

1. 16th India-Japan Annual Summit Held in New Delhi

- Japan's Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi

2. Inaugural India-Mali Joint Trade Forum Held in Bamako

- The inaugural forum was held in Bamako, Mali, under the theme "Reinforcing Trade and Strategic Partnership".

3. India Participates in RIMPAC 2026 — World's Largest Maritime Exercise

- The Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) is the world's largest international maritime exercise, administered biennially (even-numbered years) by the US Indo-Pacific Command.
- Conducted in and around the Hawaii Islands from June 24 to July 31, 2026.
- Theme: "Partners: Integrated and Prepared".

4. General Dhiraj Assumes Charge as 31st Chief of Army Staff

- He unveiled the "Vijay" Vision, a strategic roadmap standing for:
 - o V — Vigilance
 - o I — Innovation
 - o J — Jointness and Integration
 - o A — Atmanirbharta
 - o Y — Yodha

5. India Finalizes \$629 Million BrahMos Missile Deal with Vietnam

- Vietnam is the second country to buy BrahMos from India, following the Philippines, which signed a deal in 2022.
- BrahMos is a supersonic missile jointly developed by India and Russia.

6. NASA Terminates MAVEN Mars Mission After 11 Years

- MAVEN stands for Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution.
- Launched in 2013, it reached Mars' orbit in 2014.

7. PM Modi Launches "Viksit Udan" (Udan 2) Regional Connectivity Scheme

- The next phase of the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) regional connectivity scheme, officially named **Modified UDAN Scheme** or "**Viksit UDAN**".
- Financial outlay: ₹28,840 crore over a 10-year period (FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36).
- Outlay breakdown:
 - o Airport Development: ₹12,159 crore to build 100 new airports/aerodromes over 8 years.
 - o Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Support: ₹2,577 crore to support 441 aerodromes for 3 years — distributed at approximately ₹3.06 crore per airport and ₹90 lakh per heliport annually.
 - o Heliports: ₹3661 crore to construct 200 new modern helipads across hilly, remote, and island regions (approx. ₹15 crore per site).
 - o Viability Gap Funding (VGF): ₹10,043 crore over 10 years to support airlines operating remote routes.

8. Government Approves Fotu La Tunnel in Ladakh for All-Weather Connectivity

- Ladakh is known as the "Land of Passes" ("La" means Pass).

9. Chumur (Ladakh) Becomes India's First "Model Border Village"

- This is an extension of the Vibrant Village Program, launched in 2023 by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to develop small villages along international borders (China, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, etc.).
- The first village developed under the main program was Mana Village in Uttarakhand.
- The village of Chumur has been developed as India's very first "Model Border Village".
- Officially inaugurated on June 3, 2026, in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena.

10. Sagar Aankalan Awards for Port Performance

- Container Cargo Category: Deendayal Port Authority (Kandla Port, Gujarat) — top container cargo performance in India.
- Dry Bulk Cargo Category: Paradip Port (Odisha) — top performer.
- Liquid Bulk Cargo Category: Sikka Port Terminal (Jamnagar, Gujarat) — stood 1st.

11. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0 Agreements Signed with States/UT

- The original Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched on August 15, 2019.

- JJM 2.0 was approved by the Union Cabinet on March 10, 2026.
- Updated budget allocation: ₹8.69 lakh crore.
- Objective: ensure piped water connection reaches every Indian household by December 2028.

12. India Hosts 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum in New Delhi

- Theme: "Cities for the People: BRICS Cooperation for Inclusive Resilient Urban Futures".
- BRICS membership currently counts 11 members: founding members Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, alongside newly active members Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and UAE.

13. USA Overtakes Mauritius as India's 2nd-Largest FDI Source (FY 2025-26)

- The United States overtook Mauritius to become India's second-largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for FY 2025-26, registering an equity inflow of \$11 billion.
- Top three FDI sources: Singapore (1st), USA (2nd), Mauritius (3rd) — Singapore continues to maintain its position as India's largest overall FDI source.

