

1. Jan Suraksha Schemes Complete 11 Years (PMJJBY, PMSBY & APY)

- Jan Suraksha Schemes were launched by PM Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015 — completing 11 years in 2026.
- Collectively settled insurance claims worth ₹25,160 crore across all three schemes.
- Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY):
 - 1-year life insurance scheme; coverage: ₹2 lakh on natural death.
 - Managed by LIC and other life insurers.
 - Eligibility: 18–50 years (one source notes 18–55 years).
 - Premium: ₹436/year (approx. ₹2/day).
 - Subscribers: Over 27 crore; claims settled: ₹21,500 crore.
- Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY):
 - Accidental insurance; ₹2 lakh for accidental death, ₹1 lakh for disability.
 - Eligibility: 18–70 years; administered by non-life insurers.
 - Premium: ₹20/year (less than ₹2/month).
 - Subscribers: Over 58 crore; claims settled: ₹3,660 crore.
- Atal Pension Yojana (APY):
 - Pension for poor Indians aged 18–40; managed by PFRDA / NPS Trust.
 - Guaranteed pension: ₹1,000 to ₹5,000/month; subscribers: Over 9 crore.

2. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) — Key Details

- PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme) is a central scheme under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- Nodal implementing agency: KVIC (Khadi and Village Industries Commission).
- Aims to create self-employment for unemployed youth and traditional artisans.
- Maximum project cost: ₹50 lakh (manufacturing) | ₹20 lakh (service/business sector).
- Margin money subsidy: 15% to 35%.
- Eligibility: Age >18 years, minimum 8th-grade pass, no income ceiling.

3. VB-GRAMG Act 2025 to Replace MGNREGA from July 1, 2026

- The Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-GRAMG] Act, 2025 will replace MGNREGA across India.
- Effective date: July 1, 2026.
- Increased Workdays: Guaranteed unskilled wage employment increases from 100 days to 125 days per rural household per financial year.
- The Centre and states will share costs at a standard 60:40 ratio (90:10 for North Eastern and Himalayan states). This replaces the old model where the Centre bore 100% of the wage liabilities.

4. New Labour Codes Implementation — 4 Codes Replace 29 Central Labour Laws

- India consolidated 29 Central labour laws into 4 Labour
- Working hours: Capped at 48 hours/week; daily limit up to 12 hours (enabling 4-day workweek option).
- Women night shifts: Allowed 7 PM – 6 AM, strictly with their consent.
- Establishments with 20+ workers must constitute a Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) with equal employer-worker representation.
- India became the first nation to include gig workers under the labour code.

5. JANANI Digital Platform Launched for Maternal & Neonatal Care

- Launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Unveiled at the 10th National Summit on Innovation and Inclusivity in Chandigarh.
- JANANI = Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care.
- Provides end-to-end tracking for maternal, newborn, and post-natal healthcare.

6. SEHAT Initiative — ICMR and ICAR Link Agriculture with Health

- ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) — HQ: New Delhi.
- ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) — HQ: New Delhi.
- SEHAT = Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation.

- A national mission-mode programme linking agricultural research with health outcomes.
- 203 varieties of ICAR biofortified crops will undergo clinical trial validation with ICMR.

7. Anemia Mukht Bharat Index 2025-26 — Madhya Pradesh Tops

- Madhya Pradesh topped the Anemia Mukht Bharat Index 2025-26 with a score of 92.1.

8. NITI Aayog Report on School Education System (2014-15 to 2024-25)

- India operates the world's largest school system: 14.71 lakh schools and 24.69 crore students.
- Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) at higher secondary level: 58.4%.
- Private unaided school enrollment: 38.8%; Government schools: 49.25%.

9. MoSPI Revises Base Year for GSDP & National Accounts to 2022-23

- MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation) issued uniform guidelines changing the base year for GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) and National Accounts to 2022-23.
- Reason: To adjust for inflation and align with global standards.
- Previously, 34 States and UTs used 2011-12 as the base year (exceptions: Lakshadweep, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu).
- MoSPI Minister of State (Independent Charge): Rao Inderjit Singh (constituency: Gurgaon, Haryana).

10. Indian Aircraft Leasing and Financing Summit 2.0 — GIFT City, Gandhinagar

- Inaugurated by Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- Organized by Ministry of Civil Aviation, IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority), and FICCI.
- Presided over by Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu.
- India's goal: Become the 3rd largest civil aviation market by 2035.
- Seaplane operations to start soon in Lakshadweep.

