

8 to 14 Feb 2026

NATIONAL POLICY: THE SEMICONDUCTOR MISSION 2.0

**\$100-\$110
BILLION**

Projected Indian market size by 2030

India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0

- **FY 2026-27 Allocation:** ₹1,000 Crore.
- **Strategic Shift:** Focus moves to producing semiconductor equipment and materials domestically.
- **R&D Focus:** Emphasis on industry-led research and training centers.

MARKET CONTEXT



Legacy Context: ISM 1.0 (Dec 2021) incentive framework of ₹76,000 Crore; 10 projects approved across 6 states.

NATIONAL E-VIDHAN APPLICATION (NeVA)



- Launched by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at Bihar Assembly.
- Cloud-based system for paperless legislative processes.

INCOME TAX RULES, 2026 (DRAFT)

- **Effective Date:** April 1, 2026.
- **Simplification:** Rules reduced from 511 to 333; Forms reduced from 399 to 190.
- **New 'Tax Year' Concept** replaces Financial/Assessment Year confusion.
- **Allowance Hikes:** Children's Education to ₹3,000/month; Hostel Expenditure to ₹9,000/month.

FOREIGN ASSETS DISCLOSURE (FAST-DS)

- **Scheme:** One-time, 6-month window to disclose foreign assets (e.g., ESOPs).
- **Benefit:** Avoid harsh penalties under Black Money Act.
- **Consequence:** Non-disclosure attracts **₹10 Lakh penalty** per year and up to 7 years jail time (Consequence and the penalty details are highlighted in **Alert Red**).

RBI & DICGC to implement risk-based premiums starting April 1, 2026.

PREMIUM STRUCTURE



STRATEGIC GOAL:

Incentivize better governance and financial health.

EXCEPTIONS:

RRBs, Local Area Banks, and Payment Banks remain on the flat system.

AGRICULTURAL INTEGRITY



- Pact between Ministry of Agriculture & Dept of Posts.
- Traceable logistics system to stop fake seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides.

NBFC DEREGULATION

- Small NBFCs (Assets < ₹1,000 Crore) with no public funds or customer interface are now exempt from RBI registration.

DIGITAL INNOVATION



- Kotak Mahindra Bank issues India's first fully digital Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) license.
- Issued within 24 hours via SEBI's digital workflow.

KISAN CREDIT CARD (KCC) REFORM



- RBI proposes extending validity to 6 years (from 5).
- Alignment of drawing limits with Scale of Finance (SoF) for crop seasons.



MISSION PROFILE

- **Event:** Agni-3 Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) Test.
- **Conducted By:** Strategic Forces Command (SFC).
- **Location:** Chandipur, Odisha.
- **Specs:**
 - Range: 3,000 – 3,500 km
 - Payload: 1.5 tons (Nuclear-capable)
 - Warhead Yield: 200-300 Kilotons

THE MEGA-MERGER

Power Finance Corporation (PFC) + Rural Electrification Corporation (REC).

FOOTBALL



India wins SAFF U-19 Women's Championship (defeated Bangladesh).

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

India-Netherlands Hydrogen Fellowship. 19 IITs + University of Groningen.
Goal: Capacity building for Green Hydrogen ecosystems.

PORT SECURITY FIRST

V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port, Tuticorin becomes the first Indian port to deploy advanced anti-drone system.

Specs: 5 km detection range, 360-degree radar + jamming.

DIGITAL GOVERNANCE

NSO launches Beta "Model Context Protocol (MCP)". Connects AI tools directly to official datasets on eSankhyiki portal.

ENVIRONMENT (GOA BIRD ATLAS)



Goa becomes 2nd state to publish full bird atlas. Released at **9th Bird Festival**.
MoU signed for wildlife rescue with ResQ Trust.

MENTAL HEALTH (TELE-MANAS)



Network covers **36 States/UTs** with **53 cells**. Handled over **32.84 lakh calls**.

SOCIAL JUSTICE (EDUCATION)



Dept of Social Justice & Empowerment + **PW** Foundation (PhysicsWallah).
Free coaching for 5,000-15,000 marginalized students (SC, OBC) for UPSC.

CRICKET DOMINANCE



India wins ICC U19 Men's World Cup 2026 (6th Title). Defeated England by 100 runs.

Star: Vaibhav Suryavanshi scores 2nd fastest U19 century (55 balls).

GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE



Winner: Robal Nagi (Indian teacher). Awarded **\$1 million prize** at World Government Summit, Dubai.

CULTURAL DIPLOMACY



39th Surajkund International Crafts Mela. Location: Faridabad, Haryana.
Partner Nation: **Egypt**. Theme: **'Vocal to Global'**.

INVESTMENT

IIT Madras Research Park launches ₹1,000 Crore "IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund I".
Focus: Robotics, space-tech, and **defence** startups.

