

1. Union Cabinet Approves Coal Gasification Financial Incentive Scheme

- India's National Coal Gasification Mission was originally structured under 2021 with a national target of 100 Million Tonnes (MT) of coal gasification by 2030.
- The Union Cabinet approved a ₹37,500 crore financial incentive scheme to promote surface coal and lignite gasification projects.
- The scheme targets 75 Million Tonnes (MT) of coal gasification (out of the overall national 100 MT target by 2030).
- Incentive caps: Maximum ₹5,000 crore per single project; ₹9,000 crore per product (for Synthetic Methane Gas (SMG)/urea); ₹12,000 crore per company/group.

2. CCEA (Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs) Approves Kharif Crops Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 2026-27

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) is the apex body chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi that approves agricultural price support policies.
- CCEA approved Minimum Support Price (MSP) increases for 14 Kharif crops for the 2026-27 marketing season.
- Highest absolute MSP increases: Sunflower seed — ₹622/quintal; Soybean— ₹380/quintal; Cotton (Medium Staple) — ₹557/quintal Sesame — ₹500/quintal.
- MSP for Common Paddy set at ₹2,441 per quintal.

3. Cabinet Approves Ahmedabad–Dholera Semi High-Speed Railway Corridor

- The Union Cabinet approved India's first completely indigenous semi high-speed railway project.
- Speed capability: 160–200 km/h.
- Route: Ahmedabad to Dholera — a 134 km corridor.
- Project cost: ₹20,667 crore.

4. India Bans Sugar Exports & Assam Approves Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

- To control rising domestic inflation, India banned sugar exports until 30 September 2026.
- The Assam Cabinet approved the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) to standardize personal laws on marriage and inheritance.
- Tribal communities are exempted from UCC provisions.
- Static GK: Goa remains the only Indian state that has always had the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in effect.

5. India's First Mega Greenfield Shipyard — Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu

- Part of the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, which targets making India a Top 5 Shipbuilding Nation globally through 300 initiatives worth ₹80 lakh crore, with a total annual shipbuilding capacity target of 4.5 million gross tonnes by 2047.
- India's first mega greenfield shipyard — a landmark in the country's maritime sector.
- Location: Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.

6. LEADS 2025 Logistics Ease Across Different States Report Released

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal released the 7th edition of the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2025 Report.
- Top performers in the "Exemplar" tier:
 - Coastal State: Tamil Nadu
 - Landlocked State: Uttar Pradesh
 - North-Eastern State: Mizoram
 - Union Territory: Delhi

7. BharatNet Expansion in Andhra Pradesh — ₹2,432 Crore Pact Signed

- A ₹2,432 crore pact was signed between Digital Bharat Nidhi, the Andhra Pradesh Government, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), and AP State Fibernet Limited.
- Objective: To upgrade and expand BharatNet broadband connectivity across 13,426 Gram Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh.

8. WPI Inflation Surges to 8.3% — Highest in 3.5 Years (April 2026)

- Static GK — Wholesale Price Index (WPI): Base year 2011-12; tracks 697 goods (117 Primary + 16 Fuel & Power + 564 Manufactured Products). Released on the 14th of every month by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- Static GK — Consumer Price Index (CPI): New base year 2024; tracks 358 articles (308 goods + 50 services). Released by National Statistical Office (NSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). Monetary policy target: $4\% \pm 2\%$.
- WPI inflation in April 2026: 8.3% — highest level in 3.5 years, up from 3.8% previously

Economic Indicator	Base Year	Item Count	Releasing Authority	April 2026 Print
WPI	2011-12	697 goods	DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce	8.3%
CPI	2024	358 articles	NSO, MoSPI	~3.5%

9. NaBFID Long-Term Bonds

- The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised ₹4,000 crore via 10-year long-term bonds at an interest rate of 7.74%.
- Static GK: NaBFID is an All India Financial Institution established in 2021, headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra, dedicated to funding long-term infrastructure projects.

10. MSCI India Index Changes (Effective 29 May 2026)

- Four companies added to the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) India Index: Federal Bank, Indian Bank, Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX), and National Aluminium Company (NALCO).
- Four companies removed: Hyundai Motor India, Jubilant FoodWorks, Kalyan Jewellers, and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).

11. CTBC Bank — First Taiwanese Bank at GIFT City

- CTBC Bank became the first Taiwanese bank to open a branch at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, focusing on cross-border financing and trade operations.

12. IEPFA–Prasar Bharati Agreement

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) signed an agreement with Prasar Bharati to strengthen investor education and prevent financial fraud.
- Static GK: IEPFA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, established in 2016.

