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పైన పేర్కొన్న విజయాలు సాధించడంలో మా విద్యార్థుల కృషి, నంద్యాలలో ఉన్న వసతిగృహాల యజమానుల సహకారం మరియు స్థానిక ప్రజలు మా వెంటనే నడిచి మా విజయాలలో భాగస్వాములైనందుకు మా హృదయపూర్వక ధన్యవాదములు.

ఈ విజయాలు సాధించడానికి మేము చాలా పెను సవాళ్ళనే ఎదుర్కొన్నాము. అందులో కొన్నింటిని మీరు గమనించగలరని మా మనవి.

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- 3) కొన్ని కోచింగ్ సెంటర్స్ యజమానులు వారి విద్యార్థులు తప్ప NBCC విద్యార్థులు వసతి గృహాలలో ఉండరాదని, వసతి గృహాల యజమానులకు హాకుం జారీ చేసారు. (దీనిని అమలుపరుచుటకు వారి సెక్యూరిటీ సిబ్బందిని వినియోగించి ప్రతీ వసతి గృహాన్ని చెక్ చేసేవారు)
- 4) హెల్త్ బెంచెస్ పేరిట రహదారుల కూడలి వద్ద వారి మనుషులను మొహరించి విద్యార్థులను తప్పుదారి పట్టిస్తూ వారి కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ కే తీసుకెళ్లే ప్రయత్నం చేస్తున్నారు. ఈ దుష్ట కార్యాన్ని అమలు పరుచుటకు ఉదయం 5 గంటల నుండి రాత్రి 10 గంటల వరకు ప్రత్యేక సిబ్బంది పనిచేస్తున్నారు.
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- 6) కొన్ని కోచింగ్ సెంటర్స్ వారు తమ యొక్క కోచింగ్ సెంటర్స్ పోలీస్ పేరును (సిమిలర్ నేమ్స్) మా నంద్యాల బ్యాంకింగ్ కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ కు పెట్టారు అని విష ప్రచారాన్ని కొనసాగిస్తున్నారు. కానీ ఒక్క అక్షరం కూడా మా నంద్యాల బ్యాంకింగ్ కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ కు మరి ఏ ఇతర కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ పేర్లతో కలవలేదు. నంద్యాల బ్యాంకింగ్ కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ లో "గ" అక్షరం, "గు" అక్షరం, "ర" అక్షరం, "రు" అక్షరం, "రా" అక్షరం, "ఘ" అక్షరం, "వే" అక్షరం, "ద్ర" అక్షరం, "త" అక్షరం తదితర అక్షరాలు ఏవీ లేవు.

ఇలాంటి ఎన్నో సవాళ్ళను మేము ఎదుర్కొని నిలబడ్డాము. కావున విద్యార్థులందరూ విజయాన్ని సాధించాలంటే గెలవాలనే తపన, వెనుకంజవేయని మనస్తత్వం, దుష్టశక్తులతో పోరాడేతత్వం, కష్టపడే మనస్తత్వం మరియు నైతిక విలువలు పొందించే మనస్తత్వం ఉంటే చాలా విజయం మీ స్వంతం అవుతుంది.

విద్యార్థులకు ముఖ్య గమనిక :- ప్రతి 15 రోజుల కరెంట్ అఫైర్స్ (థియరీ, యం.సి.క్యూ), కంప్యూటర్ నాలెజ్ మెటీరియల్, డిస్ క్రిప్టివ్ ఇంగ్లీష్ (లెటర్ రైటింగ్, ఎస్సీ రైటింగ్), ఇంగ్లీష్ ఒకాబులరీ, బ్యాంకింగ్ అవేరేజెస్ (స్టాటిక్) మరియు మిగతా మెటీరియల్స్ కొరకు క్రింద తెలిపిన వెబ్ సైట్ ను సందర్శించగలరు.

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1. G V Satish (NBCC Director) Sir's Top Picks

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed to providing up to \$4.5 billion in sovereign lending to India each year.
Asian Development Bank (ADB) Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines
ADB President: Masato Kanda
2. Sat Pal Bhanoo, currently the seniormost Managing Director at LIC, has been given additional charge as Acting MD and CEO.
Effective from June 8, 2025, his tenure will be for 3 months or until a regular appointment is made.
He replaces Siddhartha Mohanty, who served as CEO until now.
3. Sivasubramanian Ramann took charge as the Chairperson of PFRDA, succeeding Deepak Mohanty.
4. Arun Srinivas to take charge as MD & Head of Meta India from July 1, 2025
Succeeds Sandhya Devanathan, who now leads India & SE Asia.
Meta HQ: California | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded: 2004
5. Aliawati Longkumer appointed as India's next ambassador to Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea).
6. Parag Jain Appointed as New Chief of R&AW
Tenure: 2 years, succeeding Ravi Sinha.
7. Zou Jiayi (China) Appointed as Next President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
HQ: Beijing, China | Established: 2016 | Members: 110
8. Renowned economist S Mahendra Dev has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
9. Amitabh Kant, former CEO of NITI Aayog, has resigned as India's G20 Sherpa.
10. Bhupender Yadav endorsed as President of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) at its 1st Assembly; S.P. Yadav as Director General.
11. Blaise Metreweli becomes the 18th Chief of the UK's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) and the first woman to lead MI6.
12. PM Narendra Modi Awarded Cyprus' Highest Civilian Honour
PM Narendra Modi was awarded Cyprus' highest civilian honour, the "Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III", by Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides.
Cyprus: Capital – Nicosia | President – Nikos Christodoulides
13. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), a 100% Government of India entity, received the prestigious "Digital Payments Award 2024-25" from the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.
 - o IPPB Headquarters: New Delhi
 - o MD & CEO: R. Viswesvaran
 - o Chairman: Vandita Kaul
 - o Established: 1st September, 2018
14. Eminent classical dancer Dr. Sonal Mansingh received the Srimanta Sankardeva Award 2023, presented by the Government of Assam.
15. Opal Suchata Chuangsri from Thailand was crowned Miss World 2025 at the HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad.
 - She is the first Thai woman to win the Miss World title.



16. RBI reduces Priority Sector Lending (PSL) targets for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) and Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) to 60%, effective April 1, 2025.

PSL target for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) also brought down to 60%.

17. Revised PSL Targets and Enhanced Loan Limits:

- Education loans: **Up to ₹25 lakh per individual** (including vocational and skill-based courses)
- Social Infrastructure: **Loans up to ₹8 crore** for setting up schools, sanitation, and drinking water facilities
- Housing Loans:
 - ₹50 lakh – Cities with population ≥ 50 lakh
 - ₹45 lakh – Cities with population 10–50 lakh
 - ₹35 lakh – Cities with population < 10 lakh
- Renewable Energy:
 - Up to ₹35 crore for public utilities (e.g., solar lighting)
 - ₹10 lakh per individual household borrower
- Urban Cooperative Banks:
 - **Total PSL Target: 60% of ANBC/CEOBSE (earlier 40%)**
 - Micro Enterprises: Minimum 7.5% of ANBC
 - Weaker Sections: Minimum 12% of ANBC

18. RBI reduced Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio for gold loans (effective April 1, 2026):

- Loans up to ₹2.5 lakh – LTV capped at 85%
- Loans from ₹2.5 lakh to ₹5 lakh – LTV capped at 80%
- Loans above ₹5 lakh – LTV capped at 75%

19. RBI annual report:

- **Bank frauds tripled to ₹36,014 crore in FY25** (from ₹12,230 crore in FY24)
- **Public Sector Banks: ₹25,667 crore frauds** (from ₹9,254 crore FY24)

20. Vishweshwar Cooperative Bank Ltd, Pune, granted Scheduled Bank status by RBI.

- 50th cooperative bank in India to get this status
- 3rd from Pune under Second Schedule of RBI Act, 1934

21. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) raised the auto-settlement limit for advance claims to ₹5 lakh (from ₹1 lakh).

22. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance unveiled a first-of-its-kind "State-wise Health Insurance Policy".

23. IRDAI fines Edelweiss Life Insurance ₹1 crore for corporate governance violations.

24. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) honored with the 'Special Mention Award' at the Digital Payments Award 2024–25.

25. India received cumulative FDI of \$729 Billion (₹1,072 lakh crore) from 2000 to March 2025 (Bank of Baroda report).

26. Maharashtra and Karnataka accounted for 51% of India's FDI in FY 2024–25.

- Maharashtra: \$19.6 billion (31% of total inflow)
- Karnataka: \$6.62 billion
- Total FDI: \$81.04 billion (14% increase from previous fiscal)

27. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) to revise base year for GDP and indices:

- GDP & IIP: New base year 2022–23
- CPI: New base year 2024
- Current base year is 2012 (revised in 2015); eighth base year revision since 1949

28. Controller General of Accounts (CGA): Central government met revised fiscal deficit target of 4.8% of GDP for FY2024–25.

29. S&P Global Ratings Singapore approved to operate in GIFT City, Gujarat (by IFSCA): First foreign credit rating agency at GIFT City.



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30. Centre cuts customs duty on crude edible oils to 10% (from 20%).

31. India's coffee exports surged 125% in 11 years to \$1.8 billion (2023–24);

- o Europe is top destination
- o India is 7th largest producer (3.5% global share), 5th in exports (5% global share)

32. RBI Policy Rates (as of current period):

- o Repo Rate: 5.50%
- o Standing Deposit Facility Rate: 5.25%
- o Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 5.75%
- o Bank Rate: 5.75%
- o Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%
- o CRR: 4.00%
- o SLR: 18.00%

33. Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) becomes Mini Ratna Category-I CPSE and the first NBFC in India's maritime sector (registered with RBI as of June 19, 2025).

- o Mini Ratna-I eligibility: 3 years profit, at least ₹30 crore pre-tax profit in any one of three years, positive net worth

34. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired performance review of 12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) for FY 2024–25.

- o Total Business grew from ₹203 lakh crore (FY22–23) to ₹251 lakh crore (FY24–25)
- o Net NPAs declined from 1.24% to 0.52%
- o Net Profit increased from ₹1.04 lakh crore to ₹1.78 lakh crore
- o Dividend Payouts rose from ₹20,964 crore to ₹34,990 crore
- o CRAR at 16.15% (as of March 2025)

35. Indian Coast Guard Vessel "Achal" Launched

- "Achal" was launched on June 16, 2025.

Built by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard.

36. Indian Army Participation in Multinational 'Khaan Quest' Exercise, Mongolia

- Indian Army is participating in "Khaan Quest 2025", a multinational peacekeeping exercise in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from June 14 to 28, 2025.

37. Indo-French Joint Military Exercise "Shakti" (8th Edition)

- The 8th edition of the Indo-French Joint Military Exercise "Shakti" will be held from 18th June to 1st July 2025 at Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie, France.
- Other India-France military exercises:
 - o Varuna (Navy)
 - o Garuda (Air Force)
 - o Desert Knight (India, France, UAE)

38. "Tiger Claw" is the first joint exercise between Indian Air Force Garud Commandos and US Air Force Special

39. INS Arnala has been commissioned into the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam.

40. INS Tamal will be commissioned on July 1, 2025, at Kaliningrad, Russia.

- It is the last Indian Navy warship built outside India, and the 8th in the Krivak class from Russia.
- Built at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia.
- Indian Navy Headquarters: Delhi
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
- Vice Chief: Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan



41. "Adamyra" is the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) of an 8-vessel series built by Goa Shipyard.
42. UNGA Declarations
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared 2026 as the "International Year of the Woman Farmer."
 - The UNGA has also declared December 4 as the "International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures."
 - UNGA Headquarters: New York
 - UNGA President: Annalena Baerbock
 - UNGA Members: 193
43. Israel launched 'Operation Rising Lion' on 13th June 2025, targeting Iran's nuclear and military infrastructure.
44. US and Israel jointly launched "Operation Midnight Hammer" targeting Iranian nuclear sites at Natanz, Isfahan, and Fordow.
45. Pakistan elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for 2025-26.
- India's UNSC Membership History: 1950-51, 1967-68, 1972-73, 1977-78, 1984-85, 1991-92, 2011-12, 2021-22.
 - UNSC Facts:
 - 15 members: 10 non-permanent, 5 permanent (China, France, Russia, UK, US)
 - UNSC Headquarters: New York, USA
 - UNSC Presidency: June 2025 – Guyana; May 2025 – Greece; July 2025 – Pakistan
46. Vietnam Becomes 10th BRICS Partner Country
- Vietnam officially joined BRICS as a partner country, becoming the 10th country in this category.
 - Other BRICS Partner Countries: Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan.
 - BRICS Original Members: Brazil, Russia, India, China (South Africa joined later).
 - BRICS New Development Bank (NDB): Headquartered in Shanghai, China, supports infrastructure and sustainable development in emerging economies.
47. Botswana becomes the first country in Africa and globally among high-burden HIV nations to achieve WHO 'Gold Tier' status for elimination of vertical (mother-to-child) HIV transmission (awarded May 2025).
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
 - WHO Director-General: Tedros Adhanom
48. Oman will levy a 5% personal income tax from 2028, the first among Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations.
- Oman Capital: Muscat
 - Currency: Rial
 - Sultan: Haitham bin Tariq Al Said
49. NATO members agreed to increase defence spending target to 5% of GDP at the 2025 NATO Summit (The Hague, Netherlands, June 24-25, 2025).
- 2026 NATO Summit will be hosted by Türkiye.
 - Sweden became NATO's 32nd member on March 7, 2024.
 - NATO Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
 - NATO Secretary-General: Mark Rutte
 - Founded: 1949
50. The first Assembly of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was hosted in New Delhi, India.
- Shri S.P. Yadav was appointed as Director General of IBCA.
 - IBCA is a coalition of 95 range countries.
 - The alliance focuses on the conservation of seven big cats: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.



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51. Sachin Tendulkar – Brand Ambassador of Redditi
52. Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary: Uttar Pradesh
53. Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary: Kerala
54. Air India Flight Crash in Ahmedabad: First Boeing 787 Dreamliner Accident (June 12, 2025)
 - First-ever accident worldwide involving a Boeing 787 Dreamliner since its commercial debut in 2011.
 - Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani died in the crash.
 - A high-level committee led by Union Secretary Govind Mohan has been set up to probe the crash.
 - Air India Headquarters: New Delhi | MD & CEO: Campbell Wilson
55. India launched “Operation Sindhu”
 - Purpose: Evacuate citizens from Iran amid escalating Israel-US-Iran tensions.
56. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer.
57. December 4 has been declared as “International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures”.
58. Khichan in Phalodi and Menar in Udaipur have been designated as Ramsar Sites, taking India's total to 91—the highest in Asia.
59. Tripura has achieved a literacy rate of 95.6%, becoming the third fully-literate state in India, after Mizoram and Goa.
 - UNESCO criteria: States with over 95% literacy rate are fully literate.
 - India aims to be a fully literate nation by 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals).
60. Ministry of Education sets up panel to reduce students' dependency on coaching centres and assess competitive exams.
 - Panel Head: Vineet Joshi (Higher Education Secretary).
61. Bihar State Election Commission: Rolling out an e-voting system using an Android-based mobile app, making Bihar the first state in India to implement such a system.
62. Uttar Pradesh Government approved the establishment of two new Rhino Rehabilitation Areas (RRAs) (RRA-3 & RRA-4) in Dudhwa National Park, Lakhimpur.
63. Cabinet Approves International Potato Center's South Asia Regional Center (CSARC) in Agra:
 - Global Ranks: Potato – 3rd most available food crop; Sweet potato – 6th.
 - India's Rank: 2nd largest potato producer after China; top producers – UP, WB, Bihar.
64. Bengaluru officially declared the ‘Leopard Capital’ of India.
65. Arunachal Pradesh declares 2025–2035 as ‘Decade of Hydropower’ to tap the state's potential to generate 58,000 MW of electricity.
66. Madhya Pradesh becomes the first state to bring all ULBs (Urban Local Bodies) under one digital platform via E-Nagarpalika 2.0.
67. Odisha government removed HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank from its list of empanelled banks for state business and deposits due to persisting poor performance in flagship government schemes over the past two financial years.
68. Puducherry becomes the 19th legislature to adopt NeVA (National e-Vidhan Application) for paperless governance.
69. Renowned mango cultivator Kalimullah Khan ('Mango Man of India') has developed a new mango variety named ‘Rajnath Aam’, dedicated to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
 - He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2008.
70. India's First AI-Powered Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) launched on Dwarka Expressway, Delhi.
71. India's tea exports up 9.92% in 2024
 - Tea Board HQ: Kolkata | Chairman: Amardeep Singh Bhatia
72. IIT Madras students build ‘Aagneya’ solar car for global competition.
73. K Ramachandran appointed as Non-Executive Part-Time Chairman of TMB (Tamilnad Mercantile Bank).
74. The Government of Telangana unveiled SITHA – India's first women-exclusive gig economy platform.



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75. On the 11th International Yoga Day, Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the state's first "Yoga Policy" from Bhararisain (summer capital).

76. The Government of India observes 29th June as Statistics Day every year in honour of Professor (Late) Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, renowned for his work in statistics and economic planning.

77. India's population has reached 146.39 crore as of April 2025.

- o Total Fertility Rate (TFR) dropped to 1.9, below the replacement level of 2.1.

78. India ranks 2nd worldwide (after China) in social protection coverage.

- o Over 94 crore individuals in India receive at least one social security benefit as of 2025.

79. Jahnvi Dangeti (23 years old, from Palakollu, Andhra Pradesh) has been selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) for the Titan Space Industries (TSI, USA) space mission.

80. Balaga Ganesh becomes the first para-swimmer from Andhra Pradesh to conquer both the English Channel and the Palk Strait.

81. Maruti Chitampalli, noted environmentalist, wildlife expert, and nature writer, passed away at the age of 93 in Solapur, Maharashtra.

- Awarded the Padma Shri on 30 April 2025 for his contributions to environmental literature and conservation.

82. India Falls to 131st in Global Gender Gap Index 2025

83. India ranks 174th out of 181 countries for women political leaders (2025)

84. Global Liveability Index 2025

- Copenhagen Tops, Damascus Bottom

- o Released by: Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU); evaluates 173 cities

- o Global average livability score: 76.1/100 (unchanged from last year)

- o Top 5 Cities:

1. Copenhagen (Denmark) – perfect scores in stability, education, infrastructure (score: 98.0; overtook Vienna which was #1 for three years)

2. Vienna (Austria)

3. Zurich (Switzerland)

4. Melbourne (Australia)

5. Geneva (Switzerland)

- o No Indian city made it to the top 10

- o Lowest ranked: Damascus, Syria (173rd, score: 30.7)

85. 2025–2026 Best Global Universities Rankings

- o Released by: US News & World Report

- o Countries with most universities:

- China (397), US (280), India (118), Japan (104), UK (93)

- o Top 5 Universities:

1. Harvard

2. MIT

3. Stanford (all US)

4. Oxford

5. Cambridge (both UK)

Top 10: 7 from US

Ranking criteria: Research output, global/regional reputation, subject-specific metric

QS World University Rankings 2026

IIT Delhi achieves highest ever Indian rank (123rd Globally)

Top 5 Indian: IIT Delhi (123), IIT Bombay (129), IIT Madras (180), IIT Kharagpur (215), IISc Bangalore (219)

86. Qatar Airways Named 'World's Best Airline 2025' by Skytrax (9th time)

87. India ranked 15th among world's top FDI destinations in 2024 (up from 16th in 2023)



88. Chandigarh Tops School Education Index; Meghalaya Lowest

89. India ranked 71st out of 118 countries in the Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2025 by World Economic Forum (WEF)

o Sweden topped the list (score: 77.5), followed by Finland, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland

90. India has secured the 10th position in the Climate Change Performance Index 2025 (CCPI 2025)

91. India ranked 115th out of 163 countries in GPI (Global Peace Index) 2025

o Score: 2.229 (0.58% improvement from previous year)

o Iceland: Most peaceful

o Afghanistan: Least peaceful

92. Tata Group (brand value up 10% to \$31.6 billion) is India's most valuable brand and the first to cross \$30 billion

o Infosys: 2nd; up 15% to \$16.3 billion

o HDFC Group: 3rd; up 37% to \$14.2 billion

93. PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan)

• Launched on 15 November 2023 (Tribal Pride Day).

• Duration of the scheme: 2023–24 to 2025–26.

• Total Budget Outlay: ₹24,104 crore.

• Focus: Holistic development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) by ensuring access to housing, education, healthcare, drinking water, road connectivity, livelihood, and digital inclusion.

94. Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR), located in Idukki district, Kerala, has gained attention due to new discoveries of herpetofauna (amphibians and reptiles)

95. Bharat Biotech and GSK will supply the world's first malaria vaccine "RTS,S".

• The supply will be made to Gavi for the period 2026–2030.

96. South Africa won the 3rd ICC World Test Championship by beating Australia by 5 wickets at Lord's, London.

97. David Beckham awarded "Knighthood" by King Charles III, now titled 'Sir David Beckham' for his services to sport and philanthropy

98. Hillang Yajik (Arunachal Pradesh) won 1 gold and 1 silver at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025 in Thimphu, Bhutan.

99. George Russell (Mercedes) won the 63rd Canadian Grand Prix 2025

100. Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025 – Jaipur, Rajasthan

Jointly hosted by Poornima University and Rajasthan University, Jaipur, in November 2025

101. French Open 2025 – Tennis Champions

• Carlos Alcaraz defended his men's singles title, defeating World No.1 Jannik Sinner in a 5-hour 29-minute final; Alcaraz now holds five Grand Slam titles.

• Coco Gauff won her first French Open women's singles title, beating Aryna Sabalenka in the final.



2. Amounts & Agreements

1. Asian Development Bank (ADB) \$109.97 Million (₹927 Crore) Loan for Gujarat Skills Development Programme

- ADB has provided a loan of \$109.97 million (₹927 crore) for the Gujarat Skills Development Programme.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines
- ADB President: Masato Kanda

2. Asian Development Bank (ADB) Lending Commitment to India

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed to providing up to \$4.5 billion in sovereign lending to India each year.
- ADB will also provide an additional \$1 billion in private sector financing to India annually.

3. Government of India Approves ₹417-Crore Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC 2.0) in Uttar Pradesh

- The Government of India has approved the establishment of a ₹417-crore Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC 2.0).
- The cluster will be located in Sector 10 of Gautam Budh Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh.

3. Appointments & Resignations

Banking and Financial Sector Appointments & Extensions

- Prashant Kumar Gets 6-Month Extension as YES Bank CEO
- Sat Pal Bhanoo, currently the seniormost Managing Director at LIC, has been given additional charge as Acting MD and CEO
 - Effective from June 8, 2025, his tenure will be for 3 months or until a regular appointment is made.
 - He replaces Siddhartha Mohanty, who served as CEO until now.
- Sivasubramanian Ramann took charge as the Chairperson of PFRDA, succeeding Deepak Mohanty.
- RBI has approved the extension of Sandeep Batra's term as Executive Director (ED) of ICICI Bank.
 - Tenure: December 23, 2025 – December 22, 2027.
- K. Prathapa Reddy Appointed Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank

Corporate Leadership and Key Business Appointments

- Sumit Madan Appointed as MD & CEO, Axis Max Life Insurance
- Sun Pharmaceutical Industries:
 - Kirti Ganorkar appointed as MD (from Sep 1, 2025, for 5 years)
 - Dilip Shanghvi moves to Executive Chairman
- Bata Group Appoints Panos Mytaros as New Global CEO
 - Succeeds Sandeep Kataria (will assist transition for 6 months)



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- Arun Srinivas to take charge as MD & Head of Meta India from July 1, 2025
- Succeeds Sandhya Devanathan, who now leads India & SE Asia.
- Meta HQ: California | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded: 2004

International & Diplomatic Appointments

- **Mongolia:** Zandanshatar Gombojav appointed as Prime Minister
- Aliawati Longkumer appointed as India's next ambassador to Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea).
- Parag Jain Appointed as New Chief of R&AW
 - Tenure: 2 years, succeeding Ravi Sinha.
- Zou Jiayi (China) Appointed as Next President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
 - HQ: Beijing, China | Established: 2016 | Members: 110
- Sidi Ould Tah, former Finance Minister of Mauritania, has been elected as the new President of the African Development Bank (AfDB).
 - He will take over from Akinwumi Adesina in September 2025

Government & Regulatory Appointments and Updates

- Anuradha Thakur (Economic Affairs Secretary-designate) to join the SEBI Board as a part-time ex-officio member from July 1, 2025, replacing Ajay Seth.
- Renowned economist S Mahendra Dev has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
- Amitabh Kant, former CEO of NITI Aayog, has resigned as India's G20 Sherpa.

International Organisations & Global Leadership

- Bhupender Yadav endorsed as President of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) at its 1st Assembly; S.P. Yadav as Director General.
- Blaise Metreweli becomes the 18th Chief of the UK's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) and the first woman to lead MI6.
- Kirsty Coventry Becomes First Female & African IOC President
 - IOC HQ: Lausanne, Switzerland

4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

1. 648th Birth Anniversary of Sant Kabir Das Celebrated on June 11, 2025

- The 648th birth anniversary of Sant Kabir Das was celebrated on June 11, 2025.
- Sant Kabir Das was a 15th-century mystic poet and saint.
- He was born in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

2. Sahitya Akademi Announces Yuva Puraskar 2025 to 23 Authors and Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025 to 24 Authors

- The Sahitya Akademi has announced the Yuva Puraskar 2025 to 23 authors.
- The Sahitya Akademi has also announced the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025 to 24 authors.



5. Awards, Rewards, Recognition

PM Narendra Modi Awarded Cyprus' Highest Civilian Honour

- PM Narendra Modi was awarded Cyprus' highest civilian honour, the "Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III", by Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides.
- Cyprus: Capital – Nicosia | President – Nikos Christodoulides

Leena Nair Conferred CBE by United Kingdom

- Leena Nair, Global CEO of Chanel, was awarded the CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) by Prince William.

Prof. Kadambot Siddique Wins 2024 Crawford Fund Medal

- Prof. Kadambot Siddique, an India-born global agricultural scientist currently working at the University of Western Australia (UWA), was awarded the Crawford Fund Medal 2024 for his outstanding contribution to international agricultural research.

"Desi Oon" Animation Film Wins Multiple International Awards

- Film: "Desi Oon" by Suresh Eriyathas
- Awards:
 - Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at Annecy International Animation Festival 2025, France (most prestigious stage for animation)
 - Best Film at WAVES Awards of Excellence 2025 (India)
 - Shortlisted at Cannes Lions 2025 (Film Craft Lions)

NitroCapt Wins \$2 Million Food Planet Prize 2025

- Sweden-based NitroCapt won the \$2 million Food Planet Prize 2025, the world's largest environmental award, held in Stockholm.

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) Receives Digital Payments Award 2024-25

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), a 100% Government of India entity, received the prestigious "Digital Payments Award 2024-25" from the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.
 - IPPB Headquarters: New Delhi
 - MD & CEO: R. Viswesvaran
 - Chairman: Vandita Kaul
 - Established: 1st September, 2018

India Wins 'O' Category Award at 2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Tobacco Control Awards

- India won the 'O' Category Award at the 2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Tobacco Control Awards.

Javed Akhtar Receives Dostoevsky Star Award

- Javed Akhtar became the first Indian writer to receive the Dostoevsky Star Award, conferred by the Russian House in Mumbai.
- Javed Akhtar's Past Honours:
 - Padma Shri (1999)
 - Padma Bhushan (2007)
 - Sahitya Akademi Award (2013)



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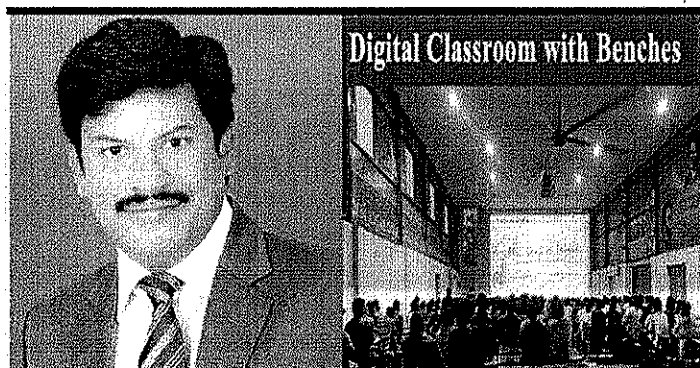
- Richard Dawkins Award (2020)

Dr. Sonal Mansingh Conferred Srimanta Sankardeva Award 2023

- Eminent classical dancer Dr. Sonal Mansingh received the Srimanta Sankardeva Award 2023, presented by the Government of Assam.

Miss World 2025 Title Crowned to Opal Suchata Chuangsri from Thailand

- Opal Suchata Chuangsri from Thailand was crowned Miss World 2025 at the HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad.
- She is the first Thai woman to win the Miss World title.



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6. Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

RBI Policy and Regulatory Updates

- RBI discontinues daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions.
Daily VRR started on January 16, 2025, with a total of ₹43.61 lakh crore injected.
- RBI allows STRIPS trading in State Government Securities (SGS).
STRIPS = Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities.
- RBI re-issues ₹5,000 crore worth of 6.98% Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) maturing in 2054.
Sovereign Green Bonds are issued by the government to fund environment-friendly projects.
- RBI extends market hours for call money from 9 AM to 7 PM (effective July 1, 2025).
Market repo and tri-party repo (TREP) hours set at 9 AM to 4 PM (effective August 1, 2025).
- RBI reduces Priority Sector Lending (PSL) targets for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) and Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) to 60%, effective April 1, 2025.
PSL target for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) also brought down to 60%.



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- **Revised PSL Targets and Enhanced Loan Limits:**
 - Education loans: **Up to ₹25 lakh per individual** (including vocational and skill-based courses)
 - Social Infrastructure: **Loans up to ₹8 crore** for setting up schools, sanitation, and drinking water facilities
 - Housing Loans:
 - ₹50 lakh – Cities with population ≥ 50 lakh
 - ₹45 lakh – Cities with population 10–50 lakh
 - ₹35 lakh – Cities with population < 10 lakh
 - Renewable Energy:
 - Up to ₹35 crore for public utilities (e.g., solar lighting)
 - ₹10 lakh per individual household borrower
 - Urban Cooperative Banks:
 - **Total PSL Target: 60% of ANBC/CEOBSE (earlier 40%)**
 - Micro Enterprises: Minimum 7.5% of ANBC
 - Weaker Sections: Minimum 12% of ANBC
- **RBI revises agency commission for banks handling government business (effective April 1, 2025):**
 - Electronic revenue receipts/payments: **₹12 per transaction** (up from ₹9)
 - Physical mode revenue transactions: **₹40 per transaction** (unchanged)
 - Pension payments: **₹80 per transaction** (up from ₹75)
 - Other government payments: **7 paise per ₹100 turnover** (up from 6.5 paise)
- **RBI reduced Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio for gold loans (effective April 1, 2026):**
 - Loans up to ₹2.5 lakh – LTV capped at 85%
 - Loans from ₹2.5 lakh to ₹5 lakh – LTV capped at 80%
 - Loans above ₹5 lakh – LTV capped at 75%
- **RBI imposes penalties on 353 regulated entities in FY 2024–25, collecting ₹54.78 crore in fines.**
- **RBI balance sheet expanded by 8.2%, reaching ₹76.25 lakh crore in FY 2024–25.**
- **RBI annual report:**
 - Bank frauds tripled to **₹36,014 crore in FY25** (from ₹12,230 crore in FY24)
 - Public Sector Banks: **₹25,667 crore frauds** (from ₹9,254 crore FY24)
- **All-India House Price Index (HPI) by RBI rises by 3.1% in Q4: 2024–25.**
- **Gross NPAs (GNPA) of scheduled commercial banks declined to a multi-decade low of 2.3% (as of March 2025).**
- **RBI announces a 7-day Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction of ₹1 lakh crore on June 27, 2025.**

Banking Sector Updates

- **Unclaimed deposits or inoperative bank accounts (inactive for 10+ years) are to be transferred by banks to the DEA Fund, maintained by RBI.**
- **Pralay Mondal reappointed as MD & CEO of CSB Bank for 3 years from September 15, 2025.**
CSB Bank (Catholic Syrian Bank): HQ – Thrissur, Kerala
- **Vishweshwar Cooperative Bank Ltd, Pune, granted Scheduled Bank status by RBI.**
 - 50th cooperative bank in India to get this status
 - 3rd from Pune under Second Schedule of RBI Act, 1934
- **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) raised the auto-settlement limit for advance claims to ₹5 lakh (from ₹1 lakh).**



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- Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) and SBI Card launched co-branded credit cards with reward points, cashback, fuel surcharge waiver, EMI, and merchant discounts.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank and Edelweiss Life Insurance announce bancassurance partnership.
- AU Small Finance Bank starts strategic collaboration with IFC to adopt a climate risk management framework.

SEBI and Investor Protection Measures

- SEBI to launch verified '@valid' UPI handle for investor safety from October 1, 2025.
 - Structured, validated UPI address system for all registered investor-facing intermediaries
 - UPI handles will have suffix '@valid', issued by NPCI
 - Suffix for brokers: '.brk' (e.g., abc.brk@validXYZ)
- SEBI HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra; Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey; Established: 1992
- SEBI shifts weekly index derivatives expiry:
 - NSE: Tuesday
 - BSE: Thursday
 - Effective from July 1, 2024
- SEBI imposes ₹25 lakh penalty on BSE Ltd for regulatory lapses.

Insurance Sector

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance unveiled a first-of-its-kind "State-wise Health Insurance Policy".
- IRDAI fines Edelweiss Life Insurance ₹1 crore for corporate governance violations.

Digital Payments and Technology

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) honored with the 'Special Mention Award' at the Digital Payments Award 2024-25.
 - IPPB ranked first among all Payment Banks in the Performance Index for FY 2024-25
- PhonePe and HDFC Bank launched a co-branded credit card on the RuPay network (variants: 'Ultimo' and 'UNO').
 - PhonePe HQ: Bangalore | MD & CEO: Sameer Nigam | Founded: 2015
 - HDFC Bank HQ: Mumbai | MD & CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline: "We understand your World"
- PhonePe acquires Gupshup's GSPay technology to support UPI 123PAY transactions on feature phones.
- Flipkart received NBFC licence from RBI, becoming the first major Indian e-commerce firm to do so.
- Swiggy launched a new app "Crew" (beta, select users) for India's premium consumer market.
- Ola's AI company Krutrim launched "Krutri," claimed to be India's first agentic AI assistant, designed to go beyond chatbots.
- MSC Bank (Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank) launched India's 1st Cooperative Cyber Security Centre "Sahakar Suraksha".



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- NPCI's subsidiary NBBL launched 'Aap humein jaante nahi, par maante hain' campaign to promote Bharat Connect Bill Payment Platform.
- Scapia, in partnership with Federal Bank, launched the Scapia Federal Credit Card — India's first credit card to integrate both RuPay and Visa networks along with UPI functionality.

Finance, FDI, and Economy

- India received cumulative FDI of \$729 Billion (₹1,072 lakh crore) from 2000 to March 2025 (Bank of Baroda report).
- Maharashtra and Karnataka accounted for 51% of India's FDI in FY 2024–25.
 - Maharashtra: \$19.6 billion (31% of total inflow)
 - Karnataka: \$6.62 billion
 - Total FDI: \$81.04 billion (14% increase from previous fiscal)
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) to revise base year for GDP and indices:
 - GDP & IIP: New base year 2022–23
 - CPI: New base year 2024
 - Current base year is 2012 (revised in 2015); eighth base year revision since 1949
- Controller General of Accounts (CGA): Central government met revised fiscal deficit target of 4.8% of GDP for FY2024–25.
- S&P Global Ratings Singapore approved to operate in GIFT City, Gujarat (by IFSCA): First foreign credit rating agency at GIFT City.
- DFCC Bank PLC (Sri Lanka) becomes first foreign entity to list green bonds on NSE IX at GIFT IFSC.
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) listed India's 1st ESG bonds on NSE.
- CBDT exempted payments to IFSC units from TDS, effective July 1, 2025.
 - CBDT HQ: New Delhi | Chairman: Ravi Agrawal
- The Income Tax Department granted a 10-year TDS exemption under Section 80LA for 17 payment types in seven business categories operating in IFSC.
- NABARD to lend ₹10,000 crore in FY26 under its Green Lending Facility.
 - Minimum loan amount: ₹100 crore
- Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) surpasses ₹6 lakh crore in FY 2024–25.
- Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) and SBI Card launched co-branded credit cards.
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) to launch FASTag-based annual pass at ₹3,000 (1 year/200 trips max, for private vehicles; effective August 15, 2025, on National Highways).
- Centre cuts customs duty on crude edible oils to 10% (from 20%).

Sustainability, Agriculture, and Environment

- IFFCO to set up first overseas nano-fertiliser plant in Brazil.
Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) HQ: New Delhi | Chairman: Dileep Sanghani
- India's coffee exports surged 125% in 11 years to \$1.8 billion (2023–24);
 - Europe is top destination
 - India is 7th largest producer (3.5% global share), 5th in exports (5% global share)
- Banaras Locomotive Works (Indian Railways unit) exports 2 locomotives to Mozambique.
- World Rainforest Day observed every year on June 22.
Largest rainforests: Amazon (South America), Congo (Africa)



Brand Performance and Business

- **Tata Group** named India's most valuable brand in 2025, with a brand value of \$31.6 billion (first Indian brand to cross \$30 billion).
- **Infosys:** \$16.3 billion
- **HDFC Group:** \$14.2 billion
- **Taj Hotels** retained its title as India's strongest brand (Brand Strength Index: 92.2, AAA+ rating).
- **Asian Paints:** 2nd-strongest brand (BSI 92/100)
- **Amul:** 3rd-strongest brand (BSI 91.2/100)
- **Tata Group:** highest in Sustainability Perceptions Value (SPV) at \$4.3 billion

Other Significant Developments

- **The President of India appointed Shri T. Rabi Sankar, Deputy Governor of RBI, as part-time Member of the 16th Finance Commission.**
 - Constituted December 31, 2023
 - Chairman: Dr. Arvind Panagariya
 - Recommendations due October 31, 2025, for five-year award period from April 1, 2026
- **Composition of Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):**
Six members as per Section 45ZB, RBI Act, 1934
 - Deputy Governor, RBI (Monetary Policy) – Ex-officio
 - One RBI official nominated by Central Board – Ex-officio
 - Dr. Nagesh Kumar (Director, ISID, New Delhi)
 - Shri Saugata Bhattacharya (Economist)
 - Prof. Ram Singh (Director, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi)
- **Policy Rates (as of current period):**
 - Repo Rate: 5.50%
 - Standing Deposit Facility Rate: 5.25%
 - Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 5.75%
 - Bank Rate: 5.75%
 - Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%
 - CRR: 4.00%
 - SLR: 18.00%
- **Indian Overseas Bank signed MoU with AMUL and Richplus to promote organic farming.**
- **Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) becomes Mini Ratna Category-I CPSE and the first NBFC in India's maritime sector (registered with RBI as of June 19, 2025).**
 - Mini Ratna-I eligibility: 3 years profit, at least ₹30 crore pre-tax profit in any one of three years, positive net worth
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY 2025) celebrations from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.**
- **South Indian Bank installed E-Kiosk and E-Kanika digital facilities at Uttara Guruvayurappan Temple, New Delhi.**

Public Sector Bank Review and Statistics

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired performance review of 12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) for FY 2024–25.
 - Total Business grew from ₹203 lakh crore (FY22–23) to ₹251 lakh crore (FY24–25)
 - Net NPAs declined from 1.24% to 0.52%
 - Net Profit increased from ₹1.04 lakh crore to ₹1.78 lakh crore
 - Dividend Payouts rose from ₹20,964 crore to ₹34,990 crore
 - CRAR at 16.15% (as of March 2025)

7. Defence Affairs

1. Indian Coast Guard Vessel “Achal” Launched

- “Achal” was launched on June 16, 2025.
- Built by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard.

2. Indian Army Participation in Multinational ‘Khaan Quest’ Exercise, Mongolia

- Indian Army is participating in “Khaan Quest 2025”, a multinational peacekeeping exercise in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from June 14 to 28, 2025.

3. Indo-French Joint Military Exercise “Shakti” (8th Edition)

- The 8th edition of the Indo-French Joint Military Exercise “Shakti” will be held from 18th June to 1st July 2025 at Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie, France.
- Other India-France military exercises:
 - Varuna (Navy)
 - Garuda (Air Force)
 - Desert Knight (India, France, UAE)

4. DRDO’s Development of Kusha Air Defence System

- DRDO is developing three variants of the Kusha air defence system:
 - Kusha M1: Equipped with short-range missile systems for countering aircraft and incoming missiles.
 - Kusha M2: Will feature medium-range surface-to-air missiles (MRSAMs).
 - Kusha M3: Will have a reach of more than 400 km.
- Kusha system will provide multi-layered air defence, launching multiple interceptor missiles covering 100–200 km.

5. India-US Joint Special Forces Exercise “Tiger Claw”



- "Tiger Claw" is the first joint exercise between Indian Air Force Garud Commandos and US Air Force Special Forces.
- Concluded at the Garud Regimental Training Centre.
- Other notable US-India special forces joint exercises:
 - Vajra Prahar: Indian Army Special Forces & US Army
 - Sangam: Indian Navy MARCOs & US Navy SEALs

6. Rudrastra – Indigenously Developed VTOL Drone

- Rudrastra is an indigenously developed VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) drone.
- Tested by the Indian Army for precision strikes.
- Developed by Solar Aerospace and Defence Limited (SDAL).

7. Indian Navy Commissions INS Arnala

- INS Arnala has been commissioned into the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam.

8. INS Tamal – Indian Navy's Latest Stealth Multi-Role Frigate

- INS Tamal will be commissioned on July 1, 2025, at Kaliningrad, Russia.
- It is the last Indian Navy warship built outside India, and the 8th in the Krivak class from Russia.
- Built at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia.
- Indian Navy Headquarters: Delhi
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
- Vice Chief: Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan

9. Next-Generation Hypersonic Cruise Missile "ETLDHCM" Under Project Vishnu

- India is developing a next-generation hypersonic cruise missile under DRDO's Project Vishnu.
- The missile is named ETLDHCM (Extended Trajectory-Long Duration Hypersonic Cruise Missile).

10. Indian Coast Guard Inducts "Adamya" Fast Patrol Vessel

- "Adamya" is the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) of an 8-vessel series built by Goa Shipyard.
- Inducted by the Indian Coast Guard.

11. NATO's Annual Multinational Military Exercise "BALTOPS 25"

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) launched its annual multinational military exercise "BALTOPS 25" in Latvia, a Baltic state bordering Russia.

8. International Affairs

France and Brazil Launch "Blue NDC Challenge" at UN Ocean Conference 2025

- France and Brazil jointly launched the "Blue NDC Challenge" during the UN Ocean Conference 2025.

UNGA Declarations

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared 2026 as the "International Year of the Woman Farmer."
- The UNGA has also declared December 4 as the "International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures."
- UNGA Headquarters: New York
- UNGA President: Annalena Baerbock
- UNGA Members: 193

Nepal Exports Electricity to Bangladesh via India – First Trilateral Power Cooperation in South Asia

- Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) has started exporting 40 MW electricity to Bangladesh through India's power grid.
- This marks the first trilateral power cooperation in South Asia involving Nepal, India, and Bangladesh.

Israel's Military Operations Against Iran

- Israel launched 'Operation Rising Lion' on 13th June 2025, targeting Iran's nuclear and military infrastructure.
- US and Israel jointly launched "Operation Midnight Hammer" targeting Iranian nuclear sites at Natanz, Isfahan, and Fordow.

Pakistan Elected as Non-Permanent UNSC Member (2025-26)

- Pakistan elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for 2025-26.
- India's UNSC Membership History:
1950-51, 1967-68, 1972-73, 1977-78, 1984-85, 1991-92, 2011-12, 2021-22.
- UNSC Facts:
 - 15 members: 10 non-permanent, 5 permanent (China, France, Russia, UK, US)
 - UNSC Headquarters: New York, USA
 - UNSC Presidency: June 2025 – Guyana; May 2025 – Greece; July 2025 – Pakistan

Vietnam Becomes 10th BRICS Partner Country

- Vietnam officially joined BRICS as a partner country, becoming the 10th country in this category.
- Other BRICS Partner Countries:
Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan.
- BRICS Original Members: Brazil, Russia, India, China (South Africa joined later).
- BRICS New Development Bank (NDB):
Headquartered in Shanghai, China, supports infrastructure and sustainable development in emerging economies.



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World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Executive Council Recognizes 20 New Centennial Observing Stations

- The WMO Executive Council has recognized 20 new Centennial Observing Stations.
- WMO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- WMO Secretary-General: Celeste Saulo
- WMO President: Dr. Abdulla Al Mandous

Botswana Achieves WHO 'Gold Tier' Status for Elimination of Vertical HIV Transmission

- Botswana becomes the first country in Africa and globally among high-burden HIV nations to achieve WHO 'Gold Tier' status for elimination of vertical (mother-to-child) HIV transmission (awarded May 2025).
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- WHO Director-General: Tedros Adhanom

Oman to Introduce 5% Personal Income Tax from 2028

- Oman will levy a 5% personal income tax from 2028, the first among Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations.
- Oman Capital: Muscat
- Currency: Rial
- Sultan: Haitham bin Tariq Al Said

NATO Summit 2025 and Key Updates

- NATO members agreed to increase defence spending target to 5% of GDP at the 2025 NATO Summit (The Hague, Netherlands, June 24-25, 2025).
- 2026 NATO Summit will be hosted by Türkiye.
- Sweden became NATO's 32nd member on March 7, 2024.
- NATO Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
- NATO Secretary-General: Mark Rutte
- Founded: 1949

9. Meetings, Conferences, and Summits

1. India Hosts First Assembly of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in New Delhi

- The first Assembly of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was hosted in New Delhi, India.
- Shri S.P. Yadav was appointed as Director General of IBCA.
- IBCA is a coalition of 95 range countries.
- The alliance focuses on the conservation of seven big cats: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.

2. "Yoga Connect 2025" Global Summit Organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

- "Yoga Connect 2025" Global Summit was organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The theme of the summit was "Yoga for One Earth, One Health".

3. Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 Begins in Bonn, Germany

- The Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 commenced in Bonn, Germany.



- The theme for 2025:
"Operationalising the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)"—focusing on measurable, equitable adaptation targets for climate-vulnerable nations.

4. Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture Meet 2025 Organized by the Department of Fisheries, MoFAH&D

- The Department of Fisheries, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAH&D), is organizing the "Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture Meet 2025".
- The event is scheduled for 13th June 2025 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- Focus: Advancing inland fisheries and aquaculture across India.

10. Miscellaneous

1. Days and Observances

June 13

- **11th International Albinism Awareness Day**
Theme: "Demanding Our Rights: Protecting Our Skin, Preserving Our Lives"

June 14

- **World Blood Donor Day**
Theme: "Give Blood, Give Hope: Together We Save Lives"

June 15

- **UN World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**
Theme: "Addressing Abuse of Older Adults in Long Term Care Facilities: Through Data and Action"
- **Global Wind Day**
Theme: "Day of Community Action"
- **ASEAN Dengue Day** (since 2011)
Theme: "Towards Zero Dengue Deaths: Science, Strategy, and Solidarity"

June 16

- **10th International Day of Family Remittances**
Theme: "Remittances Financing Development"

June 17

- **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought**
Theme: "Restore the land. Unlock the opportunities."
- **World Crocodile Day**
Theme: "Connecting Crocodiles and Communities"

June 18

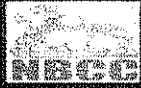
- **Sustainable Gastronomy Day** (since 2017)
- **World Autistic Pride Day** (since 2005)
Theme: "Unapologetically Autistic"
- **International Picnic Day**

June 19

- **International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict**
- **World Sickle Cell Day**
Theme: "Global Action, Local Impact: Empowering Communities for Effective Self-Advocacy"
- **30th National Reading Day**
Commemorates PN Panicker—Father of Library and Literacy Movement, Kerala

June 20

- **World Refugee Day**
Theme: "Solidarity with Refugees"



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June 21

- **11th UN International Day of Yoga**
Theme: "Yoga for One Earth, One Health"
- **World Hydrography Day**
Theme: "Seabed Mapping: Enabling Ocean Action"
- **International Day of the Celebration of Solstice**
- **World Music Day**
Theme: "Healing Through Harmony"

June 23

- **Public Service Day**
Theme: "Five Years to 2030: Accelerating Public Service Delivery for a Sustainable Future"
- **International Widows Day**
- **International Olympic Day**
Theme: "Let's Move?"

June 24

- **3rd International Day of Women in Diplomacy**
Theme: "Eliminating Structural Barriers to Women's Leadership in Diplomacy"
- **13th Passport Seva Divas (since 2013)**

June 25

- **Day of the Seafarer**
Theme: "My Harassment-Free Ship"
- **Samvidhan Hatya Divas (Constitution Murder Day)**
- **World Vitiligo Day**
(Vitiligo is a skin condition with white patches)

June 26

- **World Refrigeration Day**
Theme: "Cool Skills"
- **28th International Day in Support of Victims of Torture**
- **UN International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (World Drug Day)**
Theme: "Break the Cycle. #StopOrganizedCrime"

June 27

- **World MSME Day**
Theme: "Enhancing the Role of MSMEs as Drivers of Sustainable Growth and Innovation"
- **UN's 1st International Day of Deafblindness**
- **June 23–29: Deafblind Awareness Week**
Theme: "Cultivating Leadership: Together, We Grow."

June 28

- **National Insurance Awareness Day**

2. Books and Memoirs

- **"India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent"** by Audrey Truschke
- **"Modi's Niti Shashtra"** by Adish C Aggarwala
- **Memoir: "A Different Kind of Power"** by Jacinda Arden (Former New Zealand PM)
- **"The Diary of a Cricketer's Wife: A Very Unusual Memoir"** by Puja Pujara
- **"Varalaru Koorum Tamil Nattu Kaasugal (Coins that Speak Tamil Nadu History)"** by Thangam Thennarasu
- **"History That India Ignored"** by Prem Prakash
- **"The School of Life" Memoir** by K. Vasuki
- **"The Emergency Diaries – Years that Forged a Leader"** released by Amit Shah (Published by BlueKraft Digital Foundation)
- **"Test Cricket, A History"** by Tim Wigmore (published by Hachette India)



- "Original Sin: President Biden's Decline, Its Cover-Up, and His Disastrous Choice to Run Again" by Jake Tapper & Alex Thompson
- "The One: Cricket, My Life and More" – memoir by Shikhar Dhawan (published by HarperCollins India)
- "A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory" by Jagadish Shukla
- "Celebrating V. V. Kumar @90" compiled by Partab Ramchand
- "The Stars Light the Way" (Debut novel of Singapore-based life coach Sucheta Raj Khanna)

3. Obituaries and Notable Deaths

- **Vijay Rupani**, former Chief Minister of Gujarat (2016-21), passed away in an Air India plane crash
(Second Gujarat CM to die in an air accident after Balwantrai Mehta in 1965)
- **Maruti Chitampalli: Renowned environmentalist passed away**
(Padma Shri 2025, Vinda Karandikar Jeevan Gaurav Puraskar 2017)
- **Frederick W. Smith (US) – Founder & Chairman of FedEx Corp**, passed away
(Founded Federal Express in 1973 with 14 Dassault Falcon jets)
- **Jose Mujica, Former President of Uruguay ("World's Poorest President")**, passed away

4. Brand Ambassadors and Appointments

- **Cristiano Ronaldo** – Global Brand Ambassador, Esports World Cup 2025
- **Sachin Tendulkar** – Brand Ambassador of Reddit
- **Kartik Aaryan** – Brand Ambassador for India of Skechers USA Inc.

5. Corporate, Economic, and Trade Updates

- **Reliance Industries sold 3.5% stake in Asian Paints for ₹7,703 crore**
(Buyer: SBI Mutual Fund)
- **TA Associates exited AU Small Finance Bank (1.26% stake for ₹714 crore; buyer: BNP Paribas)**
- **Trade Conclave 2025 (EXIM Bank) – New Delhi**
Theme: "Building Export-led Growth for Viksit Bharat"

6. Major Initiatives, Events, and Cultural Activities

- **Google: Opened 1st Safety Engineering Centre in Asia-Pacific (4th worldwide) at Hyderabad, Telangana**
- **Pushkar Kumbh Mela – Mana, Chamoli, Uttarakhand**
- **Integrated Aquapark – Kailashahar, Tripura**
- **Sanchari Cauvery initiative: Karnataka**
- **'Vruthi 2025 - The Clean Kerala Conclave': Thiruvananthapuram**
- **Beej Utsav: Celebrated in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat**

7. Sanctuaries and Notable Places

- **Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary: Uttar Pradesh**
- **Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary: Kerala**



11. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

India and South Africa Sign Two Agreements on Submarine Cooperation

- India and South Africa signed two agreements related to submarine cooperation during the 9th Joint Defence Committee (JDC) meeting held in Johannesburg.

12. National & States Affairs

Major Accidents and Investigations

Air India Flight Crash in Ahmedabad: First Boeing 787 Dreamliner Accident (June 12, 2025)

- First-ever accident worldwide involving a Boeing 787 Dreamliner since its commercial debut in 2011.
- Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani died in the crash.
- A high-level committee led by Union Secretary Govind Mohan has been set up to probe the crash.
- Air India Headquarters: New Delhi | MD & CEO: Campbell Wilson

Defence, Security, and Evacuations

India launched "Operation Sindhu"

- Purpose: Evacuate citizens from Iran amid escalating Israel-US-Iran tensions.

International and National Recognitions

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer.
- December 4 has been declared as "International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures".
- India has been elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the 2026–2028 term.
 - Parvathaneni Harish is India's Permanent Representative to the UN, representing India in various UN bodies including ECOSOC.
- Khichan in Phalodi and Menar in Udaipur have been designated as Ramsar Sites, taking India's total to 91—the highest in Asia.

Education and Literacy Initiatives

- Tripura has achieved a literacy rate of 95.6%, becoming the third fully literate state in India, after Mizoram and Goa.
 - UNESCO criteria: States with over 95% literacy rate are fully literate.
 - India aims to be a fully literate nation by 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals).



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- Next Census of India to be conducted in 2027 (as per Union Home Ministry notification).
- CBSE will implement a two-term board exam system for Class 10 starting 2026 academic year.
 - CBSE HQ: New Delhi | Chairman: Rahul Singh
- First-Ever Nationwide "Household Income Survey" by MoSPI in 2026.
 - India's per capita gross national income (2024-25): ₹2.31 lakh, up 8.7% from 2023-24.
 - MoSPI Minister of State (IC): Rao Inderjit Singh (Gurgaon, Haryana)
- Ministry of Education sets up panel to reduce students' dependency on coaching centres and assess competitive exams.
 - Panel Head: Vineet Joshi (Higher Education Secretary)
- Five Foreign Universities Get Letters of Intent (LoI) to Set Up Campuses in Mumbai:
 - Aberdeen University, Scotland
 - University of York, UK
 - Illinois Institute of Technology, US
 - University of Western Australia
 - IED (a design institute from Europe)

Social Welfare, Schemes, and Government Initiatives

- MGNREGA: Provides 100 days of guaranteed rural employment per year to every registered household; crucial for rural livelihood security.
- Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) launched "Pratibha Setu":
 - