

1. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) – Phase 4 Launch

- **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)** is a central government scheme focused on improving **rural road connectivity** across India.
- The scheme has completed 3 earlier phases and the 4th phase was formally launched in **May 2026**.
- Launched by **Union Minister of Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan** alongside **Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Mohan Charan Majhi**.
- Launch location: **Rayagada District, Odisha**.
- Financial outlay: **₹1,698.04 crore** for Phase 4.
- Scope: **827 road projects** covering **1,701.84 km** across **898 villages** in **8 districts**.
- **Centre–State cost-sharing ratio: 60:40** (Centre bears 60%, State bears 40%).

2. Critical Mineral Recycling Incentive Scheme – Ministry of Mines

- Part of the **National Critical Mineral Mission**, approved on **January 29, 2025**, to be implemented during **FY2025–FY2031**.
- Aim: Reduce India's reliance on critical mineral imports, especially from **China**, which controls **80–90%** of global processing.
- The **Ministry of Mines** approved **58 companies** under this scheme.
- Total scheme outlay: **₹1,500 crore**.
- Focus: Recycling of extracted minerals to strengthen **clean energy** supply chains.

3. SVAMITVA Scheme – Evaluation by IIM Ahmedabad

- **SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas)** is a **drone-based** land mapping scheme launched in **2020** to provide property rights to rural households.
- An evaluation conducted by **Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad** highlighted the scheme's impact.
- **₹135 lakh crore** worth of rural land assets unlocked through the scheme.
- **₹1679 crore** in institutional loans facilitated via property cards.
- **Gram Panchayat** tax revenues increased by **4.71%**.

4. Namu Stall Distribution Scheme – Launch in Ranchi

- Launched in **Ranchi** by **Union Minister Sanjay Seth**.
- Provides **modern mobile stalls** (each costing approx. **₹50,000**) at **no initial cost** to street vendors.
- Target beneficiaries: **Street fruit and vegetable vendors**.

5. Citizenship Amendment Rules 2026 & Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Rules Update

- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** updated rules governing Indian citizenship and **Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)** cardholders.
- Minor children under **18 years** and **OCI cardholders** are prohibited from simultaneously holding both **Indian and foreign passports**.
- Introduction of **electronic Overseas Citizen of India (e-OCI)** card.

6. Sikkim Becomes India's First Fully Paperless Judiciary State

- **Sikkim** became **India's first fully paperless judiciary state** by adopting **e-filing** and **digital case management**.
- Announced by **53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant** and **Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang**.
- The initiative also celebrates **50 years of Sikkim's statehood**.
- **Sikkim Governor: Om Prakash Mathur**.
- Note: **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** recently built the **400-ft Taramchu suspension bridge** in Sikkim.

7. India's First Multi-Lane Free-Flow (MLFF) Barrier-less Tolling System – Gujarat

- Launched by **Union Minister Nitin Gadkari**.
- Location: **84 toll plazas** on **National Highway 48 (NH-48)** in **Surat–Bharuch, Gujarat**; starting at the **Choryasi toll plaza**.

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- Technology used: **Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)** and **FASTag** to deduct payments without vehicles stopping.
- This is **India's first Multi-Lane Free-Flow (MLFF) barrier-less tolling system.**

8. Coastal Atmospheric Research Testbed (CART) – Inaugurated at Visakhapatnam

- Established under **Mission Mausam**, a **₹2,000 crore** initiative launched in **2024** to strengthen India's meteorological capabilities.
- Built at a cost of **₹180 crore.**
- Inaugurated by **Dr. M. Ravichandran**, Secretary, **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).**
- Location: **Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.**
- Established by: **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM).**
- Function: Open-field observatory to predict **coastal weather, cyclones, and issue early warnings.**

9. ISRO Completes High-Resolution Land Use Mapping of India

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** completed **high-resolution 1:10,000 scale mapping** of India (1 cm on map = 100 meters on ground).
- Advanced enough to distinguish between **paddy fields and ponds.**
- Data will be integrated into the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj's Gram Manchitra portal** for disaster and agricultural planning.
- India has **6,49,481 villages** as per the **2011 Census.**

