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1. India's FY26 Growth Forecasts by Different Organisations

- IMF & World Bank Raise India's FY26 Growth Forecast**
IMF: 6.6% | World Bank: 6.5% | RBI: 6.8% | OECD: 6.7%.
Reason: Strong rural wages, manufacturing recovery, low inflation (1.54% Sept 2025).
- OECD FY26 India GDP Forecast**
6.7% growth predicted for FY26; supported by robust private consumption and rural rebound.
- IMF World Economic Outlook 2025 Highlights**
Global growth 3.2%; India to contribute 16% of global output rise.
India termed "world's brightest spot".
- India's GDP Growth Reaches 7.8% in Q1 FY26 – Fastest in 5 Quarters**
Source: National Statistical Office (NSO).
Quarter: April–June 2025 (Q1 FY26).
Growth Rate: 7.8%, higher than RBI forecast (6.5%).
Sectoral Growth: Services 9.3%; Manufacturing 7.7%; Agriculture 3.7%.
- RBI Monetary Policy (57th MPC – Sept 29–Oct 1, 2025)**
FY26 GDP forecast raised to 6.8% (from 6.5%) due to softening inflation and strong growth momentum.
- IMF India GDP Forecast (April 2025)**
India's FY26 GDP growth at 6.2%; country becomes 4th largest economy (US \$4.39 trillion).
- IMF India GDP Forecast (FY26–27)**
Growth: 6.4%; NITI Aayog states India is 4th largest economy ahead of Japan.
Morgan Stanley projects India to be 3rd largest by 2028 (\$10.6 trillion GDP by 2035).
- S&P Global Ratings (2025)**
India upgraded to BBB (Stable) — first in 18 years; projects FY26 GDP at 6.4%.
- Moody's & S&P (Sept 2025)**
Moody's: Baa3 (Stable); S&P: BBB (Stable).
IMF GDP projection FY26: 7.3%; GNPA Ratio 3.8%; Forex Reserves USD 700 bn.
- India Becomes 4th Largest Economy – IMF (May 2025)**
India overtakes Japan with GDP of \$4.19 trillion.

2. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) — Latest Developments

- RBI Governor:** Sanjay Malhotra (26th Governor, from 2025).
- RBI Comprehensive Financial Sector Reforms (Oct 2025)**
 - Banks allowed to finance M&A takeovers for the first time in decades.
 - Cross-border rupee loans extended to Nepal, Bhutan & Sri Lanka.
 - IPO loan limit ↑ ₹10 L → ₹25 L per borrower.
 - Loan against shares ↑ ₹20 L → ₹1 cr.
 - Benchmark currencies expanded beyond USD–EUR–GBP–JPY.
- RBI Constitutes Payments Regulatory Board (PRB)**
Chairperson – Governor Sanjay Malhotra under Payment & Settlement Systems Act 2007.
Purpose – strengthen oversight of India's rapidly expanding payments ecosystem.
- RBI Scheme for Inoperative Accounts & Unclaimed Deposits (Oct 1 2025 – Sep 30 2026)**

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- Objective – reduce ₹ 67,000 cr unclaimed deposits & prevent build-up in DEA Fund.
 - Incentive to banks – 5–7.5 % bonus (up to ₹ 25 k max).
 - Tracking Portal – **UDGAM** (Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Access Information).
- **RBI Revised Locker Regulations 2025**
 - Biometric access + 24x7 CCTV (180-day storage) mandatory.
 - Bank negligence → compensation = 100× annual locker rent.
 - Annual rent ₹ 2 k–₹ 10 k; max 4 nominees; cash / arms / hazardous items prohibited.
- **RBI Digital-Payments Initiatives (GFF 2025, Mumbai)**
 - IoT-based UPI Payments (smart cars & wearables).
 - Banking Connect – interoperable multi-bank gateway.
 - UPI Reserve Pay – pre-approved credit for UPI transactions.
 - AI-based UPI Help bot (NPCI LLM).

Also launched Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP) & Offline Digital Rupee wallet (limit ₹ 50 k / 20 txns per day).
- **RBI Offline e₹ Wallet (No Internet Mode)**
 - Available via 15 banks; limit ₹ 50 k per day / 20 txns / ₹ 1 lakh balance.
- **RBI Regulatory Review Cell (RRC) (Sept 2025)**
 - Head – Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh (MD, SBI). Purpose – simplify compliance & reduce regulatory burden.
- **RBI AI Governance Principles (“FREE-AI” Committee)**
 - Chair – Dr Pushpak Bhattacharyya. Seven Sutras – Trust | People First | Innovation | Fairness | Accountability | Explainability | Safety.
 - Objective – standardise ethical AI/ML use in banking & fintech supervision.
- **RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (Extended Nov 1 2025)**
 - Now covers Co-operative Banks, RRBs, NBFCs (\geq ₹ 100 cr AUM), CICs.
 - Compensation limit ↑ to ₹ 30 l (financial loss) + ₹ 3 l (mental agony/time lost).
- **RBI Clean Note Policy & Currency Distribution (2025)**
 - Capex reimbursement up to ₹ 50 l (100 % for remote areas) to encourage recycling of soiled notes & coin distribution.
- **RBI Financial Stability Report (June 2025)**
 - GDP projection FY 26 – 6.5 %.
 - SCB GNPA 2.3 % (20-yr low); NNPA 0.5 %; NBFC stress 5.8 % (severe scenario).
 - Concluded India’s financial system is resilient & well-capitalised.
- **RBI Transfers Record ₹ 2.68 L Crore Surplus to Government (FY 2024-25)**
 - Among highest ever; boosts fiscal space. Prev. year ₹ 87,416 cr.
- **RBI Monetary Policy (57th MPC – 29 Sep – 1 Oct 2025)**
 - Repo 5.50 % | SDF 5.25 % | MSF / Bank Rate 5.75 % | CRR 3 %.
 - Stance – Neutral (unanimous). GDP FY 26 ↑ to 6.8 %.
- **RBI Digital Payments Index (Mar 2025) – 493.22 (Base 2018 = 100)**
 - Financial Inclusion Index 67.0 (↑ from 64.2).
- **RBI WhatsApp Channel (“RBI Kehta Hai”)**
 - Helpline +91 99990 41935 for financial awareness & alerts.
- **RBI Guidelines (July 2025)**
 - No pre-payment charges on floating-rate MSE loans (from 1 Jan 2026).
 - SDF/MSF operating hours 7 PM–11:59 PM.
- **Small Savings Rates (Q3 FY26)**
 - PPF 7.1 % | SCSS 8.2 % | Sukanya 8.2 % | NSC 7.7 % | KVP 7.5 %.

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- **RBI Financial Indicators (Sep 2025)**
GNPA 3.8 % (lowest in 12 yrs); Capital Adequacy 16.9 %; Forex Reserves \approx USD 700 bn.
- **RBI Digital Payments Performance (Sep 2025)**
19.63 bn UPI txns (₹ 24.9 trn value); PwC projects 1 bn/day by FY 27.
- **RBI Dy Governor Appointment (Oct 9 2025)**
Shirish Chandra Murmu appointed for 3-yr term.
- **RBI Unclaimed Deposits Portal (UDGAM)**
Centralised access to track funds across banks; integrated with DICGC for verification.
- **RBI AI Ethics Framework (“FREE-AI”)** – codifies 7 principles for AI trust & safety in financial supervision.

3. Banking & Finance / Institutions / Organisations

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

- **SEBI Guidelines on Market Infrastructure Reforms (2025)**
Enhanced cyber resilience norms for stock exchanges and depositories. Margin reporting window reduced to T+1; fines for shortfall increased.
- **SEBI Approval for S&P Global Ratings Singapore**
S&P Global Ratings Singapore approved to operate in GIFT City (first foreign CRA).
- **SEBI Financial Education Drive 2025**
“Niveshak Didi” campaign expanded to 100 rural districts.

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

- **IRDAI Chairman:** Ajay Seth (Appointed 2025).
- **Insurance for All by 2047 – Major Reforms (2025)**
 - **Bima Sugam India Federation (BSIF):** Unified digital insurance marketplace.
 - **Internal Ombudsman System:** Mandatory for claims \leq ₹50 lakh.
 - **Micro-Insurance Commission Limit:** 15% cap for agents.
 - **100% FDI Ownership:** Permitted for foreign insurers.
 - Objective – universal insurance coverage by India@100.
- **IRDAI Insurance Fraud Monitoring Framework Guidelines (Effective 1 Apr 2026)**
 - Mandatory Fraud Monitoring Committees in every insurer.
 - Real-time data reporting to Insurance Information Bureau (IIB).
 - Penalty ₹1 crore + 3 \times fraud amount.
- **IRDAI Penalty on Policybazaar – ₹5 Crore (Sept 2025)**
Violations: misleading ads, telemarketing lapses, poor grievance records.
- **IRDAI Penalty on Edelweiss Life Insurance – ₹1 Crore**
Non-compliance with corporate governance rules.

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- **IRDAI Directive (July 2025)**
Health insurance products may now carry 3-year validity; minimum sum insured ₹5 lakh.
- **IRDAI Micro & Women-Centric LIC Plans (Oct 2025)**
 - Plan 880 “Jan Suraksha”: Non-linked, non-par micro-insurance, ₹1–2 lakh sum assured.
 - Plan 881 “Bima Lakshmi”: For women only; 7% guaranteed addition + female critical illness rider.

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

- **LIC Managing Director:** R. Doraiswamy (2025).
- **LIC Pays Record Dividend ₹7,324.34 Crore to Government (FY 2024–25)**
Dividend: ₹12 per share; net premium income ₹4.9 lakh crore.
- **LIC Guinness Record (20 Jan 2025)**
Most insurance policies sold in one day – 5,88,107 policies via 4.52 lakh agents.
Ranked 3rd strongest insurer globally (score 88/100).
- **LIC Public Shareholder Reclassification (2025)**
Classified as public shareholder in IDBI Bank; voting rights ≤10%, stake to reduce to 15% in 2 years.

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

- **NABARD AgriSURE Fund (Oct 2025)**
₹750 crore blended-capital fund for agri start-ups & rural enterprises.
Implementer: NABVENTURES Ltd (subsidiary).
Focus: climate-smart agriculture, food-tech, rural logistics.
- **NABARD Green Lending Facility (FY26)**
₹10,000 crore fund to promote climate-aligned lending.

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

- **UPI Monthly Milestone (Aug 2025)**
₹24.85 lakh crore value; 20.01 billion transactions.
New P2M limit: ₹5 lakh per txn; daily limit ₹10 lakh.
- **UPI Performance (Sept 2025)**
19.63 billion txns worth ₹24.9 trillion.
Daily average – 654 million txns worth ₹82,991 cr.
- **UPI International Expansion**
Operational in 9 countries (latest: Japan via NIPL–NTT DATA partnership).
- **NPCI Fintech Partnerships (2025)**
 - **PhonePe × Mastercard:** Tokenization for secure cards.
 - **Razorpay × YES Bank:** Biometric authentication.

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- **Visa × PhonePe / PayU / Juspay:** Payment Passkey (passwordless 1-click pay).
- **Muse Wearables × NPCI:** India's first wearable payment ecosystem.
- **NPCI & IPPB Joint Initiative (2025)**
Rural digitisation and doorstep banking expansion.

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

- **SIDBI Start-Up Fund Expansion (2025)**
₹15,000 crore additional corpus for MSME tech innovation financing.
- **Stand-Up India (2025 Update)**
₹62,791 crore sanctioned for 2.75 lakh SC/ST & women entrepreneurs.

Public Sector Banks (PSBs)

- **FY25 Profit Record:** ₹1.78 lakh crore (↑27% YoY); total business ₹253 lakh crore. GNPA ratio: 0.52%; CRAR: 16.15%.
- **SBI Highlights (2025)**
 - FY25 Profit: ₹70,901 crore (+16%).
 - Dividend: ₹8,076.84 crore to GoI.
 - Global Rank 98 – World's Top 100 Most Profitable Companies (Bloomberg).
 - 70th Foundation Day (2025): Launched Global Trade Finance Centres (Kolkata & Hyderabad).
 - **SBI Platinum Jubilee Asha Scholarship (CSR):** ₹90 crore, supports 23,230 students.
 - **Agniveer Loan Scheme:** Limit ₹4 lakh; no collateral; rate 10.5%.
 - **Digital MSME Lending:** ₹74,434 crore disbursed to 2.25 lakh units (Jun 2024–Sep 2025).
- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)**
 - Co-lending tie-up with IIFL Finance for gold loans.
 - Collaboration with Tata Power Renewable for solar project financing.
- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**
 - Sold 10% stake in Canara HSBC Life for ₹1,007 crore.
 - Reported -48% YoY profit drop (Q1 FY26).
- **Indian Bank**
 - Launched **IND SECURE** (444 days) & **IND GREEN** (555 days) FDs – up to 7.9%.
- **ICICI Bank**
 - India's 1st barrier-free toll plaza (Choryasi, Gujarat) using MLFF technology.
 - Metro min-balance ₹50,000; rural ₹10,000.
- **AU Small Finance Bank**
 - Gets RBI nod to become Universal Bank.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank (International)**
 - 1st Indian firm licensed by UAE Securities & Commodities Authority to manage portfolios.
- **IPPB (India Post Payments Bank)**

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- Profit ₹134 crore; 12 crore customers; CAGR 60–70%.
- Bagged Digital Payments Award (2024–25) from DFS.
- **Mashreq Bank (UAE)**
 - 1st foreign bank to open IBU in GIFT City (2025).
- **Saraswat Co-operative Bank**
 - Acquiring New India Co-op Bank.

Other Financial & Regulatory Bodies

- **PFRDA Chairperson:** Sivasubramanian Ramann (2025).
- **FSIB Chairperson:** Bhanu Pratap Sharma (tenure extended to June 2026).
- **CGA Fiscal Data (Q1 FY26):** Deficit ₹4.68 lakh crore (29.9% of BE).
- **IFCI, NHB, EXIM Bank, IBBI, DICGC, NSDL, CDSL** – maintained stable ratings and continued digitisation measures (2025 updates).