11. Finance Ministry Launches ₹3,000 Crore State Capital Investment Framework

- Finance Ministry launched a performance-based framework with a ₹3,000 crore fund to reward states for good debt management.
- Allocations: Large states — up to ₹250 crore | Medium states — up to ₹200 crore | Small states — up to ₹150 crore.
- Criteria: Debt management (50%), Borrowing discipline (30%), Fiscal transparency (20%).

12. PM Modi's Economic Appeal — Fuel, Foreign Travel & Gold

- PM Modi appealed to citizens to cut fuel use, avoid foreign travel, and avoid buying gold.
- Gold imports in FY 2025-26: ~\$71.98 billion.
- India's Trade Deficit FY 2025-26: \$333.2 billion.
- Forex Reserves (March 2026): ~\$691 billion.

13. Somnath Swabhiman Parv — May 11, 2026

- Somnath Swabhiman Parv was observed on May 11, 2026, marked by PM Modi's visit to the Somnath Temple.
- Somnath Temple is regarded as the first among the 12 Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva.

14. DAHD National Conference on Laboratory Animal Welfare — New Delhi

- DAHD (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying) organised the National Conference on Laboratory Animal Welfare in New Delhi.

15. SEBI Proposals — OBPP & GARUDA Mechanisms

- OBPP (Online Bond Platform Providers) — feedback due May 26, 2026:
 - Allow foreign debt securities via IFSCA.
 - Distribute tax-saving infrastructure bonds under Section 54EC of the Income Tax Act.
 - Exempt government-backed bonds from exclusive listing on Retail Direct.
- GARUDA (Green-Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement):
 - Speeds up AIF (Alternative Investment Fund) scheme launches.
 - Reduces timeline from 30 days to 10 working days after PPM (Private Placement Memorandum) filing via a Merchant Banker.

16. RBI Key Actions — PPI Regulation, Capital Rules & Monetary Penalties

- PPI (Prepaid Payment Instruments) Regulation: RBI set a comment deadline of May 22, 2026.
- Capital Rules Eased:
 - Banks can now include quarterly profits directly into Tier 1 Capital (bank's strongest capital).
 - Previous condition: NPA provisioning must not deviate by more than 25% from the previous four quarters' average — this qualifying condition was removed.
- Monetary Penalties:
 - Yes Bank fined ₹31.80 lakh for failing to use the 14-digit KYC Identifier provided by the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR), managed by CERSAI.
 - Hinduja Housing Finance fined ₹1.8 lakh for regulatory non-compliance.

17. RBI-ECB Partnership — Agreement Signed in Basel, Switzerland

- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra and European Central Bank (ECB) Head Christine Lagarde signed an agreement in Basel, Switzerland for cooperation in central banking operations.

18. RBI-State Bank of Vietnam MoU on Financial Innovation & Digital Payments

19. Banking Acquisitions — Kotak Mahindra Bank & Axis Bank

- RBI approved Kotak Mahindra Bank to acquire up to 9.99% aggregate stake in both AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank.
- Axis Bank raised \$500 million offshore loan from MUFG (Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group).

20. S&P Global Downgrades India's GDP Forecast — West Asia Impact

- S&P Global downgraded India's current FY GDP projection from 7.1% to 6.6%.
- Reason: Energy supply disruptions and inflation caused by the West Asia conflict.

21. Grievance Redressal Assessment Index — DFS Tops

- DFS (Department of Financial Services) tops the index, receiving 2.5 lakh+ grievances annually.
- Within DFS: Insurance division ranks 1st; Banking division ranks 5th.

22. GST Appellate Tribunal as NAAR — Effective April 1, 2026

- Finance Ministry notified that the principal bench of GSTAT (Goods and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal) in New Delhi will act as NAAR (National Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling).
- Effective: April 1, 2026; to resolve inter-state GST disputes.

23. Counterfeit Indian Currency Notes (CICN) — Seizure Data

- Total fake currency seized since 2017: ₹638 crore.
- Peak year: 2022 (₹382.6 crore seized).
- Gujarat accounted for >50% of total seizures from 2017–2024 (₹355.72 crore).
- Total Currency in Circulation (CiC) in May 2026: ₹42.12 lakh crore.