10. Maharashtra Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy 2026 Approved

- Maharashtra approved the **Maharashtra Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy 2026** to make the state a **National AI Hub.**
- Target: **1.5 lakh jobs** and **₹10,000 crore investment** by **2031.**
- Key initiatives under the policy:
 - **Maharashtra AI Mission**
 - **5 AI Cities** to be established
 - **6 Sectoral Centers of Excellence (CoEs):** Healthcare, Agriculture, Education, Urban Development, Marathi Language/Culture, Finance
 - **2,000-GPU computing backbone**
 - **₹500 crore startup fund**
 - **20% MSME subsidies**
 - Training **2 lakh youth** in AI skills

11. Bengaluru Police 112 AI Helpline – Multilingual Emergency Service

- **Bengaluru Police** introduced an **AI-powered, multilingual emergency helpline** supporting **10+ languages** including Bengali, Malayalam, Gujarati, Spanish, French, and Arabic.
- This development sparked a revision discussion around the **Constitution's 8th Schedule (Articles 343–351)**, which covers **22 official languages.**
- The **3 newest additions** to the 8th Schedule are: **Maithili, Bodo, and Santhali.**

12. Uttar Pradesh – PM Modi Inaugurates ₹350 Crore Projects & Ganga Expressway

- **Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi** visited **Varanasi** to inaugurate **₹350 crore** worth of healthcare, tourism, and railway projects.
- Also inaugurated the **594 km Ganga Expressway** in **Hardoi**, built at a cost of **₹36,230 crore.**

13. Mizoram Launches 'Kural' – Real-Time Disaster Response Application

- **Mizoram** launched **'Kural'**, a real-time disaster response application.
- Function: Helps citizens locate **medical and food facilities** during emergencies such as earthquakes.

14. Gujarat Launches 'NAARIT' AI Tool for Narcotics Investigation

- **Gujarat** launched the **'NAARIT'** Artificial Intelligence (AI) tool for **narcotics case investigations.**

15. RBI 46th Half-Yearly Report – Forex Reserves & Gold Holdings

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s 46th Half-Yearly Report** (as of **March 2026**) revealed:
 - India's foreign currency reserves **declined to \$691 billion** (from **\$700 billion** in October 2025).

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- Reason for decline: **RBI sold dollars** to stabilize the **Indian Rupee** (currently at approx. ₹95 to \$1).
- **RBI's gold holdings: 880 metric tonnes.**
- Out of this, **680 tonnes** stored in **India** and **197 tonnes** stored at the **Bank of England**.

16. ₹2000 Notes Withdrawal – Status Update

- The **RBI** announced withdrawal of **₹2,000 denomination notes** on **May 19, 2023**.
- As of the latest update, **98.47%** of ₹2,000 notes have been returned.
- ₹2,000 notes remain **legal tender** and can be deposited at **19 RBI offices** or through **India Post**.
- **Static Fact:** The **₹1 note** is printed by the **Ministry of Finance** and bears the **Finance Secretary's signature**.
- All other notes are printed by the **RBI** and carry the **RBI Governor's signature**.

17. RBI Exemptions for Small Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)

- Effective **July 1, 2026**, the **RBI** exempted certain **Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)** from mandatory registration requirements.
- **Eligibility criteria for exemption:**
 - Asset size below **₹1,000 crore**
 - **No public funds** accepted
 - **No customer interface**
- Such entities are classified as **Unregistered Type-1 NBFCs** (e.g., **Core Investment Companies** such as **Tata Capital** and **Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) Financial**).
- Relevant RBI Act Sections: **Section 45-IA** (registration) and **Section 45-IC** (net profit reserve transfer).
- Eligible NBFCs can **deregister by December 31, 2026**.

18. RBI Calamity Loan Resolution Framework – Effective July 2026

- Effective **July 1, 2026**, **RBI** authorized **banks and NBFCs** to independently offer relief in disaster areas.
- Relief types: **Moratoriums** and **Interest waivers**, based on **State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC)** recommendations.
- **Key timelines:**
 - Relief resolutions must be **invoked within 45 days**
 - Fully **implemented within 135 days**
 - Borrowers can **opt out within 135 days**
- Lenders must maintain a **5% additional provision** on outstanding restructured debt.

19. RBI Credit Card Guidelines – 3-Day Grace Period Mandated

- **RBI** mandated a **3-day grace period** for credit card payments after the due date, during which **no late fees** will be charged.
- However, the **90-day Non-Performing Asset (NPA)** classification is counted from the **original due date** (not the grace period end).

