of NTA...
- 78. Kisan Kavach – Anti-Pesticide Bodysuit**
Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, unveiled Kisan Kavach...
- 79. Amendment to Aircraft (Security) Rules, 2023**
The **government** has amended the **Aircraft (Security) Rules, 2023**, to impose a fine of up to ₹1 crore for hoax bomb threats...
- 80. National Institute of Siddha (NIS) Sets Guinness World Record**
NIS set a Guinness World Record by providing **Varmam therapy**...
- 81. MNRE Deadline for Solar PV Cells**
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has set a June 2026 deadline for solar companies...
- 82. BULA Bill to Ban Unregulated Lending**
The **Centre** proposed the BULA Bill (**Banning of Unregulated Lending Activities**)...
- 83. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) Approval for MSP on Copra (2025 Season)**
MSP for Milling Copra: ₹11,582 per quintal
MSP for Ball Copra: ₹12,100 per quintal
- 84. Namo Bharat Train Loyalty Points Program**
Discount: 10% on tickets purchased through the **RRTS Connect** mobile app...
- 85. Oil India Ltd (OIL) Green Energy Initiatives**
OIL Green Energy: A subsidiary to handle all green and alternative energy businesses...
- 86. Centre Scraps 'No-Detention Policy' for Classes 5 & 8**
Schools can now fail students who do not clear year-end exams...
- 87. Republic Day Parade 2025 Tableaux Theme**
Theme: "Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas".
- 88. Commemorative Coin for Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Birth Centenary**
₹100 silver coin issued to mark the birth centenary of former **Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**...
- 89. India's Rise as the 6th Largest Exporter of Solar Photovoltaic (PV)**
Global Share: Increased from 0.4% in 2013 to 2.51% in 2023...
- 90. Ken-Betwa River-Linking Project Launched by PM Modi**
Location: Laid foundation stone in Khajuraho, **Madhya Pradesh**...
- 91. Launch of 10,000 New PACS**
Amit Shah launched 10,000 new **Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies**...
- 92. New International Campus in GIFT City**
Queen's University Belfast will open an international campus in Gujarat International Finance Tec City (GIFT City)...
- 93. Launch of Nayi Chetna 3.0 Campaign**
Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Rural Development, launched the 3rd edition...
- 94. Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) Projects for Jammu & Kashmir**
Amount Approved: Rs 85 crore...
- 95. India's Record Coal Production**
FY2023-24: **India** achieved its highest-ever coal production of 997.826 million tonnes...
- 96. Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Challenge (2024-2025)**
Launched by: **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, **NITI Aayog**, **UNDP**, and **Citi Foundation**...
- 97. Kolkata Airport Centenary Celebrations**
Union Minister: Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu launched "UDAN Yatri Café"...
- 98. India's First Zero-Waste Airport - Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport, Indore**
Inauguration: 3,000 sq. ft Material Recovery Facility (**MRF**) by **Union Minister of Civil Aviation** Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu...

- 99. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) Approves Railway Projects**
Total Cost: ₹7,927 crore for 3 railway projects in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh...
- 100. Coffee Production Projection and Growth Plans by Coffee Board of India**
The **Coffee Board of India** is under the **Ministry of Commerce & Industry**...
- 101. VadHAVan Greenfield Port**
Under construction near Dahanu, Maharashtra, Scheduled to be finished by 2034...
Total outlay of Rs 76,000 crore...
- 102. FSSAI Classifies "Packaged Drinking Water & Mineral Water" as High-Risk Food Categories**
FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of **India**)
- 103. Faster Generation of "Farmer ID" (Kisan Pehchaan Patra)**
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW) urged states...
- 104. ICA Global Cooperative Conference 2024**
Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Cooperative Alliance (**ICA**) Global Cooperative Conference 2024 at Bharat Mandapam...
- 105. "The TeacherApp" Mobile Application**
Launched By: **Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan**...
- 106. 'One Day One Genome' Initiative**
Introduced By: The **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** and Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (**BRIC**)...
- 107. Bharat NCX 2024** (National Cyber Security Exercise)
Organised By: **National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)** in collaboration with **Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)**...
- 108. e-Sankhyiki Portal**
Launched By: **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**.
- 109. Diamond Jubilee of National Federation of State Co-operative Banks Limited (NAFSCOB)**
Event & Venue: Diamond Jubilee (60 Years) celebrations of **NAFSCOB** on 26th November 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in **New Delhi, Delhi**.
Chief Guest: **Union Minister Amit Shah**...
- 110. National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise & Workshop (SAREX-24)**
Organizer: **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** under the aegis of **National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB)**...
- 111. Rs 100 Commemorative Coin for SBI Horniman Circle Branch**
Occasion: Centenary of the **State Bank of India (SBI)**'s Horniman Circle Branch in Mumbai...
- 112. Penalty on Meta by Competition Commission of India (CCI)**
Penalty Amount: Rs 213.14 crore...
- 113. "Bal Vivah Mukh Bharat" Campaign**
Launched By: **Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi**...
- 114. Selection of 8 Startups under National Quantum Mission**
Announced By: **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh**...
- 115. India-Singapore Bilateral Military Exercise: Agni Warrior (XAW-2024)**
Held at the Devlali Field Firing Ranges in Maharashtra...
- 116. e-Dakhil Portal**
Launched on 7th September 2020 by the **National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NCDRC)**...
- 117. First Indigenous Antibiotic 'Nafithromycin'**
Developed by Wolkardt (Mumbai-based pharma company) with support from **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)**...
- 118. India Re-elected to UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)**
Term: 2025-2026...
- 119. Special Assistance for Capital Investment Scheme**
Released: ₹50,571.42 crore to 23 states...
- 120. Coal India Ltd (CIL) Celebrates 50th Foundation Day**
Date & Location: November 3, 2024, at CIL Headquarters, **Kolkata**...

121. **Jawaharlal Nehru Port** Achieves Best Turnaround Time
Turnaround Time: 26 hours (FY 2023-24).
122. Launch of "**Anna Chakra**" and "**SCAN**" Portals
Launched By: **Union Minister Pralhad Joshi**...
123. **Cabinet Approval** for New Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs)
Estimated Cost: ₹5,872.08 crore...
124. "**Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore**" Campaign
Inaugurated during **Good Governance Week** (19-24 December 2024)...
125. 100-Day **TB Elimination Campaign**
Launched By: **Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda** in Panchkula, Haryana...
126. Stock Limits on **Wheat** Revised
Purpose: Ensure food security...
127. **India** Surpasses 25,000 **Public EV Charging Stations**
PM e-DRIVE Program: ₹2,000 crore allocated...
128. **Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR)** launched the "People's Plan Campaign (**Jan Yojana Abhiyan**)" for preparing Panchayat Development Plans (PDPs) for 2025-26.
Theme: 'Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas' (Everyone's Plan, Everyone's Development).
129. **PM Narendra Modi** inaugurated projects worth ₹6,640 crore in Jamui, **Bihar**...
130. The **government's** procurement through the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** portal has crossed ₹3 lakh crore...
131. The **Central Government** aims to make **Andaman & Nicobar Islands** a hub of tuna fish export.
132. **Guru Ghasidas - Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve** has been notified as the 56th **Tiger Reserve** of **India**... It is the 3rd largest in the country...
133. **Minister of Jal Shakti, C. R. Paatil**, launched the "**Bhu-Neer**" portal...
134. **Prasar Bharati, India's** public broadcaster, launched its own OTT platform "**Waves**"...
135. **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the "Viksit Bharat Initiative for Student Innovation and Outreach Network (**VISION**)"...
136. **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog**, recognized the 4th cohort of 'Community Innovator Fellows (CIFs)' with the support of Capgemini **India**...
137. **Air India** has received the **Design Organisation Approval (DOA)** from the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**...
138. **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)**, chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, approved the **PAN 2.0 Project**...
139. **Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day)**:
Celebrated the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the **Indian Constitution** at Samvidhan Sadan...
140. The **Central Government** set up a **Coordination Committee for Air Quality Management** in the **Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP)** region...
141. The **Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)** General Upendra Dwivedi launched an online learning platform for the **Indian Army** named "**Eklavya**".
142. **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)** allocated ₹3,417.68 crore for 90 projects under the **North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)**...
143. **Indian Railways** launched "**Sanraksha**", a mobile app for safety training...
144. **Inter-State Council (ISC)** was reconstituted with **PM Narendra Modi** as its Chairman...
145. The 10th **India International Science Festival (IISF)** began at **IIT Guwahati**...