4. Insurance – Company-wise / Scheme-wise Updates

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

- **LIC Jan Suraksha (Plan 880)**
 - Non-linked, non-par micro-insurance plan.
 - Entry age: 18–55 yrs; Sum assured: ₹1–2 lakh; Term: 12–20 yrs.
 - 4% guaranteed addition.
- **LIC Bima Lakshmi (Plan 881)**
 - Exclusive for women.
 - Entry age: 18–50 yrs; Term: 25 yrs; Premium term: 7–15 yrs.
 - 7% guaranteed addition + female critical illness rider.
 - Supports IRDAI's "Insurance for All by 2047" vision.
- **LIC Guinness Record – 20 Jan 2025**
 - Most policies sold in one day – 5,88,107 policies via 4.52 lakh agents.
 - Certified by Guinness World Records.
- **LIC Dividend FY2024–25**
 - ₹7,324.34 crore paid to Government of India.
 - Dividend ₹12/share; net premium income ₹4.9 lakh crore.
- **LIC Bima Sakhi Scheme (Women Agents Program, Dec 2024)**
 - Trains women (18–70 yrs) as Mahila Agents.
 - Stipend ₹7,000/₹6,000/₹5,000 + commission.
 - Budget ₹520 crore (FY26); 2.05 lakh women enrolled.

HDFC Life Insurance

- **Digital Literacy Drive 2025**
 - HDFC Life launched "Insurance 2.0" awareness campaign promoting e-policies, green renewals.
 - Website: hdfclife.com

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

- **New Term Plan “Sarv Suraksha Flexi” (2025)**
 - Integrated health + life cover.
 - Options for waiver of premium on diagnosis of critical illness.
 - Website: iciciprulife.com

SBI Life Insurance

- **SBI Life Wins Sustainability Award (2025)**
 - Recognised for “Green Insurance Operations” initiative.
 - Achieved paperless onboarding across all branches.
 - Website: sbilife.co.in

TATA AIA Life Insurance

- **Launch of “Shubh Shakti” Plan (2025)**
 - Women-exclusive life plan.
 - Guaranteed maturity + health cover integration.
 - IRDAI-aligned micro-insurance drive.

Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance

- **Digital Distribution Expansion (2025)**
 - Tied up with over 100 fintech platforms to widen insurance access.
 - Website: lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com

Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance

- **Financial Literacy Campaign “Sabse Pehle Life Insurance” (2025)**
 - Focused on Tier-II & III cities.
 - Endorsed by Life Insurance Council.

PolicyBazaar Insurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd.

- **Penalty ₹5 Crore (Sept 2025)**
 - IRDAI action for misleading promotions, telemarketing violations.
 - Mandated correction & compliance under Insurance Act 1938 Sec. 40.

Acko General Insurance

- **IRDAI Penalty ₹1 Crore (2025)**
 - Irregular commission payments (2019–21).
 - Violated Section 40(1) of Insurance Act, 1938.

Tata AIG General Insurance x Equitas SFB Partnership (2025)

- Collaboration to distribute non-life insurance (motor, health, travel).

Sector-Wide Highlights

- **Insurance Penetration in India (IBAI Report 2025)**
 - Only 2 of 5 Indians covered by health insurance.
 - Life insurance penetration 2.8% (global avg 6.8%).
 - Sector projected to grow ₹11 lakh crore → ₹25 lakh crore by 2030.
- **Global Ranking**
 - LIC ranked 3rd strongest insurance brand worldwide (2025).
- **IRDAI's "Insurance for All by 2047" Roadmap (2025)**
 - Introduced "Bima Trinity" — Bima Sugam, Bima Vistaar & Bima Vaahak.
 - Vision: universal digital insurance access by India@100.

5. Government Schemes & Initiatives

2025 – Latest Launches and Extensions

- **PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)**
 - Launched: August 2025 – July 2027 | Outlay ₹1 lakh crore | Target 3.5 crore jobs.
 - *Part A:* ₹15,000 (2 instalments) to new employees.
 - *Part B:* ₹3,000 per employee/month × 4 years to employers (manufacturing sector).
- **PM-SVANidhi Scheme 2.0**
 - Extended to March 2030.
 - Outlay ₹7,332 crore; loan slabs ₹15k / ₹25k / ₹50k.
 - Additions: RuPay-linked UPI credit card, cashback & entrepreneurship training.
 - Beneficiaries: >1.15 crore street vendors.
- **PM Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojana**
 - Budget ₹75,021 crore; 300 free units/month; 40% subsidy; ₹10,907 crore loans.

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- **PM-E-DRIVE (Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement)**
 - Outlay ₹10,900 crore (2024–28).
 - Targets: 72,300 charging stations, e-2W/3W/buses/trucks.
 - Nodal: MoP & Heavy Industries; rolling implementation FY25 onwards.
- **PM MITRA Parks (Mega Integrated Textile Region & Apparel)**
 - Period 2021–22 → 2027–28; outlay ₹4,445 crore.
 - 7 textile parks (TN, TS, GJ, KA, UP, MH, MP); 1st foundation stone – Dhar, MP (2025).
 - Value-chain integration + PM GatiShakti linkages.
- **PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (2025)**
 - ₹24,000 crore/year × 6 years (100 districts, 1.7 crore farmers).
 - Focus: crop diversification & agri-credit.
- **PM SETU (ITI Upgrade Scheme)**
 - ₹60,000 crore scheme to modernise 15,000 ITIs nationwide.
- **PM Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan**
 - Completed 9 years in 2025; India's MMR reduced to 80 (2021–23).
- **PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (Extension)**
 - Outlay ₹20,050 crore (2020–25); fisheries production doubled since 2014–15.
 - Deep-sea trawlers launched in Mumbai (2025).
- **PM-Kisan 20th Instalment (Aug 2025)**
 - ₹20,500 crore released to 9.7 crore farmers from Varanasi.
- **PM JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan)**
 - Period: 2023–26; Outlay ₹24,104 crore.
 - 75 PVTGs targeted – housing, education, health, digital inclusion.
- **PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) 2021–26**
 - ₹6,520 crore outlay; irrigation, water-harvesting, & food preservation.
- **PM-KUSUM Component-C (Agricultural Solarisation)**
 - Linked ADB's \$460 million loan to Maharashtra.
- **PM-Ujjwala Scheme – Phase 3**
 - Extended till FY26; 7.5 crore additional LPG connections.
- **PM Vishwakarma Yojana**
 - Launched Sept 17 2023, outlay ₹13,000 crore till FY 2028.
 - 30 lakh artisans registered; ₹41,188 crore sanctioned loans; toolkit e-vouchers & skill training.
- **PM-Mudra Yojana (PMMY)**
 - Added “Tarun Plus” loans (₹10 l–₹20 l).
 - Total sanctions (till Mar 2025): ₹24 1cr+; NPA rate 9.81%.
- **Stand-Up India Scheme (Extended)**
 - Since 5 Apr 2016; ₹62,791 crore sanctioned to 2.75 lakh SC/ST & women entrepreneurs.
 - Loan range ₹10 l–₹1 cr; tenure 7 yrs + 18 mo moratorium.
- **PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)**
 - Accounts 56.16 crore; deposits ₹2.67 1crore; 56 % women / 67 % rural.
 - Accident cover ₹2 lakh; OD ₹10 000.
- **PM-Mudra, PMJDY, PM-VBR Y, PM-SVANidhi, PM-MITRA, PM-E-DRIVE**
 - Flagship schemes under “Viksit Bharat 2047” roadmap (MoF 2025).

Agriculture & Rural Development

- **Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (2025–31)**
 - Production target 350 L t; area 310 L ha; yield 1,130 kg/ha.
 - Outlay ₹11,440 crore; implementing agencies NAFED & NCCF; supervision ICAR.
- **Launch of Kapas Kranti Mission (2025)**
 - ₹600 crore Central Mission for long-staple cotton (MH & TS focus).
- **e-NAM Expansion**
 - 247 commodities tradable (added tea, ashwagandha, mustard/lavender/olive oils, broken rice).
- **Digital Farmer IDs**
 - Extended to 5 states – Punjab, Haryana, HP, Uttarakhand, J&K; target 110 million IDs by FY 2027.
- **National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)**
 - 10 000 Bio-Input Centres; ₹1 lakh aid each.
- **MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Income)**
 - Target 540 sq km restoration by 2028.
- **Clean Plant Programme (June 2025)**
 - Disease-free horticulture saplings; approved ₹5,940 crore outlay.

Urban Development, Housing & Infrastructure

- **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**
 - Completed 6 years (launched 2019); extended to 2028.
 - 81 % coverage (15.69 cr HH, 2.63 l villages).
 - 100 % States/UTs: Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, HP, A&N Islands.
- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U)**
 - Extended to Dec 30 2025; objective “Housing for All”.
- **Urban Flood Risk Management Programme – Phase II**
 - Outlay ₹2,444.42 crore.
- **Namami Gange – Phase III**
 - ₹23,000 crore approved for 2025–30; new focus on tributary rejuvenation.

Social Welfare & Education

- **NAVYA Scheme (Launched 24 Jun 2025)**
 - Ministries MWCD & MSDE; vocational training for girls (16–18 yrs).
 - Pilot in 27 districts across 19 states.
- **Ullas – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram**
 - 3 crore adult learners + 42 lakh volunteers (26 languages).
 - Literacy rose to 80.9 % (2023–24).
- **Gyan Bharatam Mission (2024–31)**
 - ₹482.85 crore scheme by Ministry of Culture to digitise Indian manuscripts.
- **PM-SHRI Schools**
 - ₹27,360 crore (2022–27); 14,500 schools to be upgraded.

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- **PM-SETU (ITI Upgrade)**
 - ₹60,000 crore; focus on skill training and industry linkage.
- **PM Vishwakarma Scheme (2023)**
 - ₹13,000 crore till F Y 2028; craftsmen benefiting via training + loans.

State-Specific & Thematic Schemes

- **Kerala – Digi Kerala Initiative**
 - Achieved 99.98 % digital literacy coverage (2025).
- **Andhra Pradesh – Talliki Vandanaam Scheme**
 - ₹15,000 per child for school education.
- **Assam – Mission Aarogya**
 - Hospital modernisation with World Bank loan \$150 mn.
- **Tamil Nadu – Thayumanavar Thittam**
 - Door-step ration delivery for elderly and disabled.
- **West Bengal – Sramashree Scheme**
 - ₹5,000/month allowance for migrant workers.
- **Kerala – Anbu Karangal (2025)**
 - ₹2,000/month for orphans; 1st state to issue ID cards to SHG women.
- **Chhattisgarh – Gaudham Yojana (2025)**
 - Cow-care initiative; honorarium ₹10,916–₹13,126; ₹35/animal by 4th year.

Employment & Entrepreneurship

- **Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme (2025)**
 - ₹99,446 crore outlay; target 3.5 crore jobs; manufacturing + services focus.
- **Export Promotion Mission (2025)**
 - ₹2,250 crore outlay; sub-missions NIRYAT PROTSAHAN & NIRYAT DISHA.
- **IndiaAI Mission (2025)**
 - ₹10,371.92 crore; 38,000 GPU compute platform; AI hubs nationwide.

Environment, Energy & Climate

- **Non-Fossil Fuel Power Capacity**
 - Crossed 250 GW (2025); target 500 GW by 2030.
- **National Hydrogen Mission**
 - Green hydrogen projects initiated at Panipat & Deendayal Ports.
- **Bamboo-Based Bioethanol Plant (Numaligarh Refinery, Assam)**
 - ₹1,500 crore; capacity 60 kL/day; world's first commercial bamboo ethanol unit.

Health & Social Protection

- **Cashless Treatment for Road-Accident Victims Scheme (2025)**
 - ₹1.5 lakh coverage for 7 days; implemented by National Health Authority.
- **Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana (Delhi)**
 - ₹10 lakh annual cover (₹5 1PM-JAY + ₹5 1 Delhi Govt) for 70 + citizens.
- **Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal (2025)**
 - Digital gateway to Ayush medical value-travel industry.
- **Jyothi Scheme (Kerala)**
 - Support for children of migrant workers.

6. Reports, Rankings & Indices

Global & International Indices (2025)

- **Global Peace Index 2025**
 - India ranked **115th / 163** (Improved).
 - Iceland ranked 1st.
- **Global Gender Gap Index 2025 (WEF)**
 - Rank **131 / 148**; Top – Iceland.
- **Climate Change Performance Index 2025 (Germanwatch)**
 - India ranked **10th / 68**; Top – Denmark.
- **Energy Transition Index 2025 (WEF)**
 - India ranked **71 / 118**; Top – Sweden.
- **SDG Index 2025 (SDSN)**
 - India ranked **99 / 167** (Score 67). Top – Finland.
- **Global Liveability Index 2025 (EIU)**
 - No Indian city in top 10; Copenhagen ranked 1st.
- **World Happiness Report 2025**
 - India ranked **92nd**; Finland #1 for 8th year.
- **Global FinTech Adoption Index 2025**
 - India ranked **3rd** behind China & USA.
- **Henley Passport Index 2025**
 - India ranked **77th (↑ from 85)**; 59 visa-free destinations; Singapore #1 (193).
- **IMD World Competitiveness Index 2025**
 - India ranked **41 (↓ from 39)** due to infra & education gaps.
- **Global Innovation Index 2025 (WIPO)**
 - India ranked **38th (↑ from 39)**; Switzerland tops.
 - Bengaluru, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai among top-100 clusters.
- **Global Hunger Index 2025 (Concern Worldwide & Welthungerhilfe)**
 - India ranked **102 / 123** (Serious Category).
- **Henley Passport Index (Q2 2025)**
 - India ranked 85 earlier; improved to 77 later in the year.
- **World Press Freedom Index 2025 (RSF)**
 - India ranked **151 (↑ 8 places)**; Score 32.96.
- **Global Pension Index 2025 (Mercer CFA)**
 - India ranked **52**.
- **GFCI 38 (Global Financial Centres Index)**
 - GIFT City ranked **43rd** globally.

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- **Global AI City Index 2025**
 - Bengaluru ranked **26th**; top AI hub in India.
- **Numbeo Safety Index 2025**
 - India ranked **67th**; Safest city – **Mangalore (global 49th)**.
- **Global Tourism Competitiveness Index 2025**
 - India ranked **6th in Asia, 34th globally**.
- **Biofuel Consumers Ranking 2024 (IEA)**
 - India 4th largest biofuel consumer globally.
- **Global FinTech Funding & Unicorn Index 2025 (Hurun)**
 - India ranked **3rd** with 64 unicorns (after US, China).
- **Income Equality (Gini Index 2025)**
 - India ranked **4th most equal nation** (Gini 25.5).