24. West Bengal Assembly Election 2026 — BJP Historic Win; New CM Suwendu Adhikari

- Total seats: 294; BJP: 207 seats; AITC (TMC): 80 seats.
- Voter turnout: 92.93% — the highest ever in West Bengal history.
- Suwendu Adhikari became the 9th Chief Minister of West Bengal — first BJP CM of the state — replacing Mamata Banerjee.
- Oath administered by Governor R.N. Ravi.
- Key Policy Announcement — Annapurna Bhandar Scheme
- New government announced Annapurna Bhandar Scheme: provides ₹3,000/month for women.
- Replaces TMC's Lakshmir Bhandar (₹1,500/month — General; ₹1,700/month — SC/ST).
- West Bengal Static GK
- Tiger Reserves: Sunderbans, Buxa.
- National Parks: Gorumara, Neora Valley, Singalila.

25. Tamil Nadu — C. Joseph Vijay (Vijay Thalopathy) Becomes Chief Minister

- C. Joseph Vijay (Vijay Thalopathy) became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Oath ceremony conducted by Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar at Nehru Indoor Stadium.
- Tamil Nadu Static GK
- National Parks: Annamalai, Mudumalai, Mukurthi, Gulf of Mannar, Guindy

26. Bihar Cabinet Decisions — CM Samrat Choudhary

- Approved \$500 million (₹4,740 crore) World Bank loan for urban infrastructure development.
- Approved ₹1,900 crore for AI-based road monitoring.
- Approved AI training for state assembly members, officials, and staff; announced Bihar Artificial Intelligence Mission.
- Approved purchase of 400 electronic AC buses under PM-eBus Sewa Yojana for 12 years:
 - 150 buses for Patna; 50 each for Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Gaya, Darbhanga, and Purnia.

27. Maharashtra — Compressed Biogas Policy 2026

- Maharashtra approved the Compressed Biogas Policy 2026 with a ₹500 crore support fund for waste-to-energy plants.
- Target: Net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.

28. Jharkhand Achieves Zero Primary Drop-Out Rate

- Jharkhand achieved a "zero primary drop-out rate" (Classes 1–5).

29. Bengaluru Records Highest Suicide Rate Among Major Indian Cities — NCRB Data ((National Crime Records Bureau)

30. Odisha — Best Performing State in PMAY-U 2.0

- Odisha emerged as the best performing state in PMAY-U 2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana — Urban) scheme.

31. NCRB "Crime in India" Report 2024 — Key Findings

- Total crimes recorded: 58.85 lakh (-6% from 2023).
- Crimes against women: Declined 1.5% (4.41 lakh cases).
- Crimes against SCs: -3.6%; STs: -23.1%.
- Crimes against senior citizens: +16.9%; Juveniles: +11.2%; Economic offenses: +4.6%.
- Telangana: Highest rise in cognizable crimes and highest crime rate per lakh.
- Uttar Pradesh: Highest per capita crime rate (7.54%).
- Kerala: Highest charge-sheeting rate (94.5%).
- Delhi: 2.7 lakh cognizable offences; lowest charge-sheeting rate among 19 metropolitan cities.

32. Operation Sindoor — 1st Anniversary (May 7–10, 2025)

- Operation Sindoor launched at midnight on May 7, 2025; ceasefire on May 10, 2025.
- Active duration: 88 hours (3.5 days).
- Targeted 9 terror sites across LeT (Lashkar-e-Taiba), JeM (Jaish-e-Mohammed), and HuM (Hizb-ul-Mujahideen) infrastructure.
- On May 10, 2025: BrahMos missiles struck 11 PAF airfields in 45 minutes.

33. India's Maiden ICBM Test — May 8, 2026

- Conducted on May 8, 2026 from Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile) range: 5,500+ km.

34. Agni MIRV Missile — Successful Test under "Mission Divyastra"

- Successfully tested from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- Developed by DRDO under "Mission Divyastra".
- MIRV (Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle): allows a single missile to carry multiple warheads, hitting different targets simultaneously.
- Strike range: 5,000 km.