AGRARIAN REFORM



Launch of Pulse Self-Reliance Mission.
Target: Zero imports by 2030-31.

100% procurement guarantee for Tur, Urad, and Masoor.

GEOPOLITICAL SHIFT



Japan's LDP secures historic supermajority with 316 seats.

Sanae Takaichi takes charge as Japan's first female Prime Minister, mandating military spending hikes.

DIPLOMATIC WINS



India strengthens maritime ties. \$175 Million economic package announced for Seychelles.

India & Malaysia formalize trade settlement in Local Currencies (Rupee & Ringgit).

SEYCHELLES (President Patrick Herminie's Visit)



- \$175 Million Special Economic Package (\$125M Credit + \$50M Grant).
- Adoption of 'Joint Vision SESEL' for security & sustainability.
- Agreement to join Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

MALAYSIA (PM Modi's Visit)



- NPCI International & PayNet partnership for cross-border payments.
- Trade settlement in Local Currencies to reduce USD dependence.
- New Digital Council formed for AI & Green Hydrogen cooperation.

RBI UPDATES

- **Regulatory Relief:** NBFCs with assets < ₹1,000 Crore exempted from mandatory registration.
- **New KYC Cycles:** High Risk (2 yrs), Medium (8 yrs), Low (10 yrs).

PARA SPORTS



Jharkhand women's team wins Gold at National Para Throwball Championship.

UTTARAKHAND

Devbhoomi Parivar Yojana launched. Unique Family ID for all residents to streamline welfare delivery. Disaster relief compensation raised to ₹5 Lakh.

THAILAND: CONSERVATIVE VICTORY.

The Bhumjaithai Party (BJT) claims victory in snap elections with ~194 seats.

Leader: Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul.

Context: First outright win for a royalist-conservative aligned party this century.

PULSE SELF-RELIANCE MISSION.

Launched by Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
Goal: Zero imports by 2030-31.

Incentives: Subsidy up to ₹25 lakh per unit for processing mills. 100% MSP procurement via NAFED/NCCF.



POWER GENERATION

Target: 97,000 MW additional thermal power capacity by 2034-35 to meet rising industrial demand.



MARITIME FINANCE

Sagarmala Finance Corp (SMFCL) begins lending operations. India's first maritime NBFC.



FINANCIAL LITERACY WEEK

2026
(Feb 9-13)

Theme: "KYC: Your First Step to Safe Banking."
Focus on combatting mule accounts and fraud.

MUMBAI COASTAL ROAD

India's first 'Musical Path'. 500m stretch plays 'Jai Ho' via rumble strips at 70-80 km/h.



CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

SBI: 245% YoY profit growth (₹128 Cr in in Q3).

Kotak Mahindra Bank: First to issue digital Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) licenses.

SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE

V.O. Chidambaranar Port deploys India's first advanced anti-drone system.

INS Sudarshini makes port call at Salalah, Oman.



SOVEREIGN AI & HEALTH

iLive Connect: World's first doctor-led AI ecosystem for remote monitoring launched by Dr. Rahul Chandola.

Infrastructure: Yotta Data Services + Bhashini partnership to host Indian linguistic AI on indigenous 'Shakti Cloud' (NVIDIA powered).



WORLD RECORD

Indian Army Adventure Wing sets record for largest single-day summit of Mt. Everest (49 climbers). Led by Lt Col Manoj Joshi.

LEED CERTIFICATION

India ranks 2nd globally (outside US) in LEED-certified building space. 16 million gross square meters certified in 2025.

BIODIVERSITY

Goa publishes comprehensive state-level Bird Atlas. International Day of the Arabian Leopard (Feb 10) highlights Critically Endangered status.

GLOBAL INDICES

Network Readiness Index 2025: India climbs to Rank 45. #1 in AI scientific publications. Export Preparedness Index 2026: Top States are Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat.

WINTER OLYMPICS 2026

Host: Milan-Cortina, Italy.
Mascots: Tina & Milo.
New Sport: Ski Mountaineering.



ESPORTS WORLD CUP

Chess added as a title event for the 2026 Riyadh edition.



KEY APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

PRAVEEN KUMAR

Director General, BSF



SATHRUJEET SINGH KAPOOR

Director General, ITBP



RAKESH AGARWAL

Director General, NIA



R. VIJAY ANAND

MD & CEO, City Union Bank



SUNIL THAPA (Obituary)

Actor (Mary Kom, Family Man)



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BRAD ARNOLD (Obituary)

Lead Singer, 3 Doors Down



IMPORTANT DAYS

- Feb 10:** World Pulses Day. Theme: 'Pulses of the World: From Modesty to Excellence'.
- Feb 10:** National Deworming Day.

