

## NBCC Important Current Affairs from May 2025 to October 2025

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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 (26<sup>th</sup> 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 + 24×7 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 (NPCILLM).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 (≥₹ 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 (57<sup>th</sup> 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 ≈ 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 ≤ ₹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× 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.

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### 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  $\leq 10\%$ , stake to reduce to 15% in 2 years.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://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.

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### 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 × 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 lcr+; 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 l crore; 56 % women / 67 % rural.
  - Accident cover ₹2 lakh; OD ₹10 000.
- **PM-Mudra, PMJDY, PM-VBRY, PM-SVANidhi, PM-MITRA, PM-E-DRIVE**
  - Flagship schemes under “Viksit Bharat 2047” roadmap (MoF 2025).

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### 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 FY 2028; craftsmen benefiting via training + loans.

### State-Specific & Thematic Schemes

- **Kerala – Digi Kerala Initiative**
  - Achieved 99.98 % digital literacy coverage (2025).
- **Andhra Pradesh – Taliki Vandanam 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.

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### 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 IPM-JAY + ₹5 I 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).

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### 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.

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### 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 WNBRE.
  - 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).

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### 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 Prajmitra 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*: Kitagawa, 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*.
- **Bhuvan 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.
- **Njattiyela 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).

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### ⚽ 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).

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### 🏸 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)**.

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### 🏹 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” – 14<sup>th</sup> 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).
  - *AUSTRALIND 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.

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- **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 Trikanth).
- **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.

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### 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.
- **Talliki Vandanam 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 Jiban Anuprerana 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).



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### 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.



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### 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 Sarvajanic 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).**

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### 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.”

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### *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

### 📌 **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.**

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### 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).

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### 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.

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### 📌 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).

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### 📌 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).

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### 📌 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.

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### 📌 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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).



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

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Organisation	Headquarters	Current Head (2025)	Notes / Indian Role
<b>International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)</b>	Montreal, Canada	Juan Carlos Salazar (SG)	India re-elected to Council (2025–28).
<b>International Solar Alliance (ISA)</b>	Gurugram, India	Ajay Mathur (DG)	8th ISA Assembly 2025 – “One World, One Sun, One Grid.”
<b>World Economic Forum (WEF)</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	Klaus Schwab (Founder, Chairman)	—
<b>BRICS</b>	Rotating – 2025 Chair Russia (Kazan)	Sergey Lavrov (Chair 2025)	Egypt, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia joined.
<b>ASEAN</b>	Jakarta, Indonesia	Dr Kao Kim Hourn (SG)	Timor-Leste became 11th member (2025).
<b>APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation)</b>	Singapore (Secretariat)	Rebecca Sta Maria (Exec Director)	2025 Summit – Korea.
<b>SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation)</b>	Beijing, China / Tashkent (Uzbekistan Secretariat)	Zhang Ming (SG)	25th SCO Summit Tianjin (2025).
<b>OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation &amp; Development)</b>	Paris, France	Mathias Cormann (SG)	India GDP FY26 6.7 %.
<b>OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)</b>	Vienna, Austria	Haitham Al Ghais	—
<b>International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)</b>	Vienna, Austria	Rafael Mariano Grossi	—
<b>International Court of Justice (ICJ)</b>	The Hague, Netherlands	Nawaf Salam (President)	—
<b>World Trade Organisation (WTO)</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala	—
<b>World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)</b>	Madrid, Spain	Zurab Pololikashvili	—
<b>World Food Programme (WFP)</b>	Rome, Italy	Cindy McCain	—
<b>International Labour Organisation (ILO)</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	Gilbert F. Houngbo	—
<b>World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	Celeste Saulo (SG)	—
<b>International Union</b>	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	Kirsty Coventry (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	Sanjay Malhotra, Governor	Central bank; 26th Governor.
Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI)	Hyderabad	Ajay Seth, Chairperson	Insurance sector regulator.
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)	Mumbai	Madhabi Puri Buch, Chairperson	Capital market regulator.
Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA)	New Delhi	Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairperson	Manages NPS & APY.
National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)	Mumbai	Shaji K.V., Chairman	Apex rural finance bank.
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	Lucknow	Sivasubramanian Raman (until 2025); Successor awaiting notif.	MSME financing.
Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)	Mumbai	R. Doraiswamy, MD & CEO	Public life insurer.
National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	Mumbai	Dilip Asbe, MD & CEO	UPI, RuPay, IMPS umbrella.
Employees' Provident Fund Organisation	New Delhi	Neelam Shami Rao, Central PF Commissioner	Provident fund management.

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



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

## NBCC Important Current Affairs from May 2025 to October 2025

- **August 23 – National Space Day**  
*Theme:* “Aryabhata 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.**

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### 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.”

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### 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.

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### 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.”

## NBCC Important Current Affairs from May 2025 to October 2025

### April 2025

- **World Health Day – April 7**  
*Theme: “My Health, My Right.”*
  - **Earth Day – April 22**  
*Theme: “Planet vs. Plastics.”*
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### 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.”*
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### February 2025

- **World Wetlands Day – February 2**  
*Theme: “Wetlands and Human Well-being.”*
  - **National Science Day – February 28**  
*Theme: “Science for Sustainable Future.”*
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### 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.”*
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### 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.
- **16<sup>th</sup> 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*.

## NBCC Important Current Affairs from May 2025 to October 2025

### 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 13<sup>th</sup>).
- **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.
- **1<sup>st</sup> BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival “Sapta Sur” (New Delhi)** – Theme “Seven Nations, One Melody.”
- **Remona Evette Pereira (India)** – World Record 170 hr Bharatanatyam Performance (2025).

## NBCC Important Current Affairs from May 2025 to October 2025

- **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).

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### 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 %.

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### 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).

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### 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Amazon nation certified malaria-free (WHO 2025).

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### 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)**

- **127<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **125<sup>th</sup> Edition (June 2025)** – Focused on environment, *Mission LiFE* (Lifestyle for Environment), and farmers using digital tools.
- **122<sup>nd</sup> Edition (Feb 2025)** – Spoke on *NaMo Drone Didi* programme and *PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli* scheme for rooftop solar.