13. India Assumes Chairmanship of Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB) 2026–2028

14. India Bids to Host ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-2030)

- Static GK: International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is a UN specialized agency for ICT, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, established in 1865.
- At the ITU Council 2026 meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland (28 April – 8 May 2026), India formally presented a proposal to host the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-2030).

15. Uber partnered with the Adani Group to build a data center in India, expected to be operational by 2026, marking Uber's expansion beyond ride-hailing.

16. MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan launched the "IP Catalyst" digital platform at a conference in New Delhi.

- Objective: To transform unique patents into physical products for commercialization and international export.

17. The India AI Mission signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Karya — a Bengaluru-based non-profit organization.

18. The Ministry of Ayush signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Digital India BHASHINI Division (under MeitY).

- BHASHINI — Bhasha Interface for India — is the national language translation platform.

19. Unified Bharat e-Charger (UBC) Platform Launched for EV Charging

- Part of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme (October 2024 – March 2026), aimed at accelerating Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption and green mobility through direct subsidies.
- Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy unveiled the Unified Bharat e-Charger (UBC) platform.
- Karnataka allocation: 1,243 EV chargers approved with a financial outlay of ₹123.26 crore.

20. Kalam & Kavach 3.0:

- Inaugurated by Raksha Rajya Mantri (Minister of State for Defense) Sanjay Seth at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- Theme: "Taking JAI Forward with I-Square" — Jointness, Aatmanirbharta, Innovation + Indigenization and International Collaboration.

21. Military Exercises Summary (March 2026)

- Exercise Lamitiye: India–Seychelles bilateral exercise.
- Exercise Dweep Shakti: Indian Tri-Services exercise held in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- IMT TRILAT: Indian Navy with partner navies, held at Kochi.
- Exercise Amogh Jwala: Indian Army exercise at Babina.

22. PM Modi's Five-Nation Tour (15–20 May 2026)

- Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) President during this period: S.C. Ralhan.
- UAE (15 May): PM Modi met UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi. (Capital: Abu Dhabi; Currency: UAE Dirham / AED).
- Netherlands: Meeting with PM Rob Jetten. PM Modi's second visit (first was in 2017).
- Sweden: Meeting with PM Ulf Kristersson.
- Norway: Meeting with PM Jonas Gahr Støre.
- Italy: Meeting with PM Giorgia Meloni and President Sergio Mattarella.

23. The Bahamas — PM Re-Elected

- Prime Minister Philip Davis was re-elected for a second consecutive term
- Bahamas Capital: Nassau; Currency: Dollar

24. Uganda — Museveni Sworn In for Seventh Term

- Yoweri Museveni was sworn in for a seventh term as President in Kampala, marking approximately 40 years in power.

25. Chief Minister Appointments — Kerala & Puducherry

- In Kerala, V.D. Satheesan (Congress) was elected as the Congress Legislative Party leader and designated Chief Minister on 14 May 2026 after the United Democratic Front (UDF) secured 102 out of 140 assembly seats
- N. Rangasamy (All India N.R. Congress (AINRC)) took oath as Chief Minister of Puducherry, administered by Lt. Governor K. Kailashnathan (Kuniyil Kailashnathan).

26. Akash Ambani was appointed as the Managing Director of Jio Platforms for another 5-year term

27. Sunil Bharti Mittal was officially appointed as the Chairman of Bharti Airtel for a 5-year term, effective from 1 October 2026.

28. Maharashtra — Official Logo Unveiled for Nashik Simhastha Kumbh Mela

- Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis unveiled the official logo for the upcoming Nashik Trimbakeshwar Simhastha Kumbh Mela.
- The logo features a Trishul alongside the Godavari river shaped like a Shivling.
- Nashik is situated on the Godavari river.
- Trimbakeshwar is one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of India.

29. The Ministry of Finance and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) launched the Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP) for 2026–2033.

- Static GK: IFAD is a UN specialized agency for agricultural development, headquartered in Rome, Italy, established in 1977.

28. Mizoram Ginger Mission Launched — ₹189.79 Crore

- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia officially launched the ₹189.79 crore Mizoram Ginger Mission.
- Objective: To promote ginger cultivation and value chain development in the state of Mizoram.

29. Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan authored a new book titled "Apnapan".

- The book documents his 35-year association with PM Narendra Modi.
- To be officially released by former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu on 26 May.

30. The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered two new spider species — Psechrus ntu and Psechrus phenshuny. — in Nagaland.

31. International Day of Families — 15 May 2026

- Theme for 2026: "Families, Inequalities and Child Well-being".