SERVICES

Airports Authority of India (AAI) partners with 'Bharat Taxi' (cooperative model) for cab services at airports.

SATELLITE INTERNET

Gujarat Govt signs Letter of Intent with Starlink for high-speed satellite connectivity.



STATE IN FOCUS: NAGALAND

- Capital:** Kohima
- Chief Minister:** Neiphiu Rio
- Governor:** Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- Cultural Heritage:** Hornbill Festival ('Festival of Festivals')
- GI Tags:** Naga Mircha (King Chilli), Naga Cucumber
- Biodiversity:** Intanki National Park, Doyang (Amur Falcon capital)
- Special Status:** Article 371A



CULTURE

Surajkund International Crafts Mela (Faridabad).
Partner Nation: Egypt.
Theme States: Uttar Pradesh & Meghalaya.

BHARAT TAXI

India's first large-scale cooperative ride-hailing platform. Operated by Sahkar Taxi Cooperative.



National Affairs: Policy & Governance Protocols

Digital Literacy: The 'Kaushal Rath' Initiative



- Partnership:** MeitY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) + AISECT + IndiaAI.
- Objective:** Mobile AI (Artificial Intelligence) lab to bridge the digital divide in semi-urban areas.
- Launch:** Flagged off from India Gate, New Delhi.
- Program:** Part of 'Yuva AI for All'.

Smart Points

Exam Keys

- Kaushal Rath CEO: Abhishek Singh.
- Vande Mataram: Written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee (1875). First two stanzas adopted in 1950.

Ceremonial Code: 'Vande Mataram'

- Mandate:** Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) grants equal status to National Anthem.
- Protocol:** 6-stanza version to be played.
- Duration:** 3 minutes 10 seconds.
- Rule:** Plays *first* if combined with the Anthem.

Ceremonial code

| NATIONAL SONG (VANDE MATARAM) | NATIONAL ANTHEM (JANA GANA MANA) |
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| When it has to be played <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfurling of Tricolour Arrival and departure of the President at formal events Before and after the President addresses the nation Arrival and departure of governors/lieutenant governors at formal state functions Civil investitures When the national flag is brought on parade | When it has to be played <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National salute to the President or governors/LGs Parades and formal state/UT functions Before and after the President's address Presenting regimental colours Sports events Diplomatic receptions, visiting nation's anthem played first |
| Playing time: 1:30 sec for official six-stanza version | Playing time: 52 sec |
| THE PROTOCOL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audiences must stand at attention Mans-tinging encouraged If national song and anthem are to be played at the same event, national song to play first | THE PROTOCOL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audiences must stand at attention during mass singing Should not be sung or played indiscriminately |

GUJARAT



Starlink Partnership: Govt signs LoI with SpaceX subsidiary.

- Goal:** Satellite internet for remote/border areas (Schools, PHCs, Police).
- Key Event:** CM Bhupendra Patel at Gandhinagar ceremony.

ASSAM



Flood Resilience: ADB (Asian Development Bank) approves \$182 Million financing.

- Project:** Climate Resilient Brahmaputra Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management.
- Scope:** 63.5 km of riverbank protection.

UTTAR PRADESH



Economic Milestone: First state to present an Economic Survey.

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- Growth:** Rural development up 85.41%.
- GDP Share:** Rose to 9.1% of national GDP.

FEB 11



Intl. Day of Women & Girls in Science

- Theme:** "Synergizing AI, Social Science, STEM and Finance: Building Inclusive Futures"

GLOBAL: DIPLOMACY & INNOVATION

French President Emmanuel Macron to visit New Delhi (Feb 17-19) for AI Impact Summit. 2026 declared "Year of Innovation".

Global Trade: Biofach 2026 (Germany)

BIOFACH

GERMANY 2026

INDIA COUNTRY OF THE YEAR

- **Status:** India designated 'Country of the Year' at the world's largest organic trade fair.
- **Lead Agency:** APEEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority).
- **Showcase:** GI-tagged rice (Govind Bhog, Red Rice, Chak-Hao).

India & Greece Defence

- **Joint Declaration of Intent** for industrial cooperation.
- **Greece to place a Liaison Officer** at IFC-IOR (Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region) in Gurugram.

US-Armenia Nuclear Deal

- **US VP J.D. Vance** visits Armenia.
- Signed '**123 Agreement**' for civil nuclear cooperation (\$5B export deal).
- **Geopolitics:** Armenia diversifying away from Russian influence.

Diplomacy Notes

- **Greece PM:** Kyriakos Mitsotakis.
- **Biofach Venue:** Nuremberg, Germany.

Network Readiness Index



- Out of 127 economies.
- Publisher: Portulans Institute.

Cyber Fraud Compensation



- RBI plans hassle-free reimbursement for fraud victims.
- **Coverage:** Up to ₹25,000 or 85% of the loss (whichever is lower).
- **Funding:** Interest from 'Unclaimed Deposits' (DEAF - Depositor Education and Awareness Fund).

Cooperative Bank Governance



- **New Rule:** Mandatory 'Cooling-off Period' for Directors.
- **Detail:** After 10 continuous years of service, a 3-year break is required before reappointment.

State Liquidity (WMA)



- **Update:** Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit increased to ₹61,890 Crore for States/UTs.

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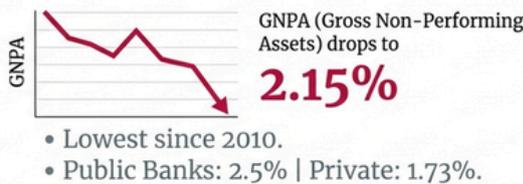
Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

- International Observance

GDP Outlook (FY27)



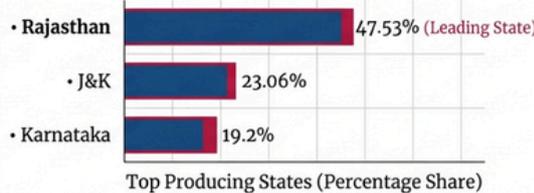
Banking Health



Corporate Moves

- **City Union Bank:** R. Vijay Anandh approved as MD & CEO (May 2026).
- **HQ:** Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu.

Wool Production



FEB 10



World Pulses Day

- Focus: Sustainable Agriculture

Intl. Day of the Arabian Leopard

- Focus: Wildlife Conservation

Judiciary

Justice Revati Mohite Dere

- Appointed Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court.
- First woman CJ of this High Court.

International Leaders

- **Anutin Charnvirakul:** PM of Thailand.
- **Sanae Takaichi:** PM of Japan (First Female PM).

Corporate & Policy

Rohit Kumar Singh

- Appointed Advisor to Board, USISPF (US-India Strategic Partnership Forum).

Books & Authors

- *The Sage Who Reimagined Hinduism* - **Shashi Tharoor**
- *Wings of Valour* - **Swapnil Pandey**.

DEFENSE: RAFALE DEAL IMMINENT

Ministry of Defense to clear ₹3.25 Lakh Crore deal for 114 Fighter Jets. 100 jets to be "Make in India" via Dassault Aviation & Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) partnership.



Chandrayaan-4 Mission Profile

- **Target:** 'Mons Mouton-4' (South Polar Region).
- **Objective:** Lunar Sample Return (Launch 2028).
- **Modules:** Propulsion, Descender, Ascender, Transfer, Re-entry.

Chandrayaan-5 (LUPEX)

- **JV:** ISRO (Lander) + JAXA (Japan - Rover).

Analog Mission Success

- **Record:** 17-year-old Aditya Pandya becomes youngest analog astronaut.
- **Location:** Dholavira, Gujarat (AAKA Space Studio simulation).



Smart Points: Space History: Chandrayaan-3 landed on Aug 23, 2023 (1st on South Pole). ISRO HQ: Bengaluru.

Key Appointments: The Guardians



Praveen Kumar
Director General



Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor
Director General



Rakesh Agarwal
Director General

Smart Points

Establishment Dates

- BSF: Dec 1, 1965.
- NIA: 2009 (HQ: New Delhi).

APPOINTMENTS:



Shikhar Dhawan
(Brand Ambassador, Delhi Khel Mahakumbh).

Strategic Capability

Shipbuilding Consortium

Partners: GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers) + HSL (Hindustan Shipyard Limited).

Mission: National shipbuilding program to enhance maritime infrastructure.



FINANCE:



India Post + NSE agreement to sell mutual funds via post offices.

IMPORTANT DAYS:



International Day for Prevention of Violent Extremism (Feb 12).

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026

- **Hosts:** India & Sri Lanka.
- **Venues:** 5 in India (Ahmedabad, Kolkata, etc.), 3 in Sri Lanka.
- **Note:** Scotland replaces Bangladesh.

Santosh Trophy 2025-26

- **Winner:** Services (8th Title).
- **Result:** Beat Kerala 1-0.



BCCI Central Contracts

- **Major Shift:** Grade A+ category removed.
- **New Tiers:** Grade A, B, C.
- **Grade A Stars:** Shubman Gill, Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja.
- **Dropped:** Mohammed Shami, Ishan Kishan.

HEALTHCARE:



Launch of 'I Live Connect' (Doctor-led AI home healthcare).

LITERATURE:



Odisha Governor releases books 'A Mati Katha Kahe' & 'Bakshi Jagabandhu' by Biswabhusan Harichandan.