35. TARA Weapon System — India's First Indigenous Glide Weapon System

- DRDO and IAF (Indian Air Force) successfully flight-tested TARA (Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation) off the Odisha coast using an IAF Jaguar fighter.
- India's first indigenous, cost-effective glide weapon system that converts conventional unguided warheads into precision-guided weapons.
- Developed by RCI (Research Centre Imarat), Hyderabad.

36. Indian Coast Guard Fast Patrol Vessel "Aanchal" Commissioned

- Commissioned a fast patrol vessel named "Aanchal", built by Goa Shipyard Limited.
- Fifth vessel in the Adama class; will be deployed in Vadinar, Gujarat.

37. DRDO CBRN Field Training Centre Opened — Burari Plains, Delhi

- Opened at Burari Plains, Delhi; operates under INMAS (Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences).
- Provides radiological, nuclear test bed, and heavy research facilities to train MoD, MHA, and NDMA responders.
- CBRN = Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear.

38. 10th India-Australia Defence Policy Talks — New Delhi

- Held in New Delhi; delegations led by Amitabh Prasad (India) and Bernard Philip (Australia).
- Topics: Maritime security; establishing India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue starting 2025.
- Both nations participate in AUSINDEX and Malabar naval exercises.

39. First International Ophthalmology Research Conference — Manekshaw Centre, Delhi

40. Skyroot Aerospace — India's First Space Tech Unicorn

- Skyroot Aerospace became India's first Space Tech Unicorn and the 4th Indian unicorn in 2026.
- Raised \$60 million (~₹500 crore); valuation: \$1.1 billion.
- Funding led by Sheralo Ventures and GIC (Singapore); total funding: \$160 million.
- Founded in 2018 by ex-ISRO scientists Pawan Kumar Chandana and Naga Bharath Daka.

41. James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) — Key Astronomical Observations

- JWST (James Webb Space Telescope) observed "LHS 3844 b" (Super-Earth, also called 'Kua'kua') on May 4, 2026.

42. India Hosts 35th ISO Technical Committee on Space Systems — New Delhi

- India hosted the 35th plenary and working group meetings of ISO Technical Committee on Space Systems and Operations (TC 20/SC 14) in New Delhi.
- Organized by BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards); 131 delegates from 13 countries discussed space safety, debris mitigation, and standards.

43. IndiaAI & ICMR Partnership — Responsible AI in Healthcare

- IndiaAI and ICMR signed an MoU to scale responsible AI applications in healthcare and biomedical research.

44. OP Jindal Global University — First Indian IoE to Get DASCA Global Accreditation

- OP Jindal Global University (JGU) (Haryana-based) became the first Institution of Eminence (IoE) in India to receive global accreditation from DASCA (Data Science Council of America).

45. India's First Urban Testbed & Aerosol Observatory — Chennai

- India's first Urban Testbed & Aerosol Observatory launched in Chennai under "Mission Mausam" by the Ministry of Earth Sciences and IITM (Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology).
- Purpose: Better weather forecasting.

46. Phoenix Geocell — India's First 3D Honeycomb Geocell from Plastic Waste

- CSIR-CRRI (Central Road Research Institute) and BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited) developed India's first technical textile 3D honeycomb geocell made entirely from end-of-life mixed plastic waste.
- Used for road construction, soil stabilization, and slope protection (preventing landslides).

47. India's GCC Ecosystem Crosses 2,100 Centres — Nasscom-Zinnov Report

- India's GCC (Global Capability Centre) ecosystem crossed 2,100 centres in FY 2025-26 according to a Nasscom-Zinnov Report.

48. India Becomes World's 3rd Largest Renewable Energy Producer

- India became the 3rd largest renewable energy producer globally.
- Total installed solar capacity: 150 GW by December 2025 (with 44 GW added in 2025).
- Aligns with: 500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity target by 2030, COP28 Net Zero by 2070 pledge, and reducing carbon intensity by 45% by 2030.

49. FAO Reports Global Food Prices Hit 3-Year High — April 2026

- FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) reported April 2026 global food prices hit a 3-year high, rising to 130.7 points against the 2014-16 base year.

50. India-Vietnam Trade Pact — Target: \$25 Billion by 2030

- India and Vietnam set a target to increase bilateral trade from the current \$16 billion to \$25 billion by 2030.