20. RBI Subsidiaries – Key Facts

- **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC):** Insures deposits up to **₹5 lakh**.
- **Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL):** Operates printing presses at **Mysuru** and **Salboni**.
- **RBI's Bank for Information Technology and Security (ReBIT):** Handles **cyber security**.
- **Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS):** Manages **IT functions**.
- **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH):** Drives **innovation** in financial services.

21. Unified Banking Switch – NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) & Juspay Partnership

- **NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL)** partnered with **Juspay Technologies** for a **unified switch and Software Development Kit (SDK)** to simplify banking integrations.

22. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) – Zero-Balance SHG Accounts

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- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** launched **zero-balance savings accounts** specifically to empower **women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs)**.

23. Axis Bank – India's First Digital Locker-Focused Branch

- **Axis Bank** launched **India's first digital locker-focused branch** in **New Delhi**.

24. Federal Bank – Acquisition of Standard Chartered Credit Card Portfolio

- **Federal Bank** is acquiring a credit card portfolio of **4,50,000 cards** from **Standard Chartered Bank**.

25. Cooperative Bank Amalgamation – RBI Merges Two Banks in Kerala

- **RBI** amalgamated **Mattancherry Mahajanik Cooperative Urban Bank** with **Peoples Urban Cooperative Bank**.

26. EPFO Launches 'e-Prapti' Portal – Inoperative EPF Account Tracking

- **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** launched the **e-Prapti Portal**, an **Aadhaar-based** portal to track inoperative **Employees' Provident Fund (EPF)** accounts and link **Universal Account Numbers (UANs)**.
- **EPFO** settled **8.31 crore claims** in **2025–26**.

27. MuleHunter.ai – RBI AI Tool to Detect Mule Accounts

- The **Ministry of Finance** directed banks to adopt **MuleHunter.ai**, an **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** tool developed by the **RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH)**.
- Purpose: To detect illegal money transfer '**mule accounts**' used in financial fraud.
- Currently **live across 26 banks**.

28. DPIIT–Chamber India MoU – Incubation and Startup Centers

- **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Chamber India**.
- Objective: Establish **5 incubation and startup centers** with funding and marketing support.

29. National Coal Exchange – Launched by National Stock Exchange (NSE)

- A **National Coal Exchange** has been started by the **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** to facilitate **bidding and trading of coal supplies**.

30. SEBI's PARV / PRAVAAH Portal Goes Live

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**'s **Past Risk and Returns Verification Agency (PARV) / PRAVAAH Portal** went live on **May 4, 2026**.
- Purpose: Verifies the performance of **investment advisors, mutual funds, and Asset Management Companies (AMCs)**.
- **CARE Ratings** validates the data; **NSE** serves as the **data center**.

31. 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Insurance Sector

- **Finance Ministry** notified **100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** in the **insurance sector and intermediaries** under the **automatic route** (increased from the earlier **74% cap**).
- **LIC (Life Insurance Corporation)**: Foreign investment capped at **20%**.
- Companies must have at least **one resident Indian citizen** as **Chairperson, Managing Director (MD), or Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**.

32. Tata AIA 'Shubh Health Krti' – Unit-Linked Life Insurance Plan (ULIP)

- **Tata AIA** launched '**Shubh Health Krti**', a **Unit-Linked Life Insurance Plan (ULIP)** covering **60 critical illnesses**.
- Key features:
 - **30-year lock-in period**
 - Builds a **market-linked, tax-free health fund**
 - **Premium waivers** on death or disability
 - Invests in **equities and debt** for long-term wealth creation

33. 'Women and Men in India 2025' Report – Released by MoSPI

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- Released by **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** at the **National Deliberative Summit on Data in Bhubaneswar**.
- Covers **50 metadata indicators**. Key highlights:
 - Sex ratio at birth** improved: **904** (2017–19) → **917** (2021–23)
 - Total Fertility Rate (TFR) 2023**: **1.5** (Urban), **2.1** (Rural)
 - Higher Education Gross Enrolment** (2021–22 to 2022–23): Females **28.5** → **30**; Males **28.3** → **28.9**
 - Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)**: Rose from **37.5%** to **45.9%** (highest jump in rural females)

34. 8th Household Consumption Health Survey – Released by NSO

- Released by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)**.
- Key findings:
 - Health-seeking behaviour improved by **12.2%** (rural) and **14.9%** (urban)
 - Government insurance coverage** rose to **45.5%** (rural) and **31.8%** (urban)
 - Median Out-of-Pocket (OOP) medical expense** during hospitalisation: **₹1,285**
 - Zero cost** for non-hospitalised patients in **public facilities**

35. Index of Service Production (ISP) – Introduced by MoSPI

- Issued by **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**.
- Base year: 2024–25**.
- Covers **70%** of service sector **Gross Value Added (GVA)** using **GST data**.
- Will NOT** replace the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)**.