WILDLIFE STATS: MP ranks #1 in Leopards (3,907) // Maharashtra #2 // Rajasthan top wool producer //

UP ECONOMY: Contribution to national economy rose to 9.1% // First Economic Survey of UP presented //

State Profile: Odisha (The Soul of India)

Administration

- **Capital:** Bhubaneswar.
- **CM:** Mohan Charan Majhi.
- **Governor:** Hari Babu Kambhampati.

Geography & Ecology

- **Key Sites:** Simlipal (Tigers), Bhitarkanika (Mangroves), Chilika Lake (Largest brackish water lagoon).
- **Landmarks:** Hirakud Dam (Longest earthen dam), Deomali Peak.

Culture

- **Temples:** Jagannath, Konark Sun Temple, Lingaraj.
- **GI Tags:** Rasagola, Kai Chutney (Red Weaver Ants).
- **Dance:** Odissi.



'Smart Points

- **Utkal Divas:** State Formation Day is April 1 (1936).

ECONOMY: UP BUDGET RECORD

Uttar Pradesh FM Suresh Khanna presents ₹9.12 Lakh Crore budget for FY 25-26.

Strategic focus on Capital Expenditure (19.5% of total outlay).



FLOOD MANAGEMENT

ADB approves \$182 million loan for Brahmaputra riverbank erosion control.



STATE PROFILE: KARNATAKA

GOVERNANCE & SOCIETY



Women Safety: Bengaluru ranked #1 'Most Welcoming City for Women' (Avtar Group). Followed by Chennai (#2) and Pune (#3).



Political Record: CM Siddaramaiah becomes longest-serving Chief Minister, surpassing D. Devaraj Urs (7 years, 239 days).

National Record held by Pawan Kumar Chamling (Sikkim).

ECOLOGY & WILDLIFE

Rare Sighting: First 'Sandalwood Leopard' sighted in state (Only 2nd ever sighting in India).



Leopard Population: Karnataka ranks #3. (India Total: 13,874).



STATE PROFILE: PUNJAB

GEOGRAPHY

Land of Five Rivers.
Wetlands: Harike (North India's largest), Kanjli, Abohar Sanctuary.



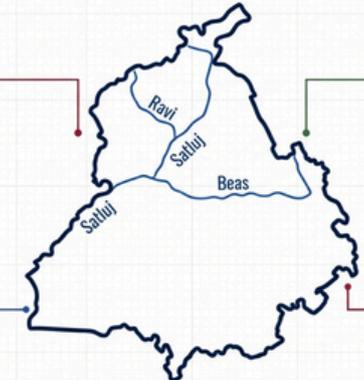
CULTURE

GI Tags: Phulkari Embroidery, Basmati Rice.
Festival: Hola Mohalla (Sikh Festival).



ADMIN

Capital: Chandigarh.
CM: Bhagwant Mann.
Governor: Gulab Chand Kataria.



SYMBOLS

Animal: Blackbuck.
Bird: Northern Goshawk.
Aquatic: River Dolphin.



HERITAGE: Qila Mubarak (Bathinda) is oldest surviving fort // Golden Temple in Amritsar //



DELHI: LAKHPATI BITIYA YOJANA

- Launches April 1, 2026 (Replaces Ladli Scheme).
- **Objective:** Financial assistance up to ₹1 Lakh at maturity (Age 18) to reduce school dropouts.
- **Eligibility:** Family income < ₹1.2 Lakh/year.



NBFC DEREGULATION

Small Non-Banking Financial Companies exempt from registration if:

- ✓ 1. Asset size < ₹1,000 Crore
- ✓ 2. No public funds involved
- ✓ 3. No customer interface



URBAN COOPERATIVE BANKS (UCBs)

| Parameter | Change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Unsecured Loan Limit (Individual) | Increased from ₹5 Lakh → ₹10 Lakh |
| Aggregate Limit | Raised from 10% → 20% of total assets |



FOREIGN ENTRY



Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp (Japan) approved for wholly-owned subsidiary in India.

- Feb 4: World Cancer Day
- Feb 10: World Pulses Day
- Feb 12: Prevention of Violent Extremism
- Feb 13: World Radio Day

Obituaries

Departed Souls

James Van Der Beek (48): Actor.

Sarla Maheshwari (71): Veteran Doordarshan news anchor (1976–2024).

FINANCE: Transcorp International gets RBI nod for payment system // IIFL Capital approved for GIFT IFSC //

CORPORATE MILESTONES

- SBI:** Market Cap crosses ₹10 Lakh Crore. Global Capability Center opens in Bengaluru.
- HDFC Bank:** SmartGateway Smartly integrated with CBDC (Digital Currency).
- Oil India Ltd:** Wins FIPI 'Oil & Gas Production Company of the Year'.

