

### 1. Vijay Thalapathy Sworn In as 13th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

- Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath.

### 2. Suvendu Adhikari Sworn In as 9th Chief Minister of West Bengal

- Oath was administered by Governor R.N. Ravi.

### 3. Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani Appointed as India's 3rd Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)

- Gen. Anil Chauhan was the outgoing CDS, retiring on May 30/31, 2026.

### 4. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Appointed as Chief of Naval Staff

- Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi was the retiring Navy Chief.

### 5. Laura Fernandez Sworn In as President of Costa Rica

- Rodrigo Chaves was the outgoing President of Costa Rica.
- Capital: San José | Currency: Costa Rican Colón.

### 6. Rumen Radev Appointed as New Prime Minister of Bulgaria

### 7. Key Organizational Appointments: SAIL, Prasar Bharati & FICCI

- Ashok Kumar Panda appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), succeeding Krishna Kumar Singh.
- Prasoon Joshi appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati.
- Priyanka Mittal, Director of KRBL Ltd., nominated as Co-Chairperson of the Saudi India Business Council (FICCI) to boost bilateral business cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia.

### 8. RBI & ECB Sign Fresh Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Basel

- ECB was established in 1998 and is headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany.
- RBI and ECB signed a fresh Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Basel, Switzerland, replacing their 2015 agreement.

### 9. Axis Bank Raises \$500 Million Offshore Loan from MUFG (Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group)

### 10. RBI Imposes Fines on Yes Bank, Hinduja Housing Finance & Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank

- Yes Bank: Fined ₹31.8 lakh for failing to regularly update customer details on the Central KYC (CKYC) registry.
- Hinduja Housing Finance: Fined ₹1.8 lakh for non-compliance with governance directions — replaced over 30% of its directors without prior RBI permission.
- Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank: Fined ₹5 lakh following a NABARD inspection — (a) failed to transfer unclaimed deposits (older than 10 years) to the DEA Fund, and (b) failed to pay post-maturity interest on fixed deposits matching either the FD rate or savings account rate.

### 11. SEBI Removes IRRA Platform; Proposes Modifications to Buyback Framework

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform in October 2023 for stock brokers during technical glitches.
- On May 7, SEBI completely removed the IRRA platform due to near-zero usage.
- SEBI issued consultation papers proposing modifications to its buyback framework: (a) maximum completion time set at 66 working days, and (b) removal of the separate trading window for transactions.

### 12. GSTAT (Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal) Principal Bench Empowered to Hear GST Appeals from April 1, 2026

### 13. SBI Ecowrap Report: India's GDP Projections for FY26 and FY27

- SBI Ecowrap projects India's Q4 (Jan–Mar 2026) FY26 GDP growth at 7.2% (below the advanced estimate of 7.3%).
- Full FY26 GDP growth projected at 7.5%
- FY27 GDP growth projected to dip to 6.6%

### 14. India–Vietnam Bilateral Ties Elevated; Trade Target Set at \$25 Billion by 2030

- Vietnam's Capital: Hanoi | Currency: Vietnamese Dong (VND).
- Trade target set: from \$16 billion to \$25 billion by 2030.

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- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the State Bank of Vietnam signed an MoU focusing on financial innovation and digital payments.
- 15. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) reported India's private capex grew by 67% to ₹7.7 lakh crore in FY25, up from ₹4.6 lakh crore in FY24.

### 16. Unincorporated Sector Survey: Haryana Tops Employment Growth; UP Largest Informal Employer

- Haryana was the top-performing state for the fastest growth in both employment and establishments in the unincorporated sector.
- Gujarat recorded the weakest performance.
- Uttar Pradesh (UP) remained the largest informal employer.

### 17. At the 2nd Indian Aircraft Leasing and Financing Summit held in GIFT City, airlines — Air India, IndiGo, Akasa Air, and Star Air — announced plans to aggressively expand their leased aircraft portfolios.

### 18. PM Modi Inaugurates India's First PM MITRA Park in Warangal, Telangana

- Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) scheme was launched with a 5F vision: Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.
- Scheme duration: 2021–2028 | Total budget: ₹4,445 crore | Aims to build 7 mega textile parks nationally.
- PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation for ₹9,400 crore worth of infrastructure, healthcare, manufacturing, connectivity, and railroad projects on May 10 in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Inaugurated India's first functional PM MITRA park in Warangal, Telangana at a cost of ₹1,695.54 crore over 1,327 acres.
- 5F Vision: Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign.

### 19. PM Modi Inaugurates Dhyani Mandir at Art of Living's 45th Anniversary in Bangalore

- Art of Living was founded by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in 1981 to promote a stress-free society.
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a grand Dhan Mandir (meditation temple) in Bangalore, Karnataka.

### 20. Delhi Metro Railway Corporation (DMRC) partnered with Airtel Payments Bank to launch the RuPay 'On-The-Go' National Common Mobility Card (NCMC).

### 21. Gujarat Launches 870 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Across Five Locations: Modhera, Mehsana, Lakhpat, and Chharal.

- Supports India's target of 500 GW renewable energy by 2030.
- Modhera is India's first solar village.

### 22. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) constructed the first road block section using technical textile geocells made from end-of-life plastic.

- The achievement entered both the Indian Book of Records and the Asia Book of Records.

### 23. 11th Anniversary of Jan Suraksha Schemes — ₹25,160 Crore in Claims Settled

- All three schemes completed 11 years on May 9, 2026, settling insurance claims worth a combined ₹25,160 crore.

Feature / Metric	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)	Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)	Atal Pension Yojana (APY)
Type of Scheme	Life Insurance	Accidental Insurance	Pension / Retirement Savings
Primary Benefit	₹2 Lakh for death due to any cause	₹2 Lakh for accidental death or total disability (₹1 Lakh	Guaranteed minimum monthly pension of ₹1,000 to

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		for partial disability)	₹5,000 after age 60
<b>Target Audience</b>	All bank account holders	All bank account holders	Primarily unorganised sector workers
<b>Age Eligibility</b>	18 to 50 years	18 to 70 years	18 to 40 years
<b>Annual Premium / Cost</b>	₹436 per year	₹20 per year	Varies based on entry age and chosen pension amount
<b>Total Enrollments</b>	Over 27 Crore	Over 58 Crore	Over 9 Crore
<b>Total Claims Settled</b>	Over ₹21,500 Crore	Nearly ₹3,660 Crore	N/A (Accumulation phase/pension payouts)

### 24. MGNREGA Replaced by VB-G RAM G Act 2025 from July 1, 2026

- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was enacted in 2005, guaranteeing 100 days of unskilled employment.
- The government notified the 'Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)' [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025, replacing MGNREGA from July 1, 2026.
- Key changes:
  - (a) Guaranteed employment increased from 100 days to 125 days per financial year for unskilled rural workers.
  - (b) Work must be provided within 15 days of application.
  - (c) Funding pattern: 60:40 (Centre:State).
  - (d) States may declare a 60-day blackout period.

### 25. Odisha Tops PMAY 2.0 Housing Completions; National Budget ₹18,625 Crore for 2026–27

- Odisha topped housing completions under PMAY 2.0, completing 2,008 out of 24,600 sanctioned houses by May 2026.
- National budget allocation for PMAY 2.0 in 2026–27: ₹18,625 crore.

### 26. Government Launches JANANI Platform for Integrated Maternal & Child Health Records

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the Journey of Antenatal, Natal, and Neonatal Integrated Care (JANANI) platform.
- Maintains digital longitudinal health records for mother and child.

### 27. ESIC Annual Health Checkup Launched; Maternity Leave Extended to 26 Weeks

- Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) provides health and social security benefits to organized sector workers.
- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched an annual health checkup for workers aged 40 and above at ESIC hospitals.
- Maternity leave for women will increase from 12 to 26 weeks.

### 28. National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) — Static Booster

- NMSA was launched in 2014–15, operating under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC, 2008) to reduce greenhouse gases.
- From 2022–23, integrated into Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), which was launched in 2007.
- NMSA focuses on climate-resilient farming for rainfed agriculture (covers 60% of sown area, contributes 40% of food production).