14. Small Savings Scheme Interest Rates Unchanged for Q1 FY 2026-27

- The government reviews these rates quarterly, determined using the Shyamla Gopinath Committee Formula (2011) — which links small savings rates to the average yield of Government Securities (G-Secs) of comparable maturity, adding a markup of 0 to 100 basis points.
- The Department of Economic Affairs kept interest rates completely unchanged for Quarter 1 of FY 2026-27 — the 9th consecutive quarter without revisions.
- Scheme-wise interest rates:
 - o Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS): 8.2%.
 - o Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY): 8.2% — designed for girl children under 10 years of age under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign.
 - o National Savings Certificate (NSC): 7.7%.
 - o Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP): 7.5% (matures in 115 months).
 - o 5-Year Post Office Time Deposit: 7.5%.
 - o Post Office Monthly Income Scheme (POMIS): 7.4%.
 - o Public Provident Fund (PPF): 7.1% per annum — features a 15-year lock-in period, tax benefits under Section 80C, and Exempt-Exempt-Exempt (EEE) tax status.
 - o Post Office Savings Account: 4.0%.

15. Punjab & Sind Bank Celebrates 119th Foundation Day

- Headquartered in New Delhi; MD & CEO: Swarup Kumar Saha.

16. SEBI Forms Expert Working Group on Debenture Trustees

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

17. Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) launched four new premium credit cards on the Visa platform: Aura (Visa Platinum), Samara (Visa Signature), Altura (Visa Infinite), and Eternus (Visa Infinite).

- KVB profile: founded in 1916, headquartered in Karur, Tamil Nadu; MD & CEO: B. Ramesh Babu; tagline: "Smart Way to Bank".

18. OECD Revises India's GDP Growth Forecast Upward to 6.3%

19. UPI Goes Global: Cambodia Becomes 9th and Greece 10th Country to Adopt UPI

20. PayGlocal is a Bengaluru-based payment company holding the RBI's Payment Aggregator Cross-Border (PA-CB) license; Apple Pay was already live on its international payment gateway.

21. PM SVANidhi Scheme Completes 6 Years; Extended to 2030

- The Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme was launched on June 1, 2020, to provide micro-working capital loans to street vendors post-pandemic.
- The scheme completed 6 years on June 1, 2026.
- Milestones: over 1.12 crore loans approved, worth a total of ₹17,800 crore.
- Upgraded loan amounts:
 - o 1st-time loan: raised to ₹15,000 (originally ₹10,000).
 - o 2nd-time loan: raised to ₹25,000 (originally ₹20,000).
 - o 3rd-time loan: retained up to ₹50,000 for timely repayment of previous tiers.

- The scheme has been officially extended until March 31, 2030.
- Implementation overseen jointly by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and the Department of Financial Services (Ministry of Finance).

22. ITU (backed International Telecommunication Union) Launches AI for Good Global Commission with Three Indian Founding Members

- o Mukesh Ambani (Chairman, Reliance Industries).
- o Sunil Bharti Mittal (Founder Chairman, Bharti Enterprises).
- o Lakshmi Mittal (Executive Chairman, ArcelorMittal).

23. Chandigarh University Inaugurates India's First Private-University "India AI Data Lab"

- Chandigarh University has topped the Khelo India University Games twice.

24. Project SAMARTH: ₹190 Crore Semiconductor Training Hub at IIT Gandhinagar

- The Silicon and Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Research and Training Hub (SAMARTH) is being established at IIT Gandhinagar with an investment of ₹190 crore.

25. SBI Life & IIT Bombay to Set Up "Bharat AI & Cyber Innovation Hub for Insurance"

- SBI Life Insurance is a joint venture between State Bank of India (SBI) and BNP Paribas.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has launched the mission "Insurance for All by 2047" (aligned with India's 100th year of Independence).

26. India's First GAGAN Satellite-Based Landing Trial on a Mainline Commercial Jet

- GAGAN stands for GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation, jointly built by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) supervised India's first satellite-based landing system trial utilizing an IndiGo Airbus A320 at Maharana Pratap Airport, Udaipur, Rajasthan.

27. World Environment Day 2026 — June 5

- The first World Environment Day was held in 1973 with the theme "Only One Earth".
- 2026 Theme: "Inspired by Nature for Climate for Our Future".
- 2026 Host: Baku, Azerbaijan.