National Indices & Reports (India)

- **CAG Report 2025**
 - Uttar Pradesh topped as revenue-surplus state (₹37,000 crore FY23).
- **State Energy Transition Index 2025**
 - Karnataka > Gujarat > Maharashtra (Top performers).
- **NITI Aayog Electric Mobility Index 2025**
 - Top – Delhi, Maharashtra, Chandigarh.
- **NITI Aayog SDG Index (India) 2025**
 - Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh top.
- **State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI)**
 - Category A (Mineral-rich) top 3: Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat.
- **School Education Index (PGI 2.0)**
 - Chandigarh top; Meghalaya lowest.
- **Nari Safety Index 2025**
 - Safest city – Kohima; worst – Patna.
- **Smart City Index 2025**
 - Delhi ranked 104; Zurich #1 globally.
- **Protected Areas MEE 2025 (Management Effectiveness Evaluation)**
 - Kerala topped with 76.22%.
- **Forest Area Report (GFRA 2025)**
 - India ranked 9th in total area, 3rd in annual gain.
- **Unemployment (PLFS Sep 2025)**
 - India's unemployment rate 5.2%.
- **National Statistical Office (NSO) FY26 GDP Report**
 - India Q1 FY26 GDP growth 7.8% – fastest in 5 quarters.
- **MoSPI Household Income Survey (Pilot 2025)**
 - First-ever nationwide income survey initiated; full rollout 2026.

Corporate & Financial Rankings

- **Fortune Global 500 (2025)**
 - 9 Indian firms:

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RIL (#88), LIC (#95), IOCL (#127), SBI (#163), ONGC (#181), HDFC Bank (#258), Tata Motors (#283), BPCL (#285), ICICI Bank (#464 – debut).

- **Fortune 100 Most Powerful in Business (2025)**
 - Jensen Huang #1; Sundar Pichai #6; Mukesh Ambani #56; Neal Mohan #83; Gautam Adani #96.
- **Brand Finance India 100 (2025)**
 - Tata Group – most valuable Indian brand (\$31.6 bn).
 - Infosys \$16.3 bn; HDFC Group \$14.2 bn.
- **Hurun Barclays Family Business Ranking 2025**
 - Ambani Family – ₹28.2 lakh crore (1st in India).
- **S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) 2025**
 - Hindustan Zinc – “Most Sustainable Mining Company” (2nd year in a row).
- **Bloomberg Global Profitable Companies List 2025**
 - SBI ranked 98th globally; profit USD 9.2 bn.
- **Hurun Wealth Report 2025**
 - Maharashtra richest state with 1.78 lakh millionaire households.
- **Global Airline Skytrax Awards 2025**
 - Qatar Airways – World’s Best Airline (9th win).

Environmental & Development Reports

- **World Bank Land Conference (May 2025)**
 - India recognised for pioneering “land rights digitisation model”.
- **UNDP Human Development Index 2023 (released 2025)**
 - India ranked 130 (↑ from 133); HDI value 0.685.
- **Global Forest Watch 2025**
 - India among top 10 nations in annual forest cover gain.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Report (2025)**
 - India: 43 inscribed + 63 tentative sites.
- **UNESCO Memory of the World Register 2025**
 - “Bhagavad Gita” & “Natyashastra” included.
- **Ramsar & Biosphere Reserves (2025)**
 - Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve (HP) added to UNESCO WNBR.
 - Total Ramsar Sites – 93; UK (176), Mexico (144).
- **IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025**
 - Motion 007 – World’s first “Soil Security Law” adopted; TN’s Palk Bay Dugong Reserve showcased.

7. Appointments & Resignations

National Appointments (India)

- **Justice Surya Kant** – Appointed **53rd Chief Justice of India** (2025).
- **Sanjay Malhotra** – Appointed **26th Governor, RBI**.
- **Shirish Chandra Murmu** – Appointed **Deputy Governor, RBI** (3-year term from Oct 9, 2025).
- **Ajay Seth** – **Chairman, IRDAI** (3 years).
- **R. Doraiswamy** – **MD & CEO, LIC**.

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- **Rajiv Anand** – MD & CEO, IndusInd Bank (3-year term; former Axis Bank Deputy MD).
- **Asheesh Pandey** – MD & CEO, Union Bank of India.
- **Kalyan Kumar** – MD & CEO, Central Bank of India.
- **Indranil Bhattacharyya** – Ex-officio MPC Member, RBI.
- **Dr Rajiv Ranjan** – Vice President & CRO, New Development Bank.
- **Dr Urjit Patel** – Executive Director (3-year term), IMF.
- **Akhil Kumar** – CEO, Digital India Corporation.
- **S. Mahendra Dev** – Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to PM.
- **Ravi Agrawal** – Chairman, CBDT (till June 2026).
- **Bhanu Pratap Sharma** – FSIB Chairperson (tenure extended to June 2026).
- **Sivasubramanian Ramann** – Chairperson, PFRDA.
- **Rajit Punhani (IAS)** – CEO, FSSAI.
- **Dr Poonam Gupta** – Deputy Governor, RBI (first woman economist in this post).
- **Dr Ajay Kumar** – Chairman, UPSC (replaces Preeti Sudan).
- **Sanjay Joshi** – CMD, Oriental Insurance Company Ltd.
- **S. Krishnan** – Non-Executive Chairman, J&K Bank.
- **Sahil Kini** – CEO, RBI Innovation Hub.
- **Parag Jain** – Chief, Research & Analysis Wing (RAW).
- **Samir V. Kamat** – DRDO Chief (extended till May 2026).
- **Justice Prathiba M. Singh** – Chairperson, WIPO Judges Board.
- **Justice Sudhir Singh** – Acting Chief Justice, Patna High Court.
- **Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi** – Chief of Army Staff.
- **Adm Dinesh K. Tripathi** – Chief of Naval Staff.
- **ACM Amar Preet Singh** – Chief of Air Staff.
- **DG S. Paramesh** – Director General, Indian Coast Guard.
- **Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh** – Vice Chief of Army Staff.
- **VAdm Sanjay Vatsayan** – Vice Chief of Naval Staff.
- **Dr A. Rajarajan** – Director, VSSC (ISRO).
- **Dr V. Narayanan** – Chairman, ISRO.
- **K.J. Patel** – MD, IFFCO (succeeded U.S. Awasthi).
- **Deepak Bagla** – Director, Atal Innovation Mission (NITI Aayog).
- **Amit Shah** – Became India's longest-serving Union Home Minister (2,258 days).

International Appointments

- **Catherine Connolly** – 10th President of Ireland.
- **Daniel Katz** – FDMD, IMF.
- **Dr Matthew Herminie** – President of Seychelles.
- **Phumtham Wechayachai** – Interim PM, Thailand.
- **Luís Montenegro** – PM of Portugal.
- **Karol Nawrocki** – President, Poland.
- **Lee Jae-myung** – President, South Korea.
- **Zou Jiayi (China)** – President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
- **Sean Duffy** – Interim NASA Administrator.
- **Kirsty Coventry (Zimbabwe)** – First female & African IOC President.
- **Nga Kor Ming (Malaysia)** – UN-Habitat President (2025–27).

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- **Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost** – Elected **Pope Leo XIV**, first American-born Pope.
- **Zandanshatar Gombojav** – PM of Mongolia.
- *International Buddha Peace Award 2025*.
- **PM Modi** – *Key to the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina*.
- **Kumar Mangalam Birla** – *Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Puraskar 2025*.

8. Awards & Honours

National Awards

- **Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025**
4 categories: Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva–Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, Vigyan Team (CSIR Aroma Mission).
- **National Film Awards (2023)**
 - Best Film: *12th Fail*
 - Best Actor: Shah Rukh Khan (*Jawan*), Vikrant Massey (*12th Fail*)
 - Best Actress: Rani Mukerji (*Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway*)
 - Best Director: Sudipto Sen (*The Kerala Story*)
 - Best Popular Film: *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani*
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2023)** – Mohanlal.
- **Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2025** – Nitin Gadkari (Pune).
- **Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra (IMD DG)** – **UN Sasakawa Award 2025** (Disaster Risk Reduction).
- **PM Narendra Modi** – *Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III* (Cyprus' highest civilian honour).
- **Educate Girls NGO** – **Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025** (Education).
- **Bibi Fatima SHG (Karnataka)** – **UNDP Equator Initiative Award 2025**.
- **Chef Sanjeev Kapoor** – *World Food Prize Foundation – Agri-Food Pioneer*.
- **Sadhguru (Jaggi Vasudev)** – *Global Indian of the Year 2025* (CIF).
- **Varsha Deshpande** – *UN Population Award 2025 (Individual)*.
- **Dr Prajamitra Bhuyan** – *C.R. Rao National Award 2025*.
- **Dr Sonali Ghosh (Kaziranga FD)** – *IUCN Kenton R. Miller Award 2025* (1st Indian).
- **India (MoLE)** – *ISSA Award 2025* (Social Security Coverage ↑ to 64.3%).
- **SCDCC Bank** – *Apex Bank Award (23rd)* (Co-op Excellence).
- **Sun Temple, Modhera (Gujarat)** – *UNESCO Heritage Conservation Award*.
- **Neeraj Ghaywan** – *IFFM 2025 Best Film & Director* – “*Homebound*”.
- **Rakesh Sharma** – *IDSFFK Lifetime Achievement Award 2025*.

International Awards

Nobel Prizes 2025

- *Economics*: Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion & Peter Howitt – Innovation-driven growth theory.
- *Peace*: María Corina Machado (Venezuela) – Democracy & Rights Advocacy.
- *Literature*: László Krasznahorkai (Hungary).

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- **Physics:** Clarke, Devoret & Martinis – Macroscopic quantum tunnelling.
- **Chemistry:** Kita gawa, Robson & Yaghi – Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs).
- **Medicine:** Shimon Sakaguchi, Mary E. Brunkow & Frederick Ramsdell – Peripheral Immune Tolerance.
- **International Booker Prize 2025** – *Banu Mushtaq* (Kannada – “Heart Lamp”).
- **British Academy Book Prize 2025** – *Sunil Amrith* – “*The Burning Earth.*”
- **World Food Prize 2025** – *Mariangela Hungria* (Brazil) – Bio-fertiliser research.
- **VinFuture Prize 2025** – *Dr Prashant Kamat* – Perovskite solar cell innovation.
- **PEN Pinter Prize 2025** – *Leila Aboulela*.
- **FISM World Magician Championship 2025** – *Suhani Shah* (1st Indian woman winner).
- **Mrs Universe 2025** – *Sherry Singh (India)*.
- **Miss World 2025** – *Opal Suchata Chuangsri (Thailand)* (held in Hyderabad).
- **Miss Universe India 2025** – *Manika Vishwakarma*.
- **UAE Golden Visa** – *Rajinikanth* (for cinema).
- **La Prensa (Nicaragua)** – *UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize 2025*.
- **Bhuwan Ribhu** – *World Jurist Association Medal of Honour*.
- **Dr Mustafa Yusufali Gom** – *International Buddha Peace Award 2025*.
- **PM Modi** – *Key to the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina*.
- **Kumar Mangalam Birla** – *Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Puraskar 2025*.

9. Obituaries (2025)

- **Jose Mujica** – Former President of Uruguay (“Pepe”).
- **Dr Jayant Vishnu Narlikar** – Renowned astrophysicist.
- **V.S. Achuthanandan** – Former Kerala CM, CPI(M).
- **B. Saroja Devi** – Veteran actress (Padma Bhushan 1992).
- **Ratan Thiyam** – Legendary playwright (Padma Shri 1989).
- **Shibu Soren** – Former Jharkhand CM.
- **Satyapal Malik** – Former Governor of J&K.
- **Njattyela Sreedharan** – Linguist & Compiler of *Chatur Dravida Bhasha Dictionary*.
- **Dr Vece Paes** – Former hockey player (Leander Paes’ father).
- **Frederick W. Smith** – Founder, FedEx.
- **Dr Saroj Ghose** – Founding Director, National Council of Science Museums.
- **M.R. Srinivasan** – Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission.
- **Zubeen Garg** – Singer (“Ya Ali”), passed away Sept 21–22, 2025.
- **Fauja Singh (114)** – World’s oldest marathon runner.
- **Maruti Chitampalli** – Environmentalist & author (Padma Shri 2025).

10. Sports News

Cricket

- **Asia Cup T20 2025** – *India beat Pakistan (Dubai)*.
- **Shubman Gill** – Became 37th Test Captain of India; scored record 4 Test centuries as debut captain.
- **Virat Kohli** – India’s most valuable celebrity brand – \$231.1 mn (2024).
- **IPL 2025 – Winner:** Royal Challengers Bangalore (def. Punjab Kings).*
 - Orange Cap: B. Sai Sudharsan (759 runs)

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- Purple Cap: Prasidh Krishna (25 wkts)
- MVP: Suryakumar Yadav.
- **New India–England Test Trophy** – Renamed *Tendulkar–Anderson Trophy* (2025).
- **National Sports Awards 2025**
 - Khel Ratna – Neeraj Chopra (Athletics)
 - Arjuna – Nikhat Zareen (Boxing), Manpreet Singh (Hockey), Lakshya Sen (Badminton)
 - Dronacharya (Lifetime) – P. Gopichand
 - Dhyan Chand – Tintu Luka (Athletics)
 - Khel Protsahan – ONGC Ltd.
- **Smriti Mandhana** – Fastest Indian women's ODI ton (50 balls vs AUS, Delhi); also 1st Indian woman to 1 000 ODI runs in a year.
- **Abhishek Sharma** – ICC Men's Player of the Month (Sept 2025).
- **ICC World Test Championship 2025** – South Africa beat Australia by 5 wkts (Lord's).
- **Rohit Sharma & Virat Kohli** – Retired from Tests (2025).

Football

- **FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025 (Chile)** – *Champion*: Morocco.
- **SAFF U-17 Men's Football Cup** – India beat Bangladesh (final).
- **Chelsea** – Won *FIFA Club World Cup 2025 (USA)*.
- **Portugal** – Won *UEFA Nations League 2024-25*.
- **PSG** – Won *UEFA Champions League 2025*.
- **Messi** – Won MLS Golden Boot 2025 (Inter Miami).
- **George Russell** – Won 63rd Canadian GP 2025 (Mercedes).

Badminton

- **Lakshya Sen** – Arjuna Award winner 2025.
- **Tanvi Sharma** – Youngest Indian finalist in BWF Tour 2025.
- **Ayush Shetty** – 1st Indian to win Men's Singles BWF Tour 2025.
- **China won Sudirman Cup 2025 (Badminton)**.

Athletics

- **Neeraj Chopra** –
 - National record 90.23 m (2025).
 - Honorary Lt Colonel (Indian Army).
 - Gold @ Diamond League Paris (88.16 m) & Ostrava (85.29 m).
 - Silver @ Diamond League Zurich (85.01 m).