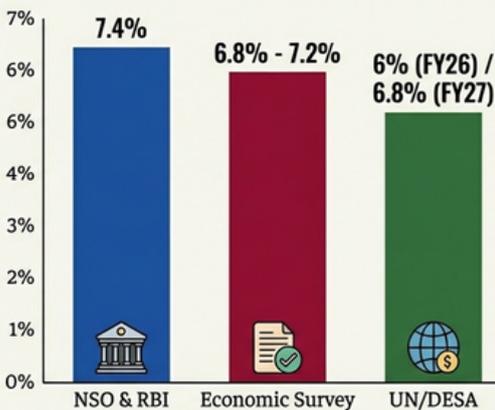
PRODUCT LAUNCHES

- Federal Bank:** Rebrands as 'Fortuner' (Ambassador: Vidya Balan).
- IDFC First Bank:** Launches 'Gaj' Metal Card & IIT Delhi startup partnership.
- Exim Bank:** Raises \$1 Billion via overseas bonds.

SMALL SAVINGS RATES (SNAPSHOT)

- Sukanya Samridhi: 8.2%
- Senior Citizen Savings: 8.2%
- NSC: 7.7%
- PPF: 7.1%

GDP GROWTH FORECAST (FY 26-27)



BUDGET



- Capital Expenditure (19.5%)
- Education (12%)
- Agriculture (9%)
- Other

Uttar Pradesh FY 2025-26 Budget. State contribution to national economy: 9.1%.

SPACE EXPLORATION

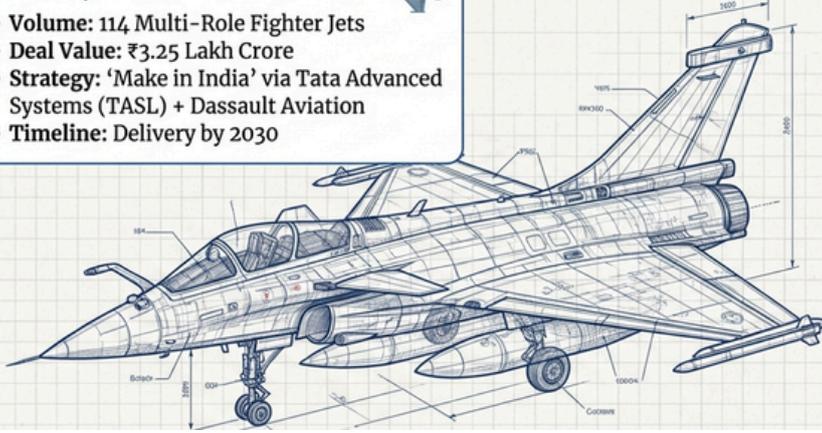
- **Aditya Pandya (17, Gujarat):** Becomes youngest male Analog Astronaut. Completed 8-day lunar habitat simulation.



STRATEGIC DEFENSE & SECURITY

THE ACQUISITION: RAFALE

- Volume: 114 Multi-Role Fighter Jets
- Deal Value: ₹3.25 Lakh Crore
- Strategy: 'Make in India' via Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) + Dassault Aviation
- Timeline: Delivery by 2030



PARTNERSHIPS & DRILLS

- R&D: DRDO + CSIR pact for high-altitude & desert warfare technology.
- India-Japan Exercises: Dharma Guardian, JIMEX, Shinyuu Maitri, Veer Guardian.

SHOOTING SPORTS

- Manu Bhaker: Silver (25m Pistol).
- Sofia (Kazakhstan): World Record/Gold (50m Rifle).
- Prachi Gaikwad: Gold (Junior).



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Global Rank: India is 2nd in enterprise AI/ML usage (Zscaler Report).
- Telangana: Launches 'Ekam' AI organization.
- Corporate: Deloitte launches 'jnw.ai' platform.

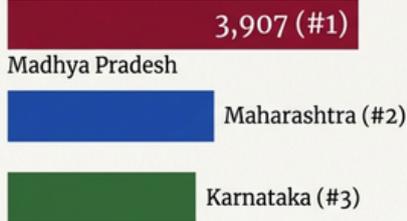


HEALTHCARE INTEGRATION

- Ayurveda Insurance: AIIA + General Insurance Council MoU to cover Ayurvedic treatments.
- Drug Safety: IPC & Quality Council of India pact.

LEOPARD CENSUS DATA

13,874 Total India Population



AGRICULTURE & EXPORTS



- Wool Production: Rajasthan is #1 (47.5% of national output), followed by J&K and Karnataka.



- Organic Farming: India named 'Country of the Year' at Biofach 2026 (Germany). Represented by APEDA.

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION INDEX

India Rank: 91 (Score 39). Improved from prev year.
 Top: Denmark (#1).
 Bottom: Somalia.