- Key components: (a) Rainfed Area Development, (b) Per Drop More Crop (micro-irrigation covering 109 lakh hectares, budget ₹26,325 crore), (c) Soil Health Management — introduced Soil Health Cards in 2015 to test nutrients and curb urea overuse; 25.79 crore cards issued.

### **29. Census 2027: QR Code System Introduced for Enumerator Identity Cards**

- Census 2027 is India's first digitally conducted census.
- Indian government introduced a QR code system for enumerator identity cards to build public trust.
- Phase One runs from April 1 to September 30, 2026, using tablets for live data transmission.

### **30. Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 Come Into Force — Replace 2016 Rules**

- Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 were notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- They replaced the 2016 Rules and came into force on April 1, 2026.

### **31. Supreme Court Launches 'One Case One Data' (OCOD) and 'SuSahay' AI Chatbot**

- Chief Justice Surya Kant heads the Supreme Court of India.
- Chief Justice Surya Kant launched 'One Case One Data' (OCOD) — a platform to digitally unify judicial administration from taluka courts to the Supreme Court.
- Launched 'SuSahay' — an AI-powered assistant chatbot integrated into the Supreme Court (SC) website.

### **32. Supreme Court Mandates Women-Reserved Vice President Post in SCBA from 2027–28**

- The Supreme Court mandated that the Vice President position of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) will be reserved exclusively for women starting from the 2027–28 election cycle.

### **33. Supreme Court Warns Against Misuse of Section 498A (Dowry Harassment Law)**

- Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) deals with cruelty by husband or his relatives towards a wife.
- The Supreme Court warned against the increasing misuse of IPC Section 498A — women filing false implications against a husband's extended family.

### **34. India Successfully Tests Agni-5 Missile with MIRV Technology Under 'Mission Divyastra'**

- Agni-5 is India's long-range ballistic missile with a range of 5,000 km.
- Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) develops India's missile systems.
- Launch site: Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- India successfully tested an advanced Agni-5 missile equipped with Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle (MIRV) technology.
- Developed by DRDO under 'Mission Divyastra'.
- MIRV technology allows a single missile to carry multiple warheads and hit different targets simultaneously.
- Range: 5,000 km.

### **35. Indian Coast Guard Commissions 5th Admya-Class Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS 'Aanchal'**

- The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the 5th indigenous Admiral-class (Admya-class) fast patrol vessel, named ICGS 'Aanchal'.
- Built by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
- Will be deployed in Vadinar, Gujarat.

### **36. Naval Deployments: INS Sudarshini & INS Sagar Dhvani; India–Australia 10th Defence Policy Talk**

- INS Sudarshini reached Mindelo, Cape Verde under the mission 'Lokayan 26'.
- INS Sagar Dhvani visited Cam Ranh port, Vietnam.
- India and Australia held the 10th edition of the Defence Policy Talk in New Delhi.

### **37. India Becomes 3rd Largest in Renewable Energy; Target 500 GW by 2030 — IRENA Report**

- As per IRENA's Renewable Energy Statistics 2026 report, India overtook Brazil to become the 3rd largest globally in installed renewable energy capacity.
- India's installed capacity: 250.52 GW (as of December 2025).

- Rankings: 1st – China, 2nd – USA, 3rd – India.
- India's target: 500 GW by 2030.

### **38. IUCAA–SAAO Collaboration: India Hands Over Astronomy Banner to South Africa**

- Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) is based in Pune, India.
- South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) is based in Cape Town, South Africa.
- India's High Commissioner to South Africa, Prabhat Kumar, formally handed over the IUCAA banner to the SAAO in Cape Town.

### **39. India Hosts 35th Plenary of ISO Sub-Committee on Space Systems and Operations**

- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is India's national standards body.
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) sets global quality and technical standards
- India hosted the 35th plenary meeting of the ISO Sub-Committee on Space Systems and Operations.

### **40. NITI Aayog School Education Report: India Has Largest Global School System**

- India has the largest school system globally with over 24.69 crore students.
- Government school enrollment dropped from 71% in 2005 to 49.24% in 2024–25.
- Karnataka recorded the highest higher secondary enrollment improvement — Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) jumped 29% to 61.4%.
- Tamil Nadu topped higher secondary GER at 84%.
- Punjab performed best in language/math proficiency and smart classroom infrastructure.
- Jharkhand achieved an incredible 0% primary school drop rate in 2024–25.