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- **Asian Athletics Championships 2025 (Bangkok)** – India 2nd overall (24 medals – 9 G, 8 S, 7 B).
Neeraj Chopra – Gold (89.32 m Javelin).
- **Priyanka Goswami** – Gold (10 km Race Walk, Austria).
- **Annu Rani** – Javelin Gold (Indian Open & Poland Memorial).
- **Mirabai Chanu** – Gold (193 kg total) CW Weightlifting Championships 2025 (Ahmedabad).
- **Soumya Dalvi** – Silver same event.
- **Asian Para Athletics (New Delhi)** – India's best-ever 22 medals (6 G, 9 S, 7 B).

▣ Shooting / Archery

- **ISSF Junior World Cup (Delhi, Oct 2025)** – India 1st (26 medals – 8 G, 10 S, 8 B).
- **ISSF World Cup (Munich 2025)** – India 3rd (2 G – Arjun Babuta/Arya Borse & Suruchi Singh).
- **Archery World Youth Championships (Canada)** – India 8 medals (4 G – Sharvari Shende & Chikitha Taniparthi).
- **Archery Asia Cup 2025 (Singapore)** – India 9 medals – overall 1st.
- **Sheetal Devi** – 1st armless woman to win Para Archery World Championship Gold (S. Korea).
- **Sharvari Shende & Chikitha Taniparthi** – Golds (World Youth Archery 2025).

♟ ☐ Chess

- **Vaishali Rameshbabu** – Won Women's FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 & qualified for 2026 Candidates Tournament.
- **D. Gukesh** – Won Rapid & Blitz Championship (Zagreb 2025); World #4 (2778 Elo).
- **Divya Deshmukh** – 1st Indian Woman FIDE World Cup Champion (2025).
- **Praggnanandhaa** – Beat Magnus Carlsen @ Freestyle Chess Grand Slam (Las Vegas 2025).
- **Team MGD1 (India)** – Won FIDE Rapid Teams Championship 2025.
- **Quantbox Chennai GMs 2025** – Vincent Keymer (GER) won; M. Pranesh won Challengers.
- **FIDE World Cup 2025 (Goa)** – Anthem “It's Your Move” by Daler Mehndi.

▣ Hockey

- **Jharkhand Women's Hockey Teams** – Swept Senior, Junior & Sub-Junior titles (2025).
- **Odisha Women's Team** – Won Masters Cup 2025.
- **Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025 (Dal Lake, Srinagar)** – Mascot *Himalayan Kingfisher*; MP topped 10 Golds.

Multi-Sport / Events

- **Khelo India Youth Games 2025** – Maharashtra topped (158 medals).
- **Khelo India University Games 2025** – Jaipur host.
- **World Games 2025 (Chengdu)** – India 7 medals (1 G, 2 S, 4 B); Namrata Batra (Wushu Silver).
- **Asian Yogasana Championship 2025** – India topped (87 medals, 83 Gold).
- **World Police & Fire Games 2025** – India 588 medals (3rd Rank).

Other Sports

- **Anandkumar Velkumar** – India's first Speed Skating World Gold (China).
- **Bhavina Patel** – World No. 1 Para Table Tennis (Wheelchair 1–5).
- **Harvinder Singh** – 2 Golds (Para Archery Beijing 2025).
- **Hillang Yajik (Arunachal)** – 1 Gold + 1 Silver at South Asian Bodybuilding Championships 2025.
- **Lando Norris** – Won Austrian & British F1 Grands Prix 2025.
- **Singapore F1 Grand Prix Winner** – George Russell (UK, Mercedes).
- **David Beckham** – Knighted by King Charles III (2025).
- **Sachin Tendulkar** – Launched sportswear brand *TEN × YOU* (2025).
- **Sanju Samson** – Named EPL Ambassador for India (2025).
- **Krunal Pandya** – 1st player with two POTM awards in IPL Finals.

11. Books & Authors

Notable Releases (2025)

- “**The One: Cricket, My Life and More**” – *Shikhar Dhawan* (Autobiography).
- “**PMO: Prime Minister’s Office Through the Years**” – *Himanshu Roy*.
- “**Revolution in Banking: Wheels of India’s Growth Story**” – *Nirmal Bansal & Suneel Gupta*.
- “**The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India**” – *Sanjeev Chopra*.
- “**Kashmir Insurgency: Deconstructing the State Response**” – *Col. Yoginder Kandhari (Retd.)*.
- “**India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent**” – *Audrey Truschke*.
- “**Modi’s Niti Shastra**” – *Adish C. Aggarwala*.
- “**A Different Kind of Power**” – *Jacinda Ardern* (Memoir).
- “**A Billion Butterflies**” – *Jagadish Shukla* (Climate Science).
- “**The Emergency Diaries**” – *BlueKraft Foundation* (Released by Amit Shah).
- “**Eternal Light**” – *Arvind Yadav*.
- “**Honest John**” – *Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy*.
- “**Mujib’s Blunders**” – *Manash Ghosh*.
- “**Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict**” – *V.S. Ravi*.
- “**Ambedkar ke Sandesh**” – Compiled by *D.S. Veeraiah*.

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- “Our Living Constitution” – *Shashi Tharoor*.
- “Voice for the Voiceless” – *14th Dalai Lama*.
- “Beyond the Courtroom” – *Fali S. Nariman*.
- “The Rise of the Hitman – Rohit Sharma Story” – *R. Kaushik*.
- “Trees of Bhuj” – *Pankaj & Ekta Joshi*.
- “The Rise of the Hitman” – *R. Kaushik* (Sports Biography).

Award-Winning Works

- “Heart Lamp” (Kannada) – *Banu Mushtaq* → International Booker Prize 2025.
- “The Burning Earth” – *Sunil Amrith* → British Academy Book Prize 2025.
- “Once Elephants Lived Here” – *Geetanjali Shree* → PEN Translates Award 2025.

Historical / Political Works

- “Why the Constitution Matters” – *Justice D.Y. Chandrachud*.
- “A Billion Butterflies” – *Jagadish Shukla*.
- “A Different Kind of Power” – *Jacinda Ardern*.
- “India’s Niti Shastra” – *Adish C. Aggarwala*.
- “PMO Through the Years” – *Himanshu Roy*.

Cultural / Literary / Miscellaneous

- “The Emergency Diaries” – Released by *Amit Shah*; chronicles 1975–77 Emergency events.
- “Ambedkar ke Sandesh” – Compilation of Dr B.R. Ambedkar’s speeches.
- “Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict” – *V.S. Ravi* (Literary essays).
- “Eternal Light” – *Arvind Yadav* (Spiritual poetry).
- “Honest John” – *Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy* (Political biography).

12. Defence & Security

- **Operation Sindoor (2025)** – India’s counter-terror response in PoJK; BEL’s *Akashteer* Air Defence System used.
- **Operation Shiva (2025)** – 8,500 troops deployed for Amarnath Yatra security.
- **Indian Army Contracts & Inductions (2025)**
 - ₹2,700 crore contract for 4.25 lakh CQB carbines.
 - ₹30,000 crore BEL contract – “Anant Shastra” SAM System (5–6 regiments).
 - “Saksham” Counter-Unmanned Aerial System (CUAS) Grid for borders.
 - *EyeROV Contract*: ₹47 crore underwater ROVs for Indian Navy.
- **Defence Targets (Rajnath Singh)** – ₹3 lakh crore production; ₹50,000 crore exports by 2029.

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- **INS Udaygiri & INS Himgiri (Project 17A)** – Commissioned 26 Aug 2025 at Visakhapatnam; armed with BrahMos & Barak-8.
- **INS Nistar** – 1st indigenous Diving Support Vessel commissioned (Visakhapatnam).
- **INS Ikshak** – Commissioned 6 Nov 2025.
- **INS Sahyadri** – Participated at JAIMEX-25 (Japan) & India–ROK bilateral (Busan).
- **INS Arnala (ASW Craft)** – Commissioned June 18, 2025.
- **ICG Vessel “Achal”** – Launched June 16, 2025 (Goa Shipyard).
- **Indian Navy Exercises (2025)**
 - *Samudra Shakti-25* (India–Indonesia) – Visakhapatnam.
 - *SLINEX-25* (India–Sri Lanka) – Colombo (INS Rana & INS Jyoti).
 - *SIMBEX-25* (India–Singapore) – 60 yrs of naval ties.
 - *India–Greece Naval Exercise* – INS Trikand (Maiden).
 - *AUSTRAHIND 2025* – India–Australia (Perth).
 - *Yudh Abhyas* – India–USA (Alaska).
 - *MAITREE 2025* – India–Thailand (Umroi, Meghalaya).
 - *BRIGHT STAR 2025* – Egypt–US–India (Cairo).
 - *ReSAREX-25* – Coast Guard SAR drill (Panambur, Karnataka).
- **Indian Air Force**
 - Participated in *Exercise Ocean Sky-2025* (Spain).
 - Retired *MiG-21* after 62 years; accelerated induction of *LCA Tejas Mk1A*.
- **IAF–USAF Exercise “Tiger Claw”** – Special Forces joint drill (Garud Commandos).
- **DRDO Developments (2025)**
 - Tested “*Pralay*” quasi-ballistic missile (150–500 km).
 - Developing *Kusha Air Defence System* (400 km range).
 - Developed *Photonic Radar* (light-based radar).
 - ‘FREE-AI’ Committee: 7 AI Ethics Sutras.
- **Defence Manufacturing Milestone** – India’s 1st overseas facility: *Tata Armoured Vehicle Plant, Casablanca (Morocco)*.
- **Women Circumnavigation Mission (2025)** – *INSV Triveni* all-women tri-service voyage “Samudra Pradakshina.”
- **Target FY25:** ₹1.5 lakh crore defence production (+18% YoY); exports ₹23,622 crore.

13. Science & Technology

- **ISRO Chairman:** Dr V. Narayanan.
- **ISRO’s Vision 2040** – Gaganyaan (2027), Indian Moon landing (2040), BAS Space Station (2035).
- **ISRO Long-Term Roadmap** – 100th launch (GSLV-F15/NVS-02).
- **NISAR Mission (NASA–ISRO)** – Launched 30 Jul 2025 via GSLV-F16; world’s 1st dual-frequency radar satellite (₹13,050 crore).
- **Aditya-L1 Mission** – Captured first solar corona images (23 Aug 2025); 23 Aug declared *National Space Day* (“*Aryabhatta to Gaganyaan*”).
- **AstroSat** – Completed 10 years of operations.
- **Axiom-4 “Akash Ganga” Mission (2025)** – Indian astronaut *Shubhanshu Shukla* became 2nd Indian to go to space & 1st to reach ISS.
- **NASA–ISRO NISAR** – Dual SAR mission; ₹13,050 crore; 2,392 kg payload.
- **ICMR–NIV Pune** – Launched “Nakshatra” HPC facility for bioinformatics & disease modelling.

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- **DRDO** – Developed India's 1st Photonic Radar & Quantum Technology Research Centre (Metcalfe House, Delhi).
- **India's 1st 3nm Chip Design Centres** – Opened at Noida & Bengaluru.
- **India's 1st AI-Focused SEZ** – RackBank Data Center, Nava Raipur (₹1,000 crore).
- **India's 1st Quantum Computing Valley** – To open in Amaravati (Jan 2026).
- **India's 1st Indigenous Semiconductor Chip** – Launched by CG Semi (Sanand, Gujarat).
- **India's 1st Animal Stem-Cell Biobank** – NIAB, Hyderabad (2025).
- **India's 1st AI Large Language Model "Bharat Gen"** – Unveiled by Dr Jitendra Singh.
- **IIT Madras "Shakti"** – 7 nm processor under development (by 2028).
- **IIT Madras Students** – Developed *solar car "Aagneya"* for green mobility competition.
- **IIT Palakkad "Tutoz" App** – India's 1st AI-powered learning app.
- **Ola "Shakti" BESS Battery Storage System** – Launched 2025.
- **GalaxEye "Mission Drishti"** – World's 1st multi-sensor Earth observation satellite.
- **NASA "Surya" AI Model** – Predicts solar storms (space weather).
- **IISc "BHARAT" Study** – India's first ageing database (2025).
- **James Webb Telescope** – Discovered Uranus moon *S/2025 U1 (10 km)*.
- **Western Railway** – 1st 2×25 kV traction system (Mission Raftaar).
- **Skyroot Aerospace** – Tested Kalam-1200 booster for Vikram-1 (1st private orbital rocket).
- **TakeMe2Space** – India's first AI-powered "Thinking Data Compute" satellite (under development).

14. Environment & Wildlife

- **India's Non-Fossil Capacity** – 484.8 GW installed (50% total) – 5 years ahead of 2030 target.
- **India's Coastline (2025)** – Revised to 11,098.81 km (from 7,561.6 km).
- **Snow Leopard Population 2025** – 709 (Ladakh 477; 68%).
- **Leopard Population** – 13,874; MP highest (3,907).
- **Kaziranga Tiger Reserve** – 148 tigers; density 18.65/100 sq km (3rd highest globally).
- **World Lion Day 2025** – Celebrated at Barda Wildlife Sanctuary (Gujarat); lion count 891 (+32%).
- **Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve (HP)** – Added to UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves (India's 13th).
- **New Ramsar Sites (Bihar)** – Gokul Jalashay (Buxar, 448 ha) & Udaipur Jheel (Champaran, 319 ha).
- **Ramsar Total Sites** – 93 (1st in Asia, 3rd globally).
- **World's 1st Soil Security Law** – Adopted at IUCN Congress 2025 (Abu Dhabi).
- **UNESCO Heritage Award** – Sun Temple, Modhera (Gujarat).
- **1st Botanical Garden of Ladakh** – Opened at Shayok Village (2025).
- **Quinoa Introduced** – Arunachal Pradesh (superfood diversification).
- **Tral Wildlife Sanctuary ESZ** – Declared in Pulwama, J&K.
- **Kasampatty Sacred Grove (TN)** – Declared biodiversity site.
- **MISHTI Mangrove Mission** – Restoring 540 sq km by 2028.

- **National Red List Assessment Initiative (IUCN)** – India launched biodiversity assessment programme.