ASIAN GAMES HOSTS:

- 2026: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan (Mascot: Honohon)
- 2030: Doha, Qatar
- 2034: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

WRESTLING LEAGUE 2026 AUCTION

Yui Susaki (Japan): Most expensive women's player (₹60 Lakhs - Haryana Thunders).

Robert Baran: Most expensive men's player (₹55 Lakhs).



Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Overhaul

Validity extended to 6 years.
 Non-Performing Asset norms adjusted for crop duration (2 seasons for short, 1 for long).

Project TRINETRA

- Partners: C-DOT & Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU).
- Capability: Indigenous AI-powered unified cyber security. Detects hacking, prevents data theft.

VISUAL INTELLIGENCE

- **Seva Teerth Inauguration:** Housing the Prime Minister's Office, National Security Council, and Cabinet Secretariat.
- **Kartavya Bhavan:** Centralizing Ministries of Finance, Defence, and Health.
- **Execution:** HCP Design, Tata Projects, L&T, Shapoorji Pallonji.

The New Power Center



Election Watch

Bangladesh

Result: Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) secures 149 seats (13th Parliamentary Election).

Context: Post-Sheikh Hasina era; shift toward nationalist values.

Barbados

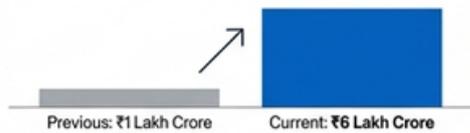
Result: Mia Mottley wins 3rd term; Barbados Labour Party sweep.

Data: Capital: Bridgetown | Currency: Dollar.

DATA VISUALIZATION

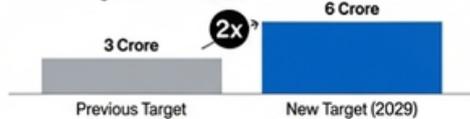
₹6 Lakh Crore

Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF). Increased from ₹1 Lakh Crore. Focus on storage & supply chain.



6 Crore

Lakshpati Didi Target. Doubled target for March 2029.



- **Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0:** ₹10,000 Crore corpus for deep tech.
- **PM Rahat Scheme:** Cashless treatment up to ₹1.5 Lakh for road accident victims.

Ethical Recovery Standards



- **Restricted Window:** Agents limited to 08:00 – 19:00.
- **Prohibitions:** No contact with relatives/colleagues. No social media shaming.
- **Pre-requisite:** Banks must resolve borrower complaints before initiating recovery.

The Penalty Watchlist

Reserve Bank of India Penalty Ledger

| Bank | Penalty Amount | Reason for Penalty |
|---------------------|----------------|--|
| CSB Bank | ₹63.60 Lakh | Unauthorized business correspondents. |
| Bank of Maharashtra | ₹32.52 Lakh | Self Help Group data failure. |
| DCB Bank | ₹29.60 Lakh | Gold loan Loan-to-Value violations. |
| IIFL Finance | ₹5.30 Lakh | Non-Performing Asset classification failure. |

Leadership Profiles

AU Small Finance Bank

- **Sanjay Agarwal:** Re-appointed Managing Director & CEO for 3 years.
- **Context:** India's largest Small Finance Bank (SFB); merged with Fincare SFB.
- **Metrics:** Minimum Capital ₹300 Crore | Priority Sector Lending Target 60%.

GIFT City

- **Uday Kotak:** Appointed Chairman of GIFT City Company Ltd.

Fintech

- **Exim Pay:** Granted Cross-Border Payment Aggregator license for inbound UPI.

India's First 'AI First Factory'

Dayananda Sagar University (Bengaluru) & NVIDIA.

Investment: ₹175 Crore+.

Hardware: 20 high-end NVIDIA supercomputers for student training and solution development.



Delhi: CM Skill Development Scheme

Target: 18,000 tailors (e-Shram registered), expanding to potters.

Incentives: 12-day training, ₹4,800 stipend + ₹100/day food allowance.

Outcome: Products onboarded to Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).



Kerala: Social Security Expansion

Stree Suraksha Scheme: ₹1,000/month for unemployed women and transgender women.

Navodhan Yojana: Reviving barren agricultural land.

Capital: Thiruvananthapuram | **Governor:** Rajendra Arlekar

State Profile: Rajasthan (The Static Intelligence)

Geography & Capital

Capital: Jaipur (Pink City)

Status: Largest state by area (10.4%).

Features: Thar Desert, Aravalli Range, Mount Abu.

National Parks

Mnemonic: 'Ran-Sar ke desh mein Mukund Raja'

Ranthambore (Tigers), Sariska (Relocation), Desert NP (Great Indian Bustard), Keoladeo (Bird Sanctuary), Mukundra Hills.