36. Marine Fish Production Rankings 2025 – Tamil Nadu Tops the List

- Tamil Nadu** overtook **Gujarat** to rank **1st** in marine fish production in **2025** (as per **Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)** data).
- Total India production** rose **3%** to **35.7 lakh tonnes**.
- Top 5 states**: Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra.

37. Phase 2 Flying Training Organization (FTO) Rankings – Aviation

- Rankings released by **Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu**; compiled by the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**.
- Aviana Aviation Pvt Ltd** received the top 'A' category ranking.
- Training flying hours rose by **32–50%**; **Commercial Pilot Licences (CPLs)** issued grew **2.5 times** over **8 years**.
- Government aims to build **50 new airports** and add **500 aircraft** in **5 years** to develop global aviation hubs.

38. World Press Freedom Index 2026 – Released by Reporters Without Borders (RSF)

- Released by **Reporters Without Borders (RSF)**.
- India's Rank: 157th** out of **180** countries.
- India placed in the "**Very Serious**" category with a score of **31.96**.
- Top 5 countries (most free press)**: Norway (1st – **10th consecutive year**), Netherlands (2nd), Estonia (3rd), Denmark (4th), Sweden (5th).
- Eritrea** ranked last (**180th**).

39. Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2026

- 929 institutions** analyzed across Asia.
- Top ranked**: **Tsinghua University** (China) – 1st; **Peking University** (China) – 2nd.
- India represented**: **128 universities**.
- Best Indian ranking**: **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)**, Bengaluru at **43rd**.
- Note: Several **IITs** boycotted the rankings due to **transparency issues**.

40. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) Report 2025 – Global Military Expenditure

- As per the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) Report 2025**, India ranks **5th** in **Global Military Expenditure**.

41. Special 301 Report 2026 – India on 'Priority Watch List'

- Released by the **United States Trade Representative (USTR)** – **38th annual edition**.
- **India retained** on the "**Priority Watch List**" (along with Chile, China, Indonesia, Russia, Venezuela).
- **Vietnam** elevated to "**Priority Foreign Country**" status (triggering a **Section 301 investigation**).
- **Watch List countries**: Pakistan, Turkey, European Union (EU), Brazil, Argentina.
- **Bulgaria** removed from the list; **Ukraine** suspended.

42. Project 17A Stealth Frigate 'INS Mahendragiri' – Delivered to Indian Navy

- **Project 17A** is a stealth frigate programme approved in **2015** for a total cost of **₹45,000 crore**, comprising **7 frigates**.
- The stealth frigate '**Mahendragiri**' was delivered to the **Indian Navy** on **April 30, 2026**.
- Delivered by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders** (headquartered in **Mumbai**).
- Designed by: **Warship Design Bureau**.
- It is the **6th of 7** stealth frigates under the project.
- Key features: **CODOG (Combined Diesel or Gas) propulsion** and **75% indigenous components**.
- Reduces India's reliance on **US and Russia** for warship components.
- Delivered **17 months** after the 1st frigate.

43. Mission Drishti – GalaxEye Launches India's Largest Private Earth Observation Satellite

- Startup **GalaxEye** launched **India's largest private earth observation satellite** (weight: **190 kg**) via **SpaceX Falcon 9** rocket.
- Features **world-first 'Opto-SAR' technology**, enabling **clear image capture in darkness and bad weather**.

44. ONGC Petrochemical Joint Venture (JV) – Marketing & Trading

- **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** announced a **Joint Venture (JV)** for marketing and trading with the following stake:
 - **ONGC**: 50%
 - **Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL)**: 25%
 - **ONGC Petro additions Limited (OPaL)**: 25%

45. Sahajanand Medical Technologies (SMT) – ISO 50001:2018 Certification

- **Sahajanand Medical Technologies (SMT)** (based in **Surat** and **Hyderabad**) became the **first domestic cardiovascular manufacturing unit** to receive **ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System** certification.