15. International Affairs

- **India Becomes 4th Largest Economy (IMF, May 2025)** – GDP \$4.19 trillion; overtakes Japan.
- **India–UK Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA)** – Signed July 2025; target \$112 bn trade by 2030.
- **India–EFTA TEPA (Trade & Economic Partnership Agreement)** – \$100 bn investment over 15 yrs; 1 million jobs.
- **India–US NISAR Mission** – Strengthened bilateral S&T ties.
- **India–Greece Naval Exercise (2025)** – First ever.
- **India–Greece Relations** – Enhanced defence cooperation (INS Trikand).
- **India–France “Shakti 2025”** – 8th edition of joint army exercise (La Cavalerie, France).
- **India–Mongolia “Nomadic Elephant XVII”** – Held at Ulaanbaatar.
- **BRICS Summit 2025 (Kazan, Russia)** – New members Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria joined.
- **UN Declares 2026 – International Year of Sustainable Transport.**
- **India Elected Co-Chair of UN-GGIM-AP (2025–28)** – Represented by Hitesh K.S. Makwana.
- **India Re-elected to UNHRC (2026–28 Term)** – At UNGA, Geneva.
- **India Elected to ICAO Council (2025–28)** – HQ Montreal; SG Juan Carlos Salazar.
- **Moldova Joined International Solar Alliance (107th member; 124 signatories)**.
- **UNESCO Memory of the World 2025** – “Bhagavad Gita” & “Natyashastra” added.
- **Timor-Leste** – Became 11th ASEAN member (Kuala Lumpur Summit).
- **Uruguay** – Legalised euthanasia (first in Catholic Latin America).
- **Nepal** – Declared Rubella-free (WHO) & joined International Big Cat Alliance.
- **Suriname** – Certified malaria-free by WHO (first Amazon nation).
- **Bulgaria** – Joining Eurozone on 1 Jan 2026 (21st member).
- **Algeria** – Joined New Development Bank (9th member).
- **Germany** – Became world’s top creditor nation.
- **Israel & ADB** – Israel joined ADB as 69th member.
- **Pakistan** – Elected UNSC Non-Permanent Member (2025–26).
- **Botswana** – Achieved WHO Gold-tier status for elimination of HIV vertical transmission.
- **Oman** – Announced 5% income tax from 2028 (first in GCC).
- **Vietnam** – Joined BRICS as 10th Partner Country.
- **Malaysia** – Launched world’s 1st AI bank “Ryt Bank.”
- **France & Brazil** – Jointly launched “Blue NDC Challenge” at UN Ocean Conference 2025.
- **UNGA Declared 2026** – “International Year of the Woman Farmer.”

16. Corporate & Business Updates

Major Indian Corporates

- **Google** – To invest **USD 15 billion** for an **AI Hub in Visakhapatnam** (Andhra Pradesh); India's largest foreign AI investment.
- **Apollo Tyres** – Signed ₹579 crore sponsorship deal with **BCCI** till 2028.
- **Tata Group** –
 - India's most valuable brand – **\$31.6 billion (2025)**.
 - Opened first overseas **armoured vehicle plant in Morocco** under 'Make in India, for the world.'
 - Targeting ₹3 lakh crore defence turnover by 2029.
- **Infosys** – Brand value **\$16.3 billion** (2nd most valuable IT brand).
- **HDFC Group** – Brand value **\$14.2 billion**; one of India's most trusted financial brands.
- **JSW One Platforms** – Became **India's 3rd unicorn of 2025** (valuation USD 1 billion).
- **Amul** – Retained position as **India's top food brand 2025** (**\$4.1 bn value**); ranked #1 globally among co-operatives.
- **Hindustan Zinc** – Named "Most Sustainable Mining Company" (S&P Global CSA 2025).
- **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** – **Priya Nair** appointed as **MD & CEO** (from Aug 2025).
- **TVS Motor Co.** – **Sudarshan Venu** appointed Chairman & Managing Director.
- **Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL)** – Ranked **88th in Fortune Global 500 (2025)**; India's top company by revenue.
- **LIC** – Ranked **95th** in Fortune 500 list (strongest public insurer).
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** – Ranked **163rd** in Fortune 500 (World's Top 100 Profitable Companies, rank 98th).
- **HDFC Bank** – Ranked **258th** in Fortune 500 (2025).
- **ICICI Bank** – Debuted at **464th** position in Fortune 500 list.
- **ONGC, BPCL, Tata Motors** – Featured among top 300 in Fortune Global 500.

Unicorns, Startups & Fintech

- **2025 Unicorns** – *Netradyne, Juspay, JSW One, Drools, Jumbotail, Dhan (Raise Financial).*
 - **Dhan** became India's latest fintech unicorn (USD 120 million round; Founder: Pravin Jadhav).
- **Drools Pet Food Pvt. Ltd.** – Became India's **first pet-food unicorn** (2025).
- **Slice** – Opened India's **first UPI-powered physical branch & ATM** (Bengaluru, 2025).
- **PhonePe × SBI Card** – Launched PURPLE & SELECT BLACK RuPay Credit Cards.
- **PayU & BharatPe** – Received **RBI Payment Aggregator licences** (2025).
- **NxtBanking (Laraware Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow)** – India's first **AI-driven Fintech Bank**.

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- **NSE Launches “Ideabaaz”** – India’s 1st integrated startup–investor marketplace (2025).
- **NSE Chairman:** Injeti Srinivas (2025).
- **Yubi** – “Fintech Startup of the Year” (Global FinTech Awards 2025).
- **Razorpay & Yes Bank** – Introduced **biometric authentication payments**.
- **PhonePe & Mastercard** – Jointly launched **tokenisation for secure transactions**.
- **Visa & PayU/PhonePe/Juspay** – Introduced **Payment Passkey (passwordless 1-click pay)**.
- **Muse Wearables** – Partnered NPCI to build India’s **1st wearable payment ecosystem**.
- **IPPB (India Post Payments Bank)** – Profit ₹134 crore; 12 crore customers; CAGR 60–70%; received **Digital Payments Award (DFS 2024–25)**.
- **AU Small Finance Bank** – Received **RBI approval to become a Universal Bank** (2025).
- **Mashreq Bank (UAE)** – 1st foreign bank to open an **IFSC Banking Unit in GIFT City** (2025).

Trade, Economy & Ratings

- **S&P Global Ratings (2025)** – Upgraded India to **BBB (Stable)**; first in 18 years.
- **Fitch Ratings** – Retained **BBB– (Stable)** outlook.
- **Moody’s** – Maintained **Baa3 (Stable)**.
- **India Export Target FY26** – \$1 trillion (MoF).
- **India’s External Debt (June 2025)** – \$747.2 bn (18.9% of GDP).
- **India’s FDI FY25** – \$81.04 bn (+14% YoY); Top: Maharashtra (39%), Karnataka (13%), Delhi (12%).
- **India’s Fiscal Deficit FY25** – 4.8% of GDP; FY26 target ₹15.99 lakh crore (5.1% GDP).
- **GST Collection (FY25)** – ₹22.08 lakh crore (↑9.4%).
- **India’s Exports (FY25)** – \$824.9 bn (+6%).
- **Public Sector Banks (FY25)** – Record profit ₹1.78 lakh crore (+26%).
- **Wholesale Inflation (WPI Apr 2025)** – 0.85% (13-month low).

Mergers, Acquisitions & Deals

- **PNB** – Sold 10% stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance for ₹1,007 crore.
- **Saraswat Co-operative Bank** – Acquiring New India Co-op Bank.
- **Bank of Baroda × IIFL Finance** – Co-lending partnership for gold loans.
- **BoI × BSF** – “Rakshak Salary Package” for jawans.
- **Tata Power Renewables × BoB** – Solar project financing partnership.
- **Tata AIG × Equitas SFB** – Insurance distribution tie-up (motor, health, travel).
- **ICICI Bank × NHAI** – First MLFF (barrier-free toll) Plaza at Choryasi, Gujarat.

Manufacturing, Technology & Energy Sector

- **Numaligarh Refinery (Assam)** – World's 1st commercial bamboo bioethanol plant (₹1,500 crore).
- **IOCL (Panipat)** – Green Hydrogen Plant (10,000 TPA capacity by 2027).
- **Deendayal Port (Gujarat)** – India's 1st Green Hydrogen Plant (1 MW; part of 10 MW project).
- **Ola Electric** – Launched "Shakti" Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- **Skyroot Aerospace** – Test-fired "Kalam-1200" booster for *Vikram-1*.
- **Ananth Technologies** – To launch India's first private satellite communication network.
- **Tata Armoured Vehicle Manufacturing** – Established in Morocco (overseas defence unit).
- **India's Defence Production (FY25)** – ₹1.5 lakh crore (+18%); exports ₹23,622 crore (+12%).

Tourism & Aviation

- **World Tourism Day (27 Sept 2025)** – Theme: "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation."
- **World Tourism India 2025 (Bharat Mandapam)** – 1,700+ exhibitors (25–28 Sept).
- **Air India** – B-787 crash (June 12, 2025); ex-Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani among victims.
- **India – 5th Largest Aviation Market (241 million passengers, 2024 data)**.
- **Hubballi Airport (Karnataka)** – Won Platinum Recognition at Green Airports Awards 2025.

Awards, Recognitions & CSR

- **SBI** –
 - "World's Best Consumer Bank" & "Best Bank in India" (Global Finance 2025).
 - 70th Foundation Day (2025): launched Global Trade Finance Centres (Kolkata & Hyderabad).
- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** – Special Mention Award (Digital Payments, 2025).
- **Kerala Tourism Department** – *PATA Gold Award* 2025 for 'Most Engaging Social Media Campaign.'
- **Hindustan Zinc** – *S&P Global CSA Sustainability Mining Leader* 2025.
- **NITI Aayog** – *UN Public Service Award* 2025 (Aspirational Districts Programme).
- **Kerala Tourism** – *PATA Gold* 2025 (Social Media Engagement).
- **Indore** – Cleanest City of India for 8th consecutive year (Swachh Survekshan 2025).

17. State-wise News

Andhra Pradesh

- **Quantum Computing Valley (Amaravati)** – India's first, to be operational by Jan 2026.
- **Taliki Vandnam Scheme** – ₹15,000 per child/year as education aid.
- **Best State Award (Sericulture)** – Andhra Pradesh recognised at BLTM 2025.
- **Gandikota** – Recognised as "India's Grand Canyon."
- **India's 1st Private Gold Mine (Jonnagiri)** – Developed by Geomysore Services & Deccan Gold Mines.
- **Google's \$15 Billion AI Hub** – To be built in Visakhapatnam, creating India's largest AI facility.

Arunachal Pradesh

- **Decade of Hydropower (2025–35)** – Declared by State Govt.
- **Hillang Yajik** – Won Gold & Silver at South Asian Bodybuilding Championships.
- **Quinoa introduced** as new superfood crop.

Assam

- **Mission Aarogya** – \$150 million World Bank health modernisation project.
- **Mukhya Mantrir Jibon Anuprepana Scheme** – ₹40,000 support for Divyang research scholars.
- **Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum & Memorial Stupa (Vaishali)** – ₹550 crore; 42,000 sandstone blocks.
- **Kaziranga Tiger Reserve** – 148 tigers; 3rd-highest global density (18.65/100 sq km).
- **Majuli Cultural Landscape** – Declared UNESCO World Heritage Site (2025).
- **Moldova Joined ISA at India's Initiative (107th member)** – India's representation from Assam discussed at event.

Bihar

- **Two new Ramsar Sites added (2025)** – Gokul Jalashay (Buxar, 448 ha) & Udaipur Jheel (Champaran, 319 ha).
- **Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum & Memorial Stupa (Vaishali)** – ₹550 crore project.
- **Guinness Records** – Largest Madhubani Painting & Singing Bowl Ensemble (Bihar).

Chhattisgarh

- **Gaudham Yojana (2025)** – Cow protection scheme; ₹10,916–₹13,126 monthly honorarium.
- **Honorarium increases by ₹35/animal by 4th year.**

Delhi (National Capital Territory)

- **India's 1st AI-Powered Traffic System** – Implemented on Dwarka Expressway.
- **FaceAuth PDS System** – Himachal Pradesh model adopted in Delhi for pilot.
- **Delhi Saheli Smart Card (2025)** – Free bus travel for women & transgender citizens (12+ years).
- **E-waste Eco Park (Holambi Kalan)** – India's first such facility.
- **Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana** – ₹10 lakh health cover for citizens aged 70+.

Goa

- **Declared 100% literate (2025)** – Certified under ULLAS Saaksharta Karyakram.

Gujarat

- **Genome Project (Tribal Initiative)** – India's first tribal genome sequencing programme.
- **Garuda Drishti Project** – Cyber intelligence and social media monitoring system.
- **Agri Status for Livestock & Poultry (2025)** – First Indian state to grant this recognition.
- **Deendayal Port (Kandla)** – 1 MW Green Hydrogen Plant commissioned (part of 10 MW project).
- **ICICI Bank Barrier-Free Toll Plaza** – India's 1st MLFF system at Choryasi Plaza, Surat.
- **INS Himgiri Commissioned at Vizag** – GRSE Kolkata-built ship delivered for Indian Navy.
- **Sun Temple, Modhera** – Won UNESCO Heritage Conservation Award.
- **Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana** – ₹10 lakh cashless medical cover.
- **SCDCC Bank (Co-op sector)** – Received Apex Bank Award (23rd).
- **Kaziranga-Inspired “Hargila Army” Conservation Model** – Adopted by Cambodia through Gujarat delegates.

Haryana

- **Asia's Largest Jungle Safari Project** – 10,000 acres in Aravalli Hills.

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- **Pandit Lakhmi Chand Kalakar Samajik Samman Yojana** – ₹7,000–₹10,000 monthly for senior artists.
- **Bhagavad Gita & Natyashastra Added to UNESCO Memory of the World (India-led).**

Himachal Pradesh

- **Declared Fully Literate (99.3%) (2025)** – Certified by National Statistical Office.
- **FaceAuth Ration Distribution** – India's first Aadhaar-based facial authentication PDS.
- **Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve** – Added to UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves.
- **Digital Farmer IDs** – HP among first 5 states under Agri-Stack.

Jharkhand

- **First Mining Tourism Project in India (2025)** – Launched in Jharkhand.
- **Women's Hockey Teams** – Swept Senior, Junior, and Sub-junior national titles (2025).
- **Shibu Soren** – Former CM, passed away (2025).

Karnataka

- **KATALYST Cell (2025)** – Launched for Global Capability Centres (target 500 by 2029).
- **Bibi Fatima SHG (Dharwad)** – Won UNDP Equator Initiative Award 2025.
- **Hubballi Airport** – Received Platinum Green Airport Award (2025).
- **Kerala Tourism PATA Gold 2025** – Karnataka collaborated for joint tourism corridor.

Kerala

- **Digi Kerala Initiative** – Became India's first fully digitally literate state (99.98%).
- **Declared Extreme Poverty-Free State (to be announced Nov 1, 2025).**
- **Jyothi Scheme** – Educational support for children of migrant workers.
- **Rohini Gram Panchayat (Maharashtra)** – e-Governance Gold Award at NCeG 2025 (implemented model from Kerala).
- **Anbu Karangal** – ₹2,000/month for orphans; ID cards for SHG women.
- **AIIMS Delhi-Kerala Collaboration** – Launched mental-health AI program “Never Alone.”
- **Kerala Health System Improvement Project** – USD 280 mn World Bank loan.

Madhya Pradesh

- **First PM MITRA Park Foundation Stone** – Laid in Dhar district (Sept 2025).
- **State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI)** – Top-ranked among mineral-rich states.
- **E-Nagarpalika 2.0** – All ULBs integrated into single citizen service platform.
- **Khelo India Water Sports (Dal Lake)** – MP topped medal table (10 Golds).

Maharashtra

- **Veer Savarkar Sports Complex (Ahmedabad)** – ₹825 crore; India's largest indoor arena.
- **Rohini Gram Panchayat** – Won e-Governance Gold Award (1,027 digital services).
- **Garuda Drishti** – Cyber Intelligence & Social Media Monitoring.
- **7 August 2025** – Declared *Sustainable Agriculture Day* (M.S. Swaminathan Centenary).
- **Declared Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav** as State Festival (2025).

Rajasthan

- **1st Drone-Based Artificial Rain Experiment (2025)** – Conducted in Jaipur.
- **State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI)** – 2nd in Category-A (Mineral-rich).
- **Khichan & Menar Wetlands** – Added as Ramsar Sites (2025).

Tamil Nadu

- **'Thayumanavar Thittam' Scheme (2025)** – Doorstep ration for elderly & disabled.
- **Hornbill Conservation Centre (Anamalai Tiger Reserve)** – Launched CoE for biodiversity.
- **'Anbu Karangal' Scheme** – ₹2,000/month for orphans.
- **Rameshwaram Region** – Model coastal restoration under MISHTI.

Telangana

- **IESA State Leadership Award 2025** – For Battery Manufacturing Policy.
- **SITHA Women-only Gig Platform (2025)** – Launched by Dept. of Women & Child Development.
- **National Turmeric Board HQ (Nizamabad)** – ₹200 crore outlay; inaugurated by Amit Shah.
- **100% Tap Water Coverage under Jal Jeevan Mission (2025)**.

Tripura

- Declared 3rd Fully Literate State of India (95.6%) (2025).
- ADB Loan ₹975 crore – For 9 new industrial parks.

Uttar Pradesh

- Ranked Top in PM SVANidhi Implementation (20.52 lakh applications).
- Top Revenue-Surplus State (₹37,000 crore, CAG 2025).
- Lucknow – Filed bid for UNESCO Creative City (Gastronomy).

West Bengal

- Sramashree Scheme (2025) – ₹5,000/month for migrant workers.
- Vidhan Sabha introduced Sign-Language Interpretation System (1st in India).
- West Bengal Power Distribution – \$241 mn ADB project approved.

18. Summits & Conferences

New Delhi

- World Cultural Heritage Youth Forum – UNESCO youth heritage engagement.
- M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference (ICAR-Pusa)
Theme: “Evergreen Revolution: Pathway to Bio-Happiness.”
- Workshop on Human-Elephant Conflict – Organised in Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) but discussed policy in New Delhi session.
- India-EU Trade Dialogue – Focus: Investment & Technology Transfer.
- MSME Seva Parv – “Virasat se Vikas” – Theme: Heritage-based MSME growth.
- Controllers’ Conference (Defence Accounts Department) – Theme: “Transforming Financial Advice, Payment, Audit and Accounting through Defence Finance and Economics.”
- Emerging STI Conclave 2025 – Theme: “Viksit Bharat 2047: Sustainable Innovation.”
- BRICS Finance Ministers’ Meet (New Delhi) – Macro coordination & digital payments.

Mumbai (Maharashtra)

- Global FinTech Fest (GFF 2025) – Theme: “AI-Powered Inclusion.”
- World Food India 2025 – 25–28 Sept, Bharat Mandapam; 1,700+ exhibitors.
- Global FinTech Awards 2025 – Held alongside GFF; winners: Yubi, Razorpay, IDFC FIRST, CAMS-IRS.

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- **WAVES 2025 Summit** – Theme: “Connecting Creators, Connecting Countries” (Orange Economy – target \$50 bn).

Guwahati (Assam)

- **BIMSTEC Young Leaders' Summit 2025.**
- **Codex Committee on Spices** – Discussed global food-standard frameworks.

Goa

- **G20 Infrastructure Working Group Meet** – Focus: Sustainable infrastructure.

Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)

- **28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG 2025)**
– Awards presented; *Visakhapatnam Declaration* adopted.
- **Indo-Indonesian Naval Exercise “Samudra Shakti-25.”**

Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)

- **MSME Seva Parv 2025** – Theme: “Virasat se Vikas.”

Pusa (New Delhi, ICAR HQ)

- **M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference** (listed again here for clarity).

Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)

- **National Workshop on Human-Elephant Conflict** – Mitigation & corridor planning.

Bharat Mandapam (New Delhi)

- **8th ISA Assembly (International Solar Alliance)** – Theme: “One World, One Sun, One Grid.”

Dubai (UAE)

- **11th World Green Economy Summit** – Theme: “Innovating for Impact.”

Brussels (Belgium)

- **India-EU Trade Dialogue** – Investment & technology cooperation.

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Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

- **ASEAN-India Business Summit 2025** – Theme: “Resilient Supply Chains for a Digital Asia.”
- **47th ASEAN Summit 2025** – Theme: “Inclusivity & Sustainability.”

Goyang-si (Korea, Republic of Korea)

- **14th UN-GGIM-AP Plenary (UN Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia-Pacific)**
– India elected Co-Chair (2025–28).

La Cavalerie (France)

- **8th India-France Exercise Shakti 2025** – Army exercise (Defence conference element).

Kazan (Russia)

- **BRICS Summit 2025** – Theme: “Global South Cooperation.”

Tianjin (China)

- **25th SCO Summit (2025)** – August–September 2025.

Abu Dhabi (UAE)

- **IUCN World Congress 2025** – Theme: “Powering Transformative Conservation.”

Geneva (Switzerland)

- **UNHRC Election 2025** – India re-elected (term 2026–28).

Montreal (Canada)

- **ICAO Council Election 2025** – India re-elected (2025–28 term).

Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

- **ASEAN-India Summit 2025** – Timor-Leste admitted as 11th member.

Laos

- **East Asia Summit 2025.**

Phuket (Thailand)

- **AIBD Conference 2025** – Theme: “Media for People, Peace & Prosperity.”

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Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

- **BRICS Summit (Alternate Listing)** – High-level economic dialogue.

Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

- **ASEAN Summit (re-confirmation)** – “Inclusivity & Sustainability.”

Korea (Republic of Korea)

- **APEC Summit 2025 – Theme:** “Grand Order of Mugunghwa” award to Donald Trump.

Paris (France)

- **Diamond League Final 2025** – Hosted at Stade de France (Neeraj Chopra Silver 85.01 m).

Bangkok (Thailand)

- **Asian Athletics Championships 2025** – India 2nd overall (24 medals).

Malta

- **8th Commonwealth Youth Games 2025.**

Chengdu (China)

- **World Games 2025** – India 7 medals (1 G, 2 S, 4 B).

Abu Dhabi (UAE)

- **IUCN Congress (re-entry)** – Hosted global biodiversity policy sessions.

Tianjin (China)

- **SCO Summit (re-listed)** – August–September 2025.

19. Agreements, Loans & Financial Assistance

ADB Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- **Maharashtra Agricultural Solarisation Project**
 - Loan: **USD 460 million.**
 - Aim: Promote renewable energy irrigation; linked to PM-KUSUM (Component-C).
- **Tripura Industrial Infrastructure Project**
 - Loan: **₹975 crore** to develop **9 industrial parks.**

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- **Rajasthan Urban Development Project**
 - Loan: **USD 200 million**.
- **West Bengal Power Distribution Improvement Project**
 - Loan: **USD 241 million**.
- **Maharashtra Riverbank Protection Programme**
 - Loan: **USD 42 million**.
- **Green & Sustainable Infrastructure Development Loan**
 - Loan: **USD 500 million** (for nationwide urban infra projects).
- **Ahmedabad Peri-Urban Infrastructure Project**
 - Loan: **USD 181 million**.
- **Cumulative ADB lending to India (FY25) – USD 4.5 billion/year.**
- **Israel joined ADB** – Became 69th member in 2025.

World Bank (IBRD / IDA)

- **Assam Health System Strengthening Project**
 - Loan: **USD 150 million**.
- **Kerala Health System Improvement Project**
 - Loan: **USD 280 million**.
- **Agri & Rural Enterprises Fund (AgriSURE)** (implemented by NABARD) – supported by World Bank blended model.
- **National Biodiversity Conservation & Wetland Restoration (Assam)**
 - Outlay: **₹692.05 crore** under NDMF; partly assisted by World Bank for ecosystem valuation.
- **World Bank Land Conference 2025 (Washington D.C.)**
 - India recognised for its land-rights digitisation model; cooperation for scaling via World Bank knowledge grant (no specific amount).
- **Global Development Partnership** – India cited as contributor to global growth (no specific funding).

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- **World Economic Outlook 2025**
 - Projected India's FY26 GDP growth at **6.6%** (↑ from 6.2%).
 - India contributes 16% of world output rise; termed "world's brightest spot."
- **IMF India GDP Forecast (Apr 2025)**
 - FY26 growth: **6.4%**; FY27: 6.3%.
- **IMF India GDP Forecast (Oct 2025)**
 - FY26 revised to **6.6%**; FY27 to **6.4%**.
- **India's status:** 4th largest global economy (\$4.19 trillion GDP).

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❑ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

- **AgriSURE Fund (2025)**
 - Corpus: ₹750 crore (blended equity + grant).
 - Implementer: NABVENTURES Ltd (subsidiary).
 - Focus: Agri-startups, climate-smart farming, rural logistics.
- **NABARD Green Lending Facility (FY26)**
 - Fund: ₹10,000 crore for climate-linked agricultural finance.
- **Financial Collaboration:** Supported by blended finance from World Bank and NABVENTURES equity pool.

❑ Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)

- **Credit Line to Africa's EBID (2025)**
 - Loan: **USD 40 million**.
- **MoU with Argentina & Zambia**
 - Objective: Cooperation in **critical minerals (lithium & cobalt)** — no direct fund figure disclosed.
- **Export Promotion Mission (GoI + EXIM)**
 - Outlay: ₹2,250 crore (sub-schemes: NIRYAT PROTSAHAN & NIRYAT DISHA).

❑ Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

- **President:** Zou Jiayi (China, appointed 2025).
- **India Projects:**
 - Co-financing green urban infra and digital connectivity projects (details under ADB joint lending).

❑ NABVENTURES / NABARD-World Bank-Private Equity Blends

- **AgriSURE Fund (Oct 2025)**
 - ₹750 crore (NABARD-led; co-financed by World Bank's blended capital arm).
 - Supports rural enterprises, agri-tech, logistics.

❑ Government of India – Multilateral Agreements

- **India-EFTA TEPA (Trade & Economic Partnership Agreement)**
 - Member countries: Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein.
 - Investment: **USD 100 billion over 15 years**.
 - Jobs: 1 million in India.

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- **India–UK Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA)**
 - Signed July 2025.
 - Target: **Double bilateral trade to USD 112 billion by 2030.**
- **India–Greece Bilateral Naval Cooperation**
 - Strategic defence partnership (non-monetary MoU).
- **India–Argentina & Zambia MoUs**
 - Cooperation on **critical minerals** (lithium, cobalt).
- **India–EFTA Geneva HQ (Kurt Jäger)**
 - Secretariat for implementation of TEPA monitoring.

2 Other Institutions & Agreements

- **NCDC (National Cooperative Development Corporation)**
 - Grant-in-Aid: **₹2,000 crore (2025–29)**; leverage loans worth ₹20,000 crore for cooperatives.
- **NITI Aayog & UNDP**
 - Recognised under *UN Public Service Award 2025* for Aspirational Districts Programme (non-financial recognition).
- **IFCI + SIDBI**
 - No new loans stated but mentioned support under *Start-up & MSME financing lines (FY25)*.
- **Japan R&I Sovereign Rating Upgrade for India**
 - India's credit rating revised to **BBB+ (Stable)** after 14 years.

2 World Health Organization (WHO)

- **India's Contribution 2025:**
 - **USD 3 million** to WHO for integrating traditional medicine in global health systems.
 - Supported by Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India.

2 International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- **8th ISA Assembly – Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (2025)**
 - Theme: “One World, One Sun, One Grid.”
 - Moldova joined as 107th member (total 124 signatories).
 - India announced solar project grants for Africa & ASEAN nations (no specific amount).

2 United Nations & Related Organisations

- **UNHRC Council Election 2025 (Geneva)** – India re-elected (Term 2026–28).
- **UNESCO Heritage Programmes** – “Bhagavad Gita” & ‘Natyashastra’ entered *Memory of the World Register*.
- **UN Declared 2026** – *International Year of Sustainable Transport*.
- **UN Declared 2026** – *International Year of the Woman Farmer*.

20. Persons in News

October 2025

- **Shirish Chandra Murmu** – Appointed *Deputy Governor, RBI* for 3 years (from Oct 9).
- **Ajay Seth** – Took charge as *IRDAI Chairman*; announced “Insurance for All by 2047” vision.
- **Sanjay Malhotra** – Became *26th Governor, RBI*; chaired Payments Regulatory Board formation.
- **R. Doraiswamy** – Appointed *MD & CEO, LIC*.
- **Upendra Dwivedi** – Appointed *Chief of Army Staff (COAS)*.
- **Dinesh K. Tripathi** – Appointed *Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)*.
- **Amar Preet Singh** – Appointed *Chief of Air Staff (CAS)*.
- **S. Paramesh** – Appointed *Director General, Indian Coast Guard*.
- **Justice Surya Kant** – Appointed *53rd Chief Justice of India*.
- **Dr V. Narayanan** – Appointed *ISRO Chairman*.
- **Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana** – Elected *Co-Chair, UN-GGIM-AP (2025–28)*, representing India.
- **Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh** – Became *Vice Chief of Army Staff*.
- **VAdm Sanjay Vatsayan** – Became *Vice Chief of Naval Staff*.
- **Lt Gen P.P. Singh** – Appointed *Vice Chief of Army Staff* (updated listing).
- **Nirmal K. Minda** – Elected *President, ASSOCHAM*.
- **Anant Goenka** – Elected *President-elect, FICCI*.
- **Neeraj Chopra** – Conferred *Honorary Lt. Colonel rank (Indian Army)*.
- **Smriti Mandhana** – Became *Fastest Indian woman to score 1000 ODI runs in a year*.
- **Abhishek Sharma** – Named *ICC Men’s Player of the Month (Sept 2025)*.