### **41. First Regional Cooperative Reform Conference Held in Aizawl, Mizoram**

- The First Regional Cooperative Reform Conference was held in Aizawl, Mizoram.
- Theme: 'Sahakar Se Samridhi' vision to boost North East organics, agriculture, and handicrafts.
- Proposed a 'Bharat Organics' brand for North East products.

### **42. OP Jindal University Becomes First Indian Institute Accredited by Data Science Council of America**

- OP Jindal Global University is located in Sonapat, Haryana.
- OP Jindal University (Haryana) became the first Indian institute to receive accreditation from the Data Science Council of America (DASCA) for its Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Science programs.

### **43. First ODOP Honey Export from Baksa (Assam) to USA Under APEDA**

- One District One Product (ODOP) scheme promotes unique local products from each district.
- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitates agri-exports.
- Baksa is an aspirational district in Assam.
- APEDA facilitated the first export of 20 metric tons of honey from Baksa, Assam to the USA under the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme.

### **44. Two Female Cheetahs Released into Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh**

- Cheetahs went extinct in India in 1952.
- Kuno National Park was declared a National Park in 2018, located in Madhya Pradesh.
- India has been reintroducing cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released two female cheetahs brought from Botswana into Kuno National Park.
- Tamil Nadu National Parks: Annamalai, Mudumalai, Mukurthi, Gulf of Mannar, Guindy.
- West Bengal Tiger Reserves: Sunderbans, Buxa | National Parks: Gorumara, Neora Valley, Singalila.

### **45. India Women's Recurve Team Wins Gold at 20th Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 2, Shanghai**

- At the 20th edition of the Shanghai Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 2 in China, the India Women's Recurve team won Gold by defeating China.
- Sahil Jadhav won Bronze in the men's individual compound event.
- Medal Tally: Turkey — 1st (6 medals) | China — 2nd | South Korea — 3rd.

### **46. India Hosts 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championship in Gandhinagar — After 44 Years**

- India last hosted the Asian Weightlifting Championship in New Delhi in 1982 — a 44-year gap.
- India is hosting the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championship in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- This ends a 44-year gap since India last hosted the event in New Delhi in 1982.

### **47. National Panchayat Awards 2026: Karnataka Tops with 6 Awards; 42 Panchayats Recognized**

- 42 panchayats recognized across India under National Panchayat Awards 2026.
- State Tally: Karnataka — 6 awards (1st) | Andhra Pradesh and Odisha — 5 awards each.
- Best Gram Panchayat: Napam Gaon, Assam.
- Best District Panchayat: Sephijala, Tripura.
- Best Block Panchayat: Haripad/Alappuzha, Kerala.

### **48. India to Host 4th India-Africa Forum Summit in New Delhi on May 31, 2026**

### **49. Important Days Observed in May 2026**

- May 7 — Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti: 165th birth anniversary of the poet-laureate. Also observed as World Athletics Day and the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) observed its 66th/67th Raising Day.
- May 9 — World Migratory Bird Day: Observed on the second Saturday of May every year.
- May 10 — 6th International Day of Argania: Highlights the Argania tree ecosystem, native to Morocco, crucial for sustainable development.
- May 11 — National Technology Day: Commemorates India's 1998 'Operation Shakti' nuclear tests in Pokhran, Rajasthan. 2026 theme: 'Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth'.
- May 12 — International Nurses Day: Honors the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale (foundational philosopher of modern nursing, from the Crimean War). 2026 theme: 'Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives'.

### **50. Union Home Minister Amit Shah Releases Two Books by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta**

- Tushar Mehta is the Solicitor General of India.
- Two books authored by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta were released by Union Home Minister Amit Shah:
- Book 1: 'The Bench, the Bar, and the Bizarre'.
- Book 2: 'The Lawful and the Awful'.

### **51. Obituaries — D. Sudhakar, Mal Anderson, Mohan Singh**

- D. Sudhakar: Planning and Statistics Minister of Karnataka.
- Mal Anderson: Australian tennis legend and former world number two, passed away at 91.
- Mohan Singh: Former Indian footballer.