46. Naval Anti-Ship Missile – Short Range (NASM-SR) – First-Ever Salvo Test

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and the **Indian Navy** conducted the **first-ever salvo flight test** of the **Naval Anti-Ship Missile – Short Range (NASM-SR)**.
- Test conducted from a **Navy helicopter platform** at the **Chandipur range** in the **Bay of Bengal, Odisha**.

47. IN-SLN DIVEX 2026 – India–Sri Lanka Diving Exercise (4th Edition)

- **4th edition** of the **India–Sri Lanka Navy (IN-SLN) Diving Exercise (DIVEX)** held in **Colombo** (April 21–28, 2026).
- India deployed **submarine rescue vessel INS Nireekshak**.
- India also gifted **two 'Bhishma Cubes'** under the **Arogya Maitri** humanitarian initiative.

48. CINBAX-II 2026 – India–Cambodia Joint Military Exercise (2nd Edition)

- **2nd edition** of the joint military exercise held in **Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia**.
- India was represented by the **Maratha Light Infantry Regiment**.

49. India Chairs BRICS–MENA Meeting on West Asia Conflict

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- India, represented by **Dr. Neena Malhotra** (Secretary, **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)**), chaired a meeting with **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa)** founding members and **Middle East and North Africa (MENA)** nations.
- Key discussion topics: **West Asia conflict** (Iran, Palestine, Gaza), **United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)**, **terrorism**, and **regional stability**.
- **Next meeting**: To be hosted by **China in 2027**.

50. India–Tanzania Trade – 5th Joint Trade Committee Meeting

- The **5th Joint Trade Committee** meeting was held in **Dar es Salaam** (Tanzania's commercial capital).
- **Bilateral trade** reached **\$9.02 billion** in **2025–26**.

51. USA Returns 657 Stolen Antiquities to India

- The **United States** returned **657 stolen antiquities** to India worth approximately **\$14 million**.
- Notable items returned include an **Avalokiteshwara bronze statue** and a **dancing Ganesha sandstone figure**.

52. Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) – New Appointment

- **Anugraha Narayan Dass** (1991 batch) appointed as **Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)** from **May 1, 2026**.
- Role: Oversees **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** audits.
- Replaced: **Biswajit Sahay**.

53. Ministry of Defence / Finance – New Secretaries Appointed

- **Vishwajit Sahai** (1990 batch) appointed as **Secretary of Ministry of Defence (MoD)**, replacing **Rasika Chop**.
- **Biswajit Sahay** assumed charge as **Secretary of Defence Finance** (under the **Ministry of Finance**).

54. RBI Deputy Governor – Rohit Jain Appointed

- **Rohit Jain** appointed as **RBI Deputy Governor** for a **3-year term**, effective **May 2, 2026**.
- Succeeded: **T. Rabi Sankar**.
- **Current RBI Deputy Governors**: Swaminathan Janakiraman (senior-most), Poonam Gupta, Rohit Jain, and S. Chandra Murmu.
- **RBI Governor**: **Sanjay Malhotra**.

55. National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) – New President Appointed

- **Justice (Retd.) Anupinder Singh Grewal** appointed as **President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** for a **5-year term**.
- The NCLT is the **corporate disputes court** in India.

56. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) – New CMD Appointed

- **Kota Ravi (Ravi K)** appointed as **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**, replacing **DK Sunil**.
- He brings **30 years of aerospace and Tejas (Light Combat Aircraft)** experience.
- **HAL** is headquartered in **Bengaluru** and was established in **1940**.

57. Prasar Bharati – Prasoon Joshi Appointed Chairman

- Writer and lyricist **Prasoon Joshi** appointed as **Chairman of Prasar Bharati** (India's public broadcaster).

58. 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) – Festival Director Appointed

- **Ashutosh Gowariker** appointed as **Festival Director** of the **57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**.
- Venue: **Goa**; Month: **November**.
- **IFFI** was established in **1952**.

59. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) – Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) Appointed

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- **Dilip Kumar** appointed as **Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO)** of **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)** on **April 27, 2026**.

60. First Transgender Umpire from Tamil Nadu – Kritika Shree

- **Kritika Shree** from **Salem, Tamil Nadu** became **India's first transgender cricket umpire from Tamil Nadu**.

61. Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 – Key Records

- A **15-year-old Rajasthan Royals opener** became the **fastest to score 400 runs in a single IPL season**.
- **Virat Kohli** records in IPL 2026:
 - First batter to hit **84 runs in a knockout match**
 - Reached **87 boundaries in 274 IPL matches**
 - Became the **3rd batter** (after **Chris Gayle** and **Rohit Sharma**) to hit **36 sixes** in IPL

62. Youngest Swimmer to Cross Palk Strait – 7-Year-Old Ishang Singh

- **7-year-old Ishang (Ishan) Singh** from **Ranchi, Jharkhand** became the **youngest swimmer** to cross the **Palk Strait**.
- Swam **29 km** from **Talaimannar (Sri Lanka)** to **Dhanushkodi (Tamil Nadu)** in **9 hours 50 minutes**.
- Feat accomplished under '**Mission Samandar**'.

63. Uber Cup & Thomas Cup 2026 – Badminton Results

- **Women's Uber Cup 2026: South Korea** won (**3rd title**), defeating **China** in the final.
- **Men's Thomas Cup 2026: China** won (**13th title**), defeating **France** in the final.
- **India** won the **Bronze medal** in the Thomas Cup.

64. Madrid Open 2026 – Tennis Results

- **Women's Singles: Marta Kostyuk (Ukraine)** won, defeating **Mirra Andreeva (Russia)** in the final.
- **Men's Singles: Jannik Sinner** won, becoming the **first player since 1990** to win **5 consecutive ATP Masters 1000 titles**.

65. South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship 2026

- **India** hosts the **South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship** from **May 24 to June 7**.
- Venue: **Fatorda Stadium, Goa**.
- **6 teams** will compete.
- **India** has previously won the championship **5 times**.

66. 75th Anniversary of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)

- The **National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)** celebrated its **75th Anniversary** at **Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi**.
- **Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya** launched a **75-year anniversary logo** and the '**My NRAI Athlete**' digital application.

67. Whitley Award (Green Oscar) – Parveen Shaikh Wins

- **Parveen Shaikh** won the **Whitley Award** (nicknamed the '**Green Oscar**' for conservation) worth **£50,000**.
- Awarded for conserving the **endangered Indian Skimmer birds** in the **Chambal River** and **Prayagraj**.

68. New Books Released – Current Affairs

- '**From Guerrilla Fighter to Chief Minister**' – authored by **Zoramthanga** (former Chief Minister of Mizoram).
- '**A Road Well Travelled**' (Autobiography) – authored by **R.K. Raghavan** (Former Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)).

69. Festivals & Exhibitions

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- 'Soul Threads' heritage designer collection exhibition held by **Central Cottage Industries** at **Jawahar Vyapar Bhavan** (April 24 – May 10).
- **Moatsu Festival** (Nagaland) and **Thrissur Pooram** (Kerala) celebrated.

70. Important Days – May 2026

- **May 1 – International Labour Day / Workers' Day (May Day)**
 - Also known as **Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas / Kamgar Din**
 - Also: **66th Foundation Day of Gujarat and Maharashtra** (both states separated from Bombay State on **May 1, 1960**)
- **May 3 – World Press Freedom Day**
 - Theme 2026: "**Shaping a Future of/for Peace**"
- **May 3 – World Laughter Day**
 - Founded by **Dr. Madan Kataria** in **1998**
 - Theme: "**World Peace through Laughter**"
- **May 4 – Coal Miners Day**
 - Appreciates daily sacrifices of miners in dangerous conditions
 - Highlights technology to reduce mining hazards
 - Recognizes the coal industry, which **started in 1774** near **Damodar River Valley / Raniganj**

71. Notable Obituaries

- **Alex Zanardi** – Italian former **Formula 1 (F1) driver** and **4-time Paralympic para-cycling gold medalist**.
- **Gurbux Singh Grewal** – Renowned **Indian hockey player**.
- **Guru Muni Narayana Prasad** – Spiritual leader; received **Padma Shri** in **2024**.
- **Vijay Kumar** – Veteran **Indian golfer**.
- **Sri Ratan Agarwal** – **Founder of Bikaji Foods International**.