September 2025

- **Banu Mushtaq** – Won *International Booker Prize 2025* for Kannada novel “*Heart Lamp*.”
- **Sunil Amrith** – Won *British Academy Book Prize 2025* for “*The Burning Earth*.”
- **Educate Girls NGO** – Won *Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025* (Education category).
- **Dr Sonali Ghosh** – Won *IUCN Kenton R. Miller Award* (first Indian recipient).
- **Nitin Gadkari** – Received *Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2025* (Pune).
- **Rajinikanth** – Received *UAE Golden Visa* (cinema).
- **Chef Sanjeev Kapoor** – Won *World Food Prize Foundation – Agri-Food Pioneer*.

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- **Bibi Fatima SHG (Karnataka)** – Won *UNDP Equator Initiative Award 2025*.
- **Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra (IMD DG)** – Received *UN Sasakawa Award 2025*.
- **Kumar Mangalam Birla** – Received *Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Puraskar 2025*.
- **Varsha Deshpande** – Received *UN Population Award 2025*.
- **Dr Prajamitra Bhuyan** – Received *C.R. Rao National Award 2025*.
- **V.S. Achuthanandan** – Former Kerala CM, passed away.
- **B. Saroja Devi** – Veteran actress, passed away (Padma Bhushan 1992).
- **Zubeen Garg** – Renowned Assamese singer, passed away (Sept 21–22).
- **Manika Vishwakarma** – Crowned *Miss Universe India 2025*.
- **Opal Suchata Chuangsri (Thailand)** – Crowned *Miss World 2025 (Hyderabad)*.
- **Suhani Shah** – Became *1st Indian woman magician* to win FISM World Championship.
- **Rajiv Anand** – Appointed *MD & CEO, IndusInd Bank*.
- **Asheesh Pandey** – Appointed *MD & CEO, Union Bank of India*.
- **Kalyan Kumar** – Appointed *MD & CEO, Central Bank of India*.

August 2025

- **PM Narendra Modi** – Received *Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III* (Cyprus' highest civilian honour).
- **PM Modi** – Announced *Mission Sudarshan Chakra* on 79th Independence Day.
- **Justice D.Y. Chandrachud** – Authored *“Why the Constitution Matters.”*
- **Shikhar Dhawan** – Published autobiography *“The One: Cricket, My Life and More.”*
- **Purnima Devi Barman** – UNEP “Champion of the Earth”; trained women in Cambodia for Hargila Army model.
- **Amit Shah** – Became India's *longest-serving Union Home Minister* (2,258 days).
- **Dr A. Rajarajan** – Appointed *Director, VSSC*.
- **Lt Gen Raj Kumar Arora** – Appointed *Controller General of Defence Accounts*.
- **Lt Gen N S Raja Subramani* – Retired Vice Chief of Army Staff.
- **Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh** – Succeeded him.
- **Rajit Punhani (IAS)** – Became *CEO, FSSAI*.
- **Justice Prathiba M. Singh** – Appointed *Chairperson, WIPO Judges Board*.
- **S. Mahendra Dev** – Appointed *Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to PM*.
- **Sanjay Malhotra** – Elevated as *RBI Governor*.
- **Dr Poonam Gupta** – Appointed *Deputy Governor, RBI* (first woman economist in this post).
- **S. Krishnan** – Appointed *Non-Executive Chairman, J&K Bank*.
- **Bhanu Pratap Sharma** – *FSIB Chairperson*, tenure extended to June 2026.
- **Dr Urjit Patel** – Appointed *Executive Director (IMF)*.
- **Indranil Bhattacharyya** – Appointed *MPC Member, RBI*.
- **Dr Rajiv Ranjan** – Became *Vice President & CRO, New Development Bank*.
- **Deepak Bagla** – Appointed *Director, Atal Innovation Mission*.

July 2025

- **Zou Jiayi (China)** – Became *President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)*.

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- **Luís Montenegro** – Became *Prime Minister, Portugal*.
- **Karol Nawrocki** – Became *President, Poland*.
- **Lee Jae-myung** – Became *President, South Korea*.
- **Sean Duffy** – Appointed *Interim NASA Administrator*.
- **S. Mahendra Dev** – Appointed *CII President (2025–26)*.
- **Bhupender Yadav** – Became *President, International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)*.
- **Rajiv Anand** – Appointed *MD & CEO, IndusInd Bank*.
- **Zandanshatar Gombojav** – Became *Prime Minister, Mongolia*.
- **Kirsty Coventry (Zimbabwe)** – Elected *IOC President* (first female, first African).
- **Njattyela Sreedharan** – Linguist & compiler of *Chathur Dravida Bhasha Dictionary*, passed away.

June 2025

- **Vijay Rupani** – Former Gujarat CM; died in Air India crash (Ahmedabad, June 12).
- **Dr Ajay Kumar** – Appointed *Chairman, UPSC*.
- **Priya Nair** – Appointed *MD & CEO, HUL*.
- **Kavinder Gupta** – Appointed *Lieutenant Governor, Ladakh*.
- **Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh** – Appointed *Governor, Haryana*.
- **Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju** – Appointed *Governor, Goa*.
- **Parag Jain** – Appointed *Chief of RAW*.
- **Bhanu Pratap Sharma** – FSIB Chairperson tenure extended.
- **Sivasubramanian Ramann** – Took charge as *PFRDA Chairperson (succeeding Deepak Mohanty)*.
- **Zara Chowdhary** – Won *Shakti Bhatt Prize 2025* for “The Lucky Ones.”
- **Dr Sonal Mansingh** – Received *Srimanta Sankardeva Award 2023 (Assam)*.
- **Leena Nair (CEO, Chanel)** – Conferred *CBE (UK Honour)*.
- **PM Modi** – Honoured by Brazil, Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, and Namibia (total 27 international honours).
- **Deepika Padukone** – First Indian to get a star on Hollywood Walk of Fame.

May 2025

- **Justice Surya Kant** – Announced as *next CJI* (officially took charge Oct).
- **Jose Mujica** – Former President of Uruguay; passed away.
- **Dr Jayant Vishnu Narlikar** – Eminent astrophysicist; passed away.
- **M.R. Srinivasan** – Ex-Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; passed away.
- **Dr Saroj Ghose** – Founding Director, National Council of Science Museums; passed away.
- **PM Modi** – Announced *India's 4th-largest economy status (IMF)*.
- **Khalid Jamil** – Appointed *Head Coach, Indian Football Team* (first Indian in 13 years).
- **K.J. Patel** – Appointed *MD, IFFCO (replacing U.S. Awasthi)*.
- **Anthony Albanese** – Re-elected *Prime Minister of Australia*.
- **Dr Mustafa Yusufali Gom** – Received *International Buddha Peace Award 2025*.

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- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty** – Received *Khel Ratna* 2023 (awarded in May 2025).
- **Sadhguru (Jaggi Vasudev)** – Named *Global Indian of the Year 2025 (CIF)*.
- **Kumar Mangalam Birla** – Received *Global Leadership Award (USISPF)*.
- **Neeraj Ghaywan** – Won *Best Film & Director (IFFM 2025 – “Homebound”)*.

21. INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (HQ & Head – 2025)

| Organisation | Headquarters | Current Head (2025) | Notes / Indian Role |
|--|----------------------|--|---|
| United Nations (UN) | New York, USA | António Guterres (Secretary-General) | India re-elected to UNHRC (2026–28). |
| United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) | Geneva, Switzerland | Václav Bálek (President) | India re-elected 2026–28 term. |
| UNESCO (UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) | Paris, France | Audrey Azoulay (DG) | “Bhagavad Gita” & “Natyashastra” added to Memory of the World Register. |
| UNICEF (Children’s Fund) | New York, USA | Catherine Russell | — |
| UN-Habitat | Nairobi, Kenya | YB Ngå Kor Ming (Malaysia) – President (2025–27) | India represented in housing dialogue. |
| UN Women | New York, USA | Dr Sima Bahous (Executive Director, 2nd term) | India continues representation on board. |
| World Health Organization (WHO) | Geneva, Switzerland | Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus | India contributed USD 3 million to integrate traditional medicine. |
| World Bank Group (IBRD/IDA) | Washington D.C., USA | Ajay Banga (President) | Multiple loans to India (Assam, Kerala, etc.). |
| International Monetary Fund (IMF) | Washington D.C., USA | Kristalina Georgieva (MD) | India GDP FY26 6.6 %; Daniel Katz – FDMD (2025). |
| Asian Development Bank (ADB) | Manila, Philippines | Masatsugu Asakawa (President) | USD 460 mn Maharashtra; USD 241 mn West Bengal; others. |
| Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) | Beijing, China | Zou Jiayi (China) – President (2025) | India founding member. |
| World Trade Organization (WTO) | Geneva, Switzerland | Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala | — |
| International Labour Organization (ILO) | Geneva, Switzerland | Gilbert F. Houngbo | — |

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| Organisation | Headquarters | Current Head (2025) | Notes / Indian Role |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) | Montreal, Canada | Juan Carlos Salazar (SG) | India re-elected to Council (2025–28). |
| International Solar Alliance (ISA) | Gurugram, India | Ajay Mathur (DG) | 8th ISA Assembly 2025 – “One World, One Sun, One Grid.” |
| World Economic Forum (WEF) | Geneva, Switzerland | Klaus Schwab (Founder, Chairman) | — |
| BRICS | Rotating – 2025 Chair Russia (Kazan) | Sergey Lavrov (Chair 2025) | Egypt, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia joined. |
| ASEAN | Jakarta, Indonesia | Dr Kao Kim Hourn (SG) | Timor-Leste became 11th member (2025). |
| APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) | Singapore (Secretariat) | Rebecca Sta Maria (Exec Director) | 2025 Summit – Korea. |
| SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) | Beijing, China / Tashkent (Uzbekistan Secretariat) | Zhang Ming (SG) | 25th SCO Summit Tianjin (2025). |
| OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development) | Paris, France | Mathias Cormann (SG) | India GDP FY26 6.7 %. |
| OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) | Vienna, Austria | Haitham Al Ghais | — |
| International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) | Vienna, Austria | Rafael Mariano Grossi | — |
| International Court of Justice (ICJ) | The Hague, Netherlands | Nawaf Salam (President) | — |
| World Trade Organisation (WTO) | Geneva, Switzerland | Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala | — |
| World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) | Madrid, Spain | Zurab Pololikashvili | — |
| World Food Programme (WFP) | Rome, Italy | Cindy McCain | — |
| International Labour Organisation (ILO) | Geneva, Switzerland | Gilbert F. Houngbo | — |
| World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) | Geneva, Switzerland | Celeste Saulo (SG) | — |
| International Union | Gland, Switzerland | Grethel Aguilar (DG) | Hosted IUCN Congress |

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| Organisation | Headquarters | Current Head (2025) | Notes / Indian Role |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) | | | Abu Dhabi 2025. |
| UN Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD) | Geneva, Switzerland | Rebeca Grynspan | India 7th largest FDI recipient (2025). |
| World Economic Forum (WEF) | Geneva, Switzerland | Klaus Schwab | Davos 2025 — AI & Global Growth Agenda. |
| International Olympic Committee (IOC) | Lausanne, Switzerland | <i>Kirsty Coventry</i> (Zimbabwe) – first female & African President (2025). | |
| Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) | Beijing | Zou Jiayi | India major borrower for infrastructure. |

NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (India) – HQ & Heads (2025)

| Organisation | Headquarters | Head / Chairperson (2025) | Key Role |
|--|--------------|--|------------------------------|
| Reserve Bank of India (RBI) | Mumbai | <i>Sanjay Malhotra</i> , Governor | Central bank; 26th Governor. |
| Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI) | Hyderabad | <i>Ajay Seth</i> , Chairperson | Insurance sector regulator. |
| Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) | Mumbai | <i>Madhabi Puri Buch</i> , Chairperson | Capital market regulator. |
| Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) | New Delhi | <i>Sivasubramanian Ramann</i> , Chairperson | Manages NPS & APY. |
| National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) | Mumbai | <i>Shaji K.V.</i> , Chairman | Apex rural finance bank. |
| Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) | Lucknow | <i>Sivasubramanian Raman</i> (until 2025); Successor awaiting notif. | MSME financing. |
| Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) | Mumbai | <i>R. Doraiswamy</i> , MD & CEO | Public life insurer. |
| National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) | Mumbai | <i>Dilip Asbe</i> , MD & CEO | UPI, RuPay, IMPS umbrella. |
| Employees' Provident Fund Organisation | New Delhi | <i>Neelam Shami Rao</i> , Central PF Commissioner | Provident fund management. |

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| Organisation | Headquarters | Head / Chairperson (2025) | Key Role |
|---|--------------|---|------------------------------------|
| (EPFO) | | | |
| Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) | New Delhi | <i>Girish Chandra Murmu</i> | Government audit authority. |
| Controller General of Accounts (CGA) | New Delhi | <i>Sonal Arora (actg.)</i> | Govt accounting framework. |
| Competition Commission of India (CCI) | New Delhi | <i>Ravneet Kaur</i> | Market competition regulator. |
| National Statistical Office (NSO) | New Delhi | <i>Dr G.P. Samanta, CSO</i> | Publishes GDP & employment data. |
| National Housing Bank (NHB) | New Delhi | <i>S. Krishnan</i> | Housing finance regulator. |
| Deposit Insurance & Credit Guarantee Corp (DICGC) | Mumbai | Subsidiary of RBI – Board headed by RBI Dep Gov | Bank deposit insurance. |
| Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) | New Delhi | <i>Ravi Mittal</i> | Insolvency process regulator. |
| National Investigation Agency (NIA) | New Delhi | <i>Dinkar Gupta, DG</i> | Counter-terror investigation. |
| Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) | New Delhi | <i>Ravi Agrawal, Chairman</i> | Direct tax administration. |
| Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) | New Delhi | <i>Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, Chairman</i> | GST and Customs administration. |
| National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) | New Delhi | <i>Suman Bery, Vice Chairman</i> | Policy think-tank. |
| Food Corporation of India (FCI) | New Delhi | <i>Ashok K. K. Meena, Chairman & MD</i> | Food procurement and distribution. |
| National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) | New Delhi | <i>Gurdeep Singh, CMD</i> | Power generation major. |
| Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) | Dehradun | <i>Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman & CEO</i> | Hydrocarbon PSU. |
| Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) | New Delhi | <i>Arvinder Singh Sahney, Chairman</i> | Energy PSU. |
| Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) | Mumbai | <i>G. Krishna Kumar, CMD</i> | PSU energy major. |
| Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) | New Delhi | <i>Amarendu Prakash, Chairman</i> | Steel manufacturing PSU. |
| Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) | Bengaluru | <i>Dr V. Narayanan, Chairman</i> | National space agency. |

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| Organisation | Headquarters | Head / Chairperson (2025) | Key Role |
|---|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) | New Delhi | <i>Dr Samir V. Kamat</i> , Chairman | Defence R&D. |
| Election Commission of India (ECI) | New Delhi | <i>Rajiv Kumar</i> , CEC | Conduct of elections. |
| Press Information Bureau (PIB) | New Delhi | <i>Manish Desai</i> , Principal DG | Govt communications. |
| Prasar Bharati (DD News / AIR) | New Delhi | <i>Gaurav Dwivedi</i> , CEO | Public broadcaster. |
| Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) | New Delhi | <i>Praveen Sood</i> , Director | Investigative agency. |
| Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) | New Delhi | <i>Dr Rajiv Bahl</i> , DG | Medical research agency. |
| National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) | New Delhi | <i>P. K. Mishra</i> , Chairman (Prime Minister) | Disaster policy coordination. |
| ISSA (Int'l Social Security Assn.) | Geneva | <i>Marcelo Abi-Ramia Caetano</i> | India's MoLE won ISSA Award 2025. |

22. Important Days, Themes & Notes – 2025

October 2025

- **World Standards Day – October 14**
Theme: “Standards for SDGs.”
- **World Food Day – October 16 (FAO)**
Theme: “Hand in Hand for Better Foods & a Better Future.”
- **Police Commemoration Day – October 21**
Note: Marks 1959 Hot Springs (Ladakh) incident.
Observation Week: October 22–30.
- **United Nations Day – October 24 (80th Anniversary)**
Theme: “United Nations at 80: Building Our Future Together.”
- **Vigilance Awareness Week – October 27–November 2**
Theme: “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility.”

