

1. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) Completes 11 Years

- Approved and launched on July 1, 2015, under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Originally launched for 5 years with an outlay of ₹50,000 crore; it has since been extended multiple times.

2. Digital India Program (DIP) Completes 11 Years

- Launched on July 1, 2015, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

3. Corporate Mitra Scheme for MSMEs (Ministry of Corporate Affairs)

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) in partnership with: IIT Madras, IIT Pravartak (IIT Madras' Deep Tech innovation hub), Swayam Plus, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), and Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI).
- Eligibility: Indian nationals up to the age of 30 who are graduates or in their final year.
- Program Structure: A 12-month program — 150 hours of online, expert-led academic learning via the Swayam Plus portal, followed by 6 months of on-the-job training with professional firms.
- Successful candidates receive a "Corporate Mitra" certificate.
- SWAYAM stands for "Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds" — an online learning platform of the Ministry of Education.

4. RBI Releases India's External Debt Report (End-March 2026)

- Total External Debt: \$762.8 billion at the end of March 2026 — an increase of \$26.3 billion over the previous year.
- Debt-to-GDP Ratio: 20.8% (up from 19.8% the previous year) — a highly manageable and comfortable range (critical threshold is 40%+).
- Debt Service Ratio: 5.8% (down from 6.6%), indicating improved external debt sustainability. (Debt service ratio = principal + interest payments as a ratio of current receipts like exports and remittances.)

5. PSB Alliance Strategic Meet & Launch of Bank Assets Auction Network (BAANKNET)

- The PSB Alliance is an association of 12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs).
- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) is the direct owner and controller of PSBs in India.
- M. Nagaraju, Secretary of the Department of Financial Services (DFS), led the annual strategic meeting of the PSB Alliance in New Delhi.
- He officially launched Bank Assets Auction Network (BAANKNET) — a nationwide digital mobile app platform.

6. Moody's Ratings reports that India's private credit market has doubled to \$25 billion in the last 5 years.

7. UPI Goes Live in Greece (10th Country) & Launch of UPI FX

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) was launched in 2016 and is regulated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) — incorporated in December 2008 under a **Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act, 2007**, overseen by the RBI.
- Other nations using UPI: Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, UAE, and Saudi Arabia; Seychelles is expected to join soon. Cambodia was the 9th country.
- UPI is now live in Greece, making it the 10th country to adopt the payment system.
- Partnership: NPCI signed a bilateral agreement with Greece's Eurobank, allowing Indian travelers to pay in Greece by scanning standard Greek QR codes.
- UPI FX Launch: NPCI partnered with global foreign banks HSBC India and JP Morgan to enable real-time foreign exchange settlements for cross-border UPI transactions (known as UPI FX).

8. The Central Bank of India partnered with HSBC Asset Management to cross-sell mutual fund products to its customer base, earning commissions on these sales

- Central Bank of India: Founded in 1911; headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra; MD & CEO — Kalyan Kumar.

9. Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Mizuho Bank signed a pact to collectively facilitate and fund Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) financing for cross-border deals involving Indian businesses

- Mizuho Bank represents the banking wing of Japan's Mizuho Financial Group

10. Kotak Mahindra Bank acquired Deutsche Bank's Indian retail customer portfolio and wealth management operations in a deal valued at ₹281.7 crore

- Kotak Mahindra Bank: Headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra; its MD & CEO Ashok Vaswani

11. Indian cross-border payment provider Pay Glocal integrated Google Pay card payment options onto its international gateway

- Pay Glocal is based in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

12. SEBI set up a dedicated committee / Expert Working Group (EWG) to review, update, and strengthen the Debenture Trustee Regulatory Framework.

- Chairman: Ananta Barua (Former Whole-Time Member of SEBI).
- Co-Chairman: Rajnish Kumar (Former Chairman of State Bank of India — SBI).

13. RBI Imposes Penalties on Bank of Baroda and GIC Housing Finance

o Bank of Baroda: Fined ₹63.6 lakh for violating Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines and failing to adhere to the Fair Practices Code for Lenders.

o GIC Housing Finance Limited: Fined ₹3.1 lakh specifically for KYC-related compliance oversights.

14. Rajiv Kumar (the former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)) Appointed Chairman of HDFC Bank

15. The government extended the tenure of Ravi Agarwal, Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), by 6 months.

16. Mini Ratna Status Granted to Yantra India Limited (YIL) and MECON Limited

- Yantra India Limited (YIL) — a Nagpur-based Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) — has been granted Mini Ratna Category-I status.
- The Ministry of Steel granted Miniratna Category-I status to MECON Limited (a Schedule 'A' Central Public Sector Enterprise — CPSE under the Ministry of Steel)
- Maharatna: 14 companies total — the 14th is Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL); can invest up to ₹5,000 crore without prior approval.
- Navratna: 27 companies total — the 27th is Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL); can invest up to ₹1,000 crore without prior approval.
- Mini Ratna: 64 companies total — YIL is the 64th, and the 54th in Category-I.

17. PM Narendra Modi is scheduled to inaugurate the HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL) — India's 24th oil refinery.

- Location: Pachpadra, Balotra District, Rajasthan.
- HRRL is India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex.

18. PM Modi to inaugurate a state-of-the-art OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) Facility in Sanand, Gujarat.

- Built with an investment exceeding ₹7,500 crore by CG Semi Private Limited.

19. India's First Off-Shore Airport Planned in Palghar, Maharashtra

20. Global Hydropower & Energy Storage Report: India Rises to 5th Place

- Report released by the International Hydropower Association (IHA), tracking countries generating water-based electricity.
- China ranks 1st, producing 40% of the world's water-based electricity.
- India moved up to 5th place, displacing Russia to 6th place.
- India achieved a power generation capacity of 56.33 GW, with a future storage target of 100 GW.
- Globally, India ranks 3rd in overall renewable energy.
- India's largest hydropower storage is generated via the Siang Project in the Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh.

21. CPI Base Year Revision: New "CPI 24" Series Announced by MoSPI

- MoSPI updated the Consumer Price Index (CPI) base year from 2012 to 2024 to better reflect modern consumption patterns, naming the new series CPI 24.

- The basket of items expanded from 299 to 358 items

22. PM Modi's Visit to Seychelles; Honored with "Guardian of the Blue Horizon" Award

- PM Narendra Modi traveled on a three-day visit to Seychelles (island country in the Indian Ocean; capital — Victoria).
- Honored with the "Guardian of the Blue Horizon" environmental award.
- Temple Visit: Visited the Arul Mihu Navasakti Vinayagar Temple (transcribed as Arul Mehu Temple) on Mahe Island in Victoria

23. RIMPAC 2026: India Participates with INS Shivalik

- The Rim of the Pacific Ocean (RIMPAC) is the world's largest naval exercise, hosted biennially by the USA; it first began in 1971.
- The 30th edition began on June 24 and runs through July 30–31, 2026, in Hawaii, USA (famous for active volcanoes), with 30 countries participating.
- India has deployed its **P-8I Long-Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft**
- The largest naval exercise hosted by India is Milan (held biennially).
- Other India-US exercises: Red Flag, Vajra Prahar, Yudh Abhyas, and Tiger Triumph.

24. The World Bank upgraded Sri Lanka from Lower-Middle Income to an Upper-Middle Income economy.

- Low Income: \$1,135 or less.
- Lower-Middle Income (includes India): \$1,136 to \$4,495.
- Upper-Middle Income (Sri Lanka's new tier): \$4,496 to \$13,935.
- High Income: Above \$13,935.

25. US-Russia 'New START' Treaty Set to Expire

- The New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) is the last remaining nuclear arms control pact between the US and Russia; first signed in 2010 and renewed once in 2021.
- The treaty caps the number of deployed nuclear warheads at a maximum of 1,550 on each side.

26. Japan became the first nation to successfully recover rare earth metals from deep-sea sediments at a depth of 6,000 meters.

- Conducted using a specialized small deep-sea vessel/submarine named "Chikyu".

27. "The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) was established under the Central Boards of Revenue Act, 1963, formally split into an independent board in 1964, headquartered in New Delhi; current chairperson — Vivek Chaturvedi

28. The National Biodiversity Authority notified the Borjuli Site in Sonitpur, Assam as a Biodiversity Heritage Site

- Assam's Three Officially Notified BHSs

(i) Majuli BHS

(ii) Bourjuli Wild Rice BHS

(iii) Hajong Tortoise Lake BHS

29. Out of India's 58 Tiger Reserves, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (led by Bhupender Yadav) has prioritized 25 reserves to actively boost tiger populations.

- Declared at the Sariska Tiger Reserve (Alwar, Rajasthan) to mark 18 years since tigers were successfully reintroduced to the area.
- 58th: Madhav Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh).

30. Delhi Cabinet Approves Delhi EV Policy 2.0

- Effective Dates: From July 1, 2026, until March 31, 2030.
- January 1, 2027: Only electric three-wheelers and N1 goods carriers will be allowed to register in Delhi.
- April 1, 2028: Registration of new petrol and CNG-powered two-wheelers will be discontinued; only electric two-wheelers will be eligible for registration
- 100% exemption on road tax and registration fees for electric vehicles; for electric passenger cars, this applies to models priced up to ₹30 lakh (ex-showroom).