Culture & GI Tags

Crafts: Blue Pottery, Bikaneri Bhujia, Kathputli, Theva Art.

Iconic Material: Makrana Marble (Taj Mahal).

Forts: Kumbhalgarh (2nd longest wall), Amer, City Palace.

State Symbols

Animal: Chinkara | **Bird:** Great Indian Bustard

Tree: Khejri | **Dance:** Ghoomar / Kalbelia.

Sports: Dominance at the Asian Shooting Championship

Event: Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (New Delhi)

The Podium (Central Focus)

GOLD

Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar

New World Record.

SILVER

Neeraj Kumar

BRONZE

Akhil Sheoran

Sidebar Info

- Team Result:** India won Team Gold.
- Junior Category:** Adriyan Karmakar (Gold).

Consumer Price Index (CPI) Reset



New Base Year: 2024

Current Rate: 2.75% (Jan 2026)

The New Basket (358 Items)

- ↑** Air Purifiers, Baby Sitters, Diamond/Platinum
- ↓** CDs, DVDs, Torches, Tape Recorders

Note: Highest Inflation: Telangana (4.92%)

Padma Awards 2026

- Total: 131 Awards. Key Vibhushan Recipients:
- Dharmendra (Art), N. Rajam (Art), K.T. Thomas (Public Affairs), V.S. Achuthanandan (Public Affairs), P. Narayanan (Lit/Edu).

Republic Day 2026: Parade Distinctions

Best Tableaux (Jury Choice)

1. Maharashtra (Theme: Ganeshotsav)
2. Jammu & Kashmir
3. Kerala

Best Tableaux (Popular Choice)

- Winner: Gujarat
- Runner-up: Uttar Pradesh

Marching Contingents

- Best Services: Indian Navy
- Best Auxiliary: Delhi Police

★ **Ministry Winner:** Ministry of Culture (Theme: Vande Mataram)

- **Vijay Merchant Trophy (U-16):** Won by Mumbai.

- **Vijay Hazare Trophy:** Won by Vidarbha.

- **Grandmaster:** Aryan Varshney (Delhi) becomes 92nd GM.

- **Delhi Khel Mahakumbh:** Shikhar Dhawan appointed Brand Ambassador.

- **Obituary:** Paulo Costa (Brazilian MMA Fighter, aged 31).

Maharashtra

- **Infrastructure:** Mumbai Coastal Road debuts India's first 'Music Road' (Tune: Jai Ho).
- **Aviation:** Sindhudurg (Chipi) Airport approved for 24/7 operations.
- **Culture:** Ilaiyaraaja receives Padmapani Award at Ajanta Ellora Film Festival.

Delhi

- **Welfare:** Launched 'Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana'.
- **Global Stage:** Host for India AI Impact Summit 2026.

Rajasthan

- **Industry:** Identified as India's Largest Wool Producer.

Gujarat

- **Recognition:** Republic Day Popular Choice Winner.

Uttar Pradesh

- **Economy:** Released first-ever State Economic Survey.
- **Mobility:** Partnership with Bharat Taxi (cooperative platform).

Assam

- **Funding:** \$182 Million Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan for flood management.
- **Labor:** 'Mukhyamantri Ati Koli Duti Path' scheme for tea garden workers.

Goa

- **Environment:** Launched first Biodiversity and Cultural Feature Map (with WWF).

Andhra Pradesh

- **Innovation:** Selected for new World Economic Forum 4th Industrial Revolution Center.

Global Corporate Rankings

- **TCS:** #2 Global Value (IT Services).
- **Infosys:** #3 Global Value & #3 Strongest Brand.
- **Accenture:** Top Global Brand (8th Year).

Governance Indices

- **Corruption Perception Index:** India ranks 91st.
- **FIPI Award:** Oil India Limited named Oil & Gas Production Company of the Year.

Key Appointments & Persons in News

Banking & Corporate

Sandeep Bakhshi

CEO, ICICI Bank (Reappointed).

**Ganesh
Lakshminarayanan**MD & CEO, Tata
Communications.**Arijit Basu**

Chairman, IndusInd Bank.

Institutions

Praveen Vashista

Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).

Prasanna Kumar DPresident, Institute of Chartered Accountants
of India (ICAI).

Trailblazers

Sarita Yalmo

First woman TTE for Darjeeling Toy Train.

Shubhanshu Shukla

Awarded Ashok Chakra (Ax-4 Mission).

ACRONYM

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| CPI | Consumer Price Index |
| DAC | Defence Acquisition Council |
| HAL | Hindustan Aeronautics Limited |
| WEF | World Economic Forum |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| ISA | International Solar Alliance |
| IRGC | Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps |
| ADB | Asian Development Bank |
| NPCI | National Payments Corporation of India |
| DGCA | Directorate General of Civil Aviation |