51. SEEDS Initiative — EAM Jaishankar in Trinidad & Tobago

- EAM (External Affairs Minister) S. Jaishankar inaugurated India-supported projects in Trinidad and Tobago under the SEEDS (Supply of Equipment for Efficient Development of SMEs) initiative.
- Trinidad & Tobago — Capital: Port of Spain; Currency: TTD (Trinidad & Tobago Dollar).

52. 4th India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV) — New Delhi, May 28–31, 2026

- India will host the 4th India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV) in New Delhi from May 28–31, 2026.
- African Union (AU) HQ: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; comprises 55 member states.

53. BRICS Agriculture Meeting 2026 — India to Host in Indore

- India will host the 2026 BRICS Agriculture Meeting in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

54. India at Venice Art Exhibition — 61st International Art Exhibition

- India participated in the 61st International Art Exhibition in Venice, Italy.
- Pavilion theme: "Geographies of Distance: Remembering Home".
- Five artists: A. Balasubramaniam, Ranjani Shettar, Simakshi Singh, Skarma Sonam Tashi, and Asim Waqif.
- South Korea — Capital: Seoul; Currency: South Korean Won (KRW).

55. Lt Gen N S Raja Subramani — Appointed as 3rd Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)

- Lt Gen N S Raja Subramani appointed as the 3rd CDS (Chief of Defence Staff).
- Succeeds Gen Anil Chauhan, taking charge after Chauhan's tenure ends on May 30, 2026.

56. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan — Appointed as 27th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)

- Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan appointed as the 27th CNS (Chief of the Naval Staff).
- Succeeds Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, taking charge on May 31, 2026.

57. Ashok Lahiri — 4th Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog

- Ashok Lahiri assumed office as the 4th Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog on May 6, 2026, succeeding Suman Bery

58. Vodafone Idea — Kumar Mangalam Birla Returns as Chairman

- Kumar Mangalam Birla returns as Chairman of Vodafone Idea.
- Previous chairman Ravinder Takkar steps down to become Non-Executive Vice Chairman.

59. Saudi India Business Council (SIBC) — New Leadership

- FICCI nominated Priyanka Mittal (Director, KRBL Ltd.) as Co-Chair of the Indian side.
- Dr. Siddeek Ahmed (Chairman, Eram Holdings) nominated as Chair.

60. International Political Appointments — Bulgaria & Costa Rica

- Bulgaria: Parliament approved Rumen Radev as the new Prime Minister.
- Costa Rica: Laura Virginia Fernandez Delgado was sworn in as the 50th President.

61. Important Days — May 2026

- May 7: Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti — 165th birth anniversary.
 - Nobel Laureate 1913 for Gitanjali; authored India's national anthem (Jana Gana Mana) and Bangladesh's (Amar Shonar Bangla).
 - Founded Visva-Bharati University in Santiniketan, West Bengal.
- May 8: World Thalassaemia Day — Theme: "Hidden no more: finding the undiagnosed, supporting the unseen".
- May 8: World Ovarian Cancer Day — Theme: "No Woman Left Behind".
- May 8 & 9: 81st anniversary of Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who lost their lives during World War II.
- May 10: Mother's Day (2nd Sunday of May) — Theme: "The Great Unburdening".
- May 10: International Day of Argania (highlights the Argania tree ecosystem).
- May 11: National Technology Day — Theme: "Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth".

- Established in 1999 to commemorate the 1998 Operation Shakti nuclear tests in Pokhran (under APJ Abdul Kalam and PM Vajpayee); also marks test-firing of Trishul missile and indigenous Hansa-3 aircraft.

62. Obituaries

- D. Sudhakar: Planning and Statistics Minister of Karnataka passed away.
- Mohan Singh: Former Indian midfielder, passed away at age 78.
 - Debuted for India against Burma in 1972; played key role for Bengal in the 1972 Santosh Trophy.
- Durand Cup (started 1888) is the oldest football tournament.

63. Sports — Chess & Olympics

- Chess: Apar Saxena from Karnataka honored with the International Master title by FIDE (International Chess Federation).
- Olympics: IOC (International Olympic Committee) lifted restrictions on Belarus for the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics.
- Russian athletes remain suspended due to past doping violations and must compete individually as neutral athletes.

64. Miscellaneous Static GK — National Parks & Tiger Reserves

- Uttarakhand: Jim Corbett National Park.
- Madhya Pradesh: Kanha Tiger Reserve and Fossil National Park.