31. Project Brahmark of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Celebrates 16th Raising Day

- Project Brahmark was raised on June 29, 2011, at Ranaghat and became fully functional on December 3, 2011.
- Celebrated its 16th Raising Day at Ranaghat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, marking 15 years of operational service.

32. Telangana Cabinet Sanctions ₹7,345 Crore for Musi River Rejuvenation (Phase 1)

33. Odisha Cabinet Approves ₹2295 Crore Deep Sea Fishing Mission (for an implementation span of 2026 to 2036)

34. Andhra Pradesh launched Pilloo AI, an AI-powered voice-based billing and accounting mobile application designed to assist small businesses.

35. Rajasthan Bans Bupivacaine Injections in C-Section Deliveries

- Bupivacaine is a common spinal anesthetic used during surgeries such as Cesarean (C-section) deliveries

36. Gujarat Police Launches "Operation Surakshit Cyber Space"

- Objective: To safeguard women and children online from cyber crimes such as cyber stalking, financial fraud, and identity theft.

37. 29th National e-Governance Conference Held in Jaipur

- The first National e-Governance Conference took place in 1997 in Hyderabad.

38. West Bengal Adds 23 New GI Tags, Ranks 3rd Nationally

- Uttar Pradesh: 1st place with 83 registrations.
- Tamil Nadu: 2nd place with 76 registrations.

39. National Statistics Day was first established in 2007 and marks the birth anniversary of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis (P.C. Mahalanobis) — the "Father of Indian Statistics", associated with India's Second Five-Year Plan

- Observed on June 29th — this is the 20th edition, marking the 133rd birth anniversary of P.C. Mahalanobis
- Theme for 2026: "Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data".

40. OpenAI Appoints Prabhjeet Singh as First Managing Director for India

41. ICAR Panel Formed for Andhra Pradesh's Totapuri Mango Growers

- Panel Head: T. Damodaran (Director of the ICAR-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture).

42. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri Gets 1-Year Extension

43. India Wins First-Ever Bronze at AVC Men's Volleyball Cup 2026 (Men's Nations Cup)

- India secured its first-ever Bronze medal by defeating Bahrain.
- Final Standings: 1. Indonesia (Gold / Champion); 2. South Korea (Silver); 3. India (Bronze); 4. Bahrain.
- Leadership: Captain — Jerome Vinith Charles ; Head Coach — Dragan Mihailovic.
- Individual Honors: Best Libero award won by Indian player Anand Kotharthil (or Anand K).
- India's global ranking in volleyball has improved to 42nd.

44. Kidambi Srikanth Finishes Runner-Up at Yonex US Open Badminton 2026

- Srikanth lost the final to Su Li Yang (Chinese Taipei (Taiwan))

45. India Wins 5 Medals at Global Skills Challenge Australia 2026 (48th WorldSkills Competition)

46. Haryana Thunders Wins Pro Wrestling League 2026

- Haryana Thunders defeated Delhi Dangal Warriors in the final match to win the Pro Wrestling League 2026.

47. FIFA Suspends the All Nepal Football Association (ANFA)

- FIFA HQ — Zurich, Switzerland (President Gianni Infantino); Asian Football Confederation (AFC) HQ — Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

48. FIDE Imposes 2-Year Ban on Russian GM Vladimir Kramnik

49. Cristiano Ronaldo Becomes 2nd Oldest Player to Score in a FIFA Match

- Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo (jersey #7) became the 2nd oldest player to score in a FIFA match — at 41 years and 147 days
- He is second only to Roger Milla, who scored a FIFA goal at age 42.
- The upcoming FIFA World Cup will be hosted across the USA, Canada, and Mexico

50. Sunil Bharti Mittal Receives USISPF (US-India Strategic Partnership Forum)2026 Leadership Award

51. July 1st: National Doctors' Day

- Theme for 2026: "Behind the mask, who heals the healers" (or "who heals the healer").
- Designated by the government in 1991 to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of Dr. B. C. Roy

52. July 4th : International Day of Cooperatives

- 2026 Theme: "Cooperatives for a Peaceful World".

53. July 3rd: International Plastic Bag Free Day

- 2026 theme "Reduce plastic waste, protect our planet".

54. Hool Diwas Celebrated in Jharkhand

55. George Russell(British Mercedes driver) Wins Austrian Grand Prix 2026

56. Obituary: Lt. Gen. M.M. Lakhera

- The former Governor of Mizoram and former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry (who also held additional charge of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands) passed away.

57. Obituary: Puviyasu, Iconic Tamil Poet

58. Obituary: Vijaya Mehta, Noted Theatre Personality & Filmmaker

59. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Assumes Charge as 51st Vice Chief of Air Staff

60. Bijay Kumar Mohanty assumed additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)

61. Satish Kumar is Chairperson of the Railway Board