28. 25 of India's 58 Tiger Reserves Identified for Priority Intervention

- Project Tiger: announced :1st April 1973
- International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA): Bangladesh recently joined as a member; the alliance covers 7 big cats.
- All India Tiger Report: conducted every 4 years; current tiger population estimate stands at 3,682+.
- Project Cheetah: launched in 2022 from Kuno National Park (Madhya Pradesh) using cheetahs imported from Africa; cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952.

29. World's Oldest Accurately Dated Banyan Tree Found in Munger, Bihar

- A banyan tree in Munger, Bihar, has been identified as the world's oldest accurately dated banyan tree, estimated to be 700 years old.

30. Australia Wins ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026

- Australia clinched their 7th T20 World Cup title (and 14th overall Women's World Cup trophy across formats) by defeating host nation England in the final.
- Player of the Series & Final: Beth Mooney (Australia).
- Most Runs: Danni Wyatt-Hodge (302 runs).
- Most Wickets: Shreyanka Patil (referred to as "Sri Charani" in translation — India).

31. Monaco's Charles Leclerc (driving for Ferrari) won the British Grand Prix 2026

32. Legendary Argentine footballer Lionel Messi won the Princess of Asturias Sports Award, presented by Spain

- Messi has won the Ballon d'Or a record 8 times.
- He captained Argentina to victory in the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Doha.
- The next FIFA World Cup is scheduled to be jointly hosted by the US, Canada, and Mexico.

33. Great Britain's legendary cyclist and Olympic medalist Chris Froome announced his retirement from professional road cycling.

34. International Booker Prize Renamed "Bukhman International Booker Prize"; Prize Money Doubled

- The award has been renamed the "Bukhman International Booker Prize".
- The winner's prize is doubled from £50,000 to £100,000 (Pound Sterling), split equally between the author and the translator.
- Shortlisted books will receive £5,000 (also shared equally).
- Noted Indian winners: Salman Rushdie, Arundhati Roy, Kiran Desai, and Aravind Adiga (Booker Prize); Geetanjali Shree (International Booker Prize).

35. Keiko Fujimori Elected President of Peru

- Capital: Lima; Currency: Sol

36. Neelkanth Mishra Appointed India's Executive Director at the World Bank

- He replaces Parameswaran Iyer (a retired 1981-batch IAS officer).

37. D.K. Shivakumar Sworn In as 25th Chief Minister of Karnataka

- The oath was administered by Karnataka Governor Thawarchand Gehlot under Article 164 of the Indian Constitution

38. Brijesh Kumar Singh Takes Charge as MD & CEO of Canara Bank

- He replaces K. Satyanarayana Raju, who retired in December 2025.
- Canara Bank profile: founded in 1906, headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka; tagline: "Together We Can".

39. Other Notable Appointments & Recognitions

- Rear Admiral C. Raghuram — Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL),
- Ravi Agarwal — Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Chairman
- Nita Ambani — honored with the AAPI Humanitarian Award and presented the Key to the City of Tampa
- Idris Elba — honored with the Knighthood award presented by King Charles III at Windsor Castle, carrying the title "Sir" Idris Elba (females are styled "Dame").

40. Obituary: Teejan Bai (Tijan Bai) — Legendary Pandwani Exponent

- Pandwani is a traditional musical and folk story-telling art describing the life events of the Pandavas.

41. Obituary: Lieutenant General M.M. Lakhera

- Lieutenant General M.M. Lakhera — former Governor of Mizoram and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry — passed away.

42. 79th Anniversary of the "3rd June Plan" (Mountbatten Plan)

- June 3 marked the 79th anniversary of the historic 3rd June Plan of 1947
- Also known as the Mountbatten Plan, introduced by Lord Louis Mountbatten (the last Viceroy of India).

43. Important Days

- World Zoonoses Day — July 6 (2026 Theme: "One World One Health".)
- World Rural Development Day — July 6 (2026 Theme: "Financing the First Mile of Food Systems".)

44. Book Release: "Second Orbit Memoir" written by Group Captain Subhanshu Shukla.

45. Book Release: "Better Never Stops: Leadership Insights from Life's Unscripted Moments" authored by Shyam Srinivasan (former head of Federal Bank).