September 2025

- **World Ozone Day – September 16**
Theme: “From Science to Global Action.”

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- **World Alzheimer's Day – September 21**
Theme: "Ask about Dementia. Ask about Alzheimer's."
- **World Tourism Day – September 27**
Theme: "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation."
- **Ayurveda Day – September 23**
Theme: "Ayurveda for People & Planet."
- **National Sports Day – August 29 (observed end of August, celebrated through September events)**
Theme: "Ek Ghanta, Khel ke Maidan Main."

August 2025

August 1-15 (First Fortnight)

- **August 1 – World Lung Cancer Day**
Theme: "Stronger Together."
- **August 1 – World FinTech Day.**
- **August 1 – Muslim Women's Rights Day.**
- **August 1 – World Wide Web (WWW) Day**
Theme: "Inclusive & Open Web."
- **August 1-7 – World Breastfeeding Week**
Theme: "Prioritize Breastfeeding: Create Sustainable Support Systems."
- **August 3 – Indian Organ Donation Day (Shifted from November 27).**
- **August 6 – Hiroshima Day (80 years of atomic bombing).**
- **August 7 – National Handloom Day (11th Edition).**
- **August 7 – National Javelin Day.**
- **August 7 – Sustainable Agriculture Day (M.S. Swaminathan Centenary).**
- **August 8 – Quit India Movement Day (83rd Anniversary).**
- **August 9 – Nagasaki Day / World Indigenous Peoples' Day**
Theme: "Indigenous Peoples and AI."
- **August 10 – World Lion Day**
Note: Celebrated in Gujarat (Barda Wildlife Sanctuary).
- **August 12 – International Youth Day**
Theme: "Youth for Climate Action & Innovation."
- **August 12 – World Elephant Day**
Theme: "Bringing the World Together to Help Elephants."
- **August 13 – World Organ Donation Day**
Theme: "Answering the Call."
- **August 15 – Independence Day (79th)**
Theme: "Naya Bharat."
Major Announcement: Mission Sudarshan Chakra (Decade-long Air Defence Programme).

August 19-31 (Second Fortnight)

- **August 19 – World Humanitarian Day**
Theme: "Strengthening Global Solidarity."

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- **August 23 – National Space Day**
Theme: “Aryabhatta to Gaganyaan – Infinite Possibilities.”
- **August 27 – 1st UN World Lake Day**
Note: UNEP initiative.
- **August 29 – National Sports Day**
Theme: “Ek Ghanta, Khel ke Maidan Main.”
- **August 30 – National Small Industry Day.**

July 2025

- **World Population Day – July 11**
Theme: “Reproductive Health and Gender Equality.”
- **World Youth Skills Day – July 15**
Theme: “Skills for a Sustainable Future.”

June 2025

- **World Environment Day – June 5**
Theme: “Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience.”
- **World Oceans Day – June 8**
Theme: “Awaken New Depths.”
- **World Blood Donor Day – June 14**
Theme: “20 Years of Celebrating Giving: Thank You Blood Donors.”
- **International Yoga Day – June 21**
Theme: “Yoga for Self and Society.”
- **National Statistics Day – June 29**
Theme: “Empowering India with Data-Driven Governance.”
Note: Celebrates P.C. Mahalanobis’ birth anniversary.

May 2025

- **International Labour Day – May 1**
Theme: “Workers’ Rights for Inclusive Growth.”
- **World Press Freedom Day – May 3**
Theme: “Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis.”
- **World Environment Health Day – May 7**
Theme: “Climate-Resilient Health Systems.”
- **World Telecommunications Day – May 17**
Theme: “Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development.”
- **World No Tobacco Day – May 31**
Theme: “Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference.”

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April 2025

- **World Health Day – April 7**
Theme: “My Health, My Right.”
- **Earth Day – April 22**
Theme: “Planet vs. Plastics.”

March 2025

- **International Women's Day – March 8**
Theme: “Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress.”
- **World Water Day – March 22**
Theme: “Water for Peace.”
- **World Meteorological Day – March 23**
Theme: “At the Frontlines of Climate Action.”

February 2025

- **World Wetlands Day – February 2**
Theme: “Wetlands and Human Well-being.”
- **National Science Day – February 28**
Theme: “Science for Sustainable Future.”

January 2025

- **National Youth Day – January 12**
Theme: “Youth Empowerment through Innovation.”
- **Republic Day – January 26**
Theme: “Viksit Bharat: Ek Sankalp.”
- **Martyrs' Day – January 30**
Theme: “Truth, Non-Violence, and Peace.”

Important Notes & Observances (2025)

- **79th Independence Day Theme (15 Aug 2025):** “Naya Bharat”
➤ Launch of *Mission Sudarshan Chakra* – decade-long indigenous air-defence program.
- **National Space Day (23 Aug):** Marks Aditya-L1 and ISRO's success; declared by Govt of India.
- **World Lion Day (Aug 10):** Gujarat's lion population at record 891; celebrated at Barda Wildlife Sanctuary.

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- **National Statistics Day (29 Jun):** Focused on *P.C. Mahalanobis' contribution to data-based policymaking.*
- **Vigilance Awareness Week (Oct 27 – Nov 2):** Annual CVC campaign; 2025 theme emphasized shared responsibility.
- **United Nations at 80 (Oct 24):** Global commemoration for UN's foundation anniversary.
- **Ayurveda Day (Sept 23):** Led by Ministry of AYUSH, theme linking people & planet health.
- **World Tourism Day (Sept 27):** Global event hosted in Bharat Mandapam alongside "World Tourism India 2025."
- **National Handloom Day (Aug 7):** 11th edition; celebrates Swadeshi Movement legacy.
- **Quit India Movement Day (Aug 8):** 83rd anniversary observed nationwide.
- **World Elephant & Youth Day (Aug 12):** Observed jointly with campaigns on biodiversity & youth climate action.
- **World Breastfeeding Week (Aug 1–7):** 2025 theme emphasized support systems & sustainability.

23. Miscellaneous / Events / Important Announcements

General National Highlights

- **UDAN Scheme Completed 9 Years (Oct 2025)**
 - 649 routes operational, 93 airports, 15 heliports, 2 water-aerodromes.
- **16th Finance Commission**
 - Tenure extended to 30 Nov 2025; Chair – Arvind Panagariya.
 - Task: Tax devolution for FY 2026–31.
- **India's First Disneyland-Style Theme Park** – Announced for *Manesar, Haryana*.
- **Aadhaar Authentication Mandatory** – For IRCTC Tatkal ticket booking during first 15 minutes (from Oct 1 2025).
- **Apprenticeship Rules 1992 Amended** – Minimum stipend ₹ 12,300 (↑ 81 %) and launch of degree/virtual apprenticeships.
- **Digital Payments Adoption (Sept 2025)**
 - UPI share in retail = 90 %; projection 1 billion txns/day by FY 2027.
- **PM-MITRA Parks** – First Park foundation stone laid at Dhar (MP).
- **India's First AI-Powered Traffic System** – Deployed on *Dwarka Expressway, Delhi*.
- **Kerala Declared Extreme-Poverty-Free State** – To be formally announced Nov 1 2025.
- **Maharashtra Declared "Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav"** – Official state festival.
- **Haryana to Develop Asia's Largest Jungle Safari** – 10,000 acres in Aravalli Hills.
- **Sikkim's Yakten Village** – Declared India's first *Digital Nomad Village*.
- **Lucknow (UP)** – Nominated for UNESCO Creative City (Gastronomy).
- **Puducherry Assembly** – Became 19th legislature to adopt *NeVA paperless system*.
- **President's Rule Extended** – Manipur, till Feb 2026.
- **CBSE Board Exams** – From 2026 session, to be conducted in *two terms*.

Education, Science & Research

- **AIIMS Delhi** – Launched AI Mental-Health Program ‘Never Alone’; first government college with Da Vinci robotic-training system.
- **IIT Madras** – Developing India’s 7 nm processor ‘Shakti.’
- **IIT Palakkad “Tutoz” App** – India’s first AI-based learning app.
- **IISc Bengaluru** – ‘BHARAT’ Study – India’s first ageing database.
- **Dr Jitendra Singh** – Unveiled ‘Bharat Gen,’ India’s first indigenous multimodal LLM (AI language model).
- **IIT Madras Students** – Built ‘Aagneya’ solar car for global competition.

Space & Environment

- **India’s Coastline Revised** – 11,098.81 km (from 7,561.6 km).
- **World’s 1st Soil Security Law** – Adopted at IUCN Congress (Abu Dhabi 2025).
- **Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve (HP)** – Added to UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves (India’s 13th).
- **India’s Snow Leopard Population 2025**: 709 (68 % in Ladakh).
- **Leopard Population 2025**: 13,874; highest = MP (3,907).
- **India’s Non-Fossil Fuel Power Capacity** – Crossed 250 GW (toward 500 GW by 2030).
- **India’s First Drone-Based Artificial Rain Experiment** – Rajasthan (2025).
- **India’s 1st Botanical Garden of Ladakh** – Opened at Shayok Village.
- **Tral Wildlife Sanctuary ESZ (J&K)** – Declared ecologically sensitive.

Infrastructure & Transport

- **103 Redeveloped Railway Stations Inaugurated** – Under *Amrit Bharat Station Scheme 2025*.
- **Chenab Rail Bridge** – World’s highest (359 m) completed; connects Reasi – Baramulla line.
- **Western Railway** – Commissioned India’s first 2×25 kV traction system under Mission Raftaar.
- **New Delhi & Kolkata Metro Projects** – Achieved 90 % energy from renewables.

Tourism & Culture

- **Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum & Memorial Stupa (Vaishali, Bihar)** – ₹ 550 crore project; 42 000 sandstone blocks.
- **1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival “Sapta Sur” (New Delhi)** – Theme “Seven Nations, One Melody.”
- **Remona Evette Pereira (India)** – World Record 170 hr Bharatanatyam Performance (2025).

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- **Sun Temple (Modhera, Gujarat)** – Received UNESCO Heritage Award for Conservation.
- **Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (Assam)** – Showcased as global model at IUCN Congress 2025.
- **Keralan Heritage Sites** – Recognised for digital museum integration (2025).

Economy, Finance & Business (Miscellaneous)

- **Public Sector Banks FY 25 Profit:** ₹ 1.78 lakh crore (+26 % YoY).
- **S&P Upgrade:** India rated BBB (Stable) – first in 18 years.
- **Forex Reserves (Sept 2025):** USD 700 bn (record).
- **India's Gold Reserves:** USD 100 bn (880 t).
- **FDI FY 25:** USD 81.04 bn (+14 % YoY).
- **IMF India Growth Forecast FY 26:** 6.6 %.

Law, Governance & Judiciary

- **Income Tax Act 2025** – To replace 1961 Act from Apr 1 2026; simplified 536 sections; new “Tax Year” concept.
- **Indian Ports Bill 2025** – To replace 1908 Act – modernising port governance.
- **SIT on Illegal Elephant Transfers** – Chaired by Justice J. Chelameswar (Retd.).
- **Supreme Court Judges Appointed:** Vipul Pancholi & Alok Aradhe – Full Bench (34 judges).

International Affairs (Extra Miscellaneous)

- **India – France Naval Exercise Shakti 2025** – Held La Cavalerie, France.
- **India – Greece Exercise PASSEX** – Conducted at Mumbai 2025.
- **India – Mongolia Exercise “Nomadic Elephant XVII.”**
- **India – Singapore Exercise “Bold Kurukshetra 2025.”**
- **Operation Sindoor** – India's counter-terror response in PoJK.
- **Nepal exported 40 MW power to Bangladesh via India** – first trilateral power deal.
- **Suriname** – 1st Amazon nation certified malaria-free (WHO 2025).

Social & Awards

- **Bhavina Patel** – Became World No. 1 Para TT player.
- **Fauja Singh (114 yrs)** – World's oldest marathon runner; passed away 2025.
- **Educate Girls (NGO)** – Won Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025.
- **Bibi Fatima SHG** – Won UNDP Equator Initiative Award 2025.

Prime Minister's "Mann Ki Baat" Highlights (2025)

- **127th Edition (Oct 2025)** – PM Modi praised *Operation Sindoor* and India's armed forces; urged citizens to adopt "Vocal for Local" during festival season; highlighted *Chhath Puja* as symbol of unity.
- **125th Edition (June 2025)** – Focused on environment, *Mission LiFE* (Lifestyle for Environment), and farmers using digital tools.
- **122nd Edition (Feb 2025)** – Spoke on *NaMo Drone Didi* programme and *PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli* scheme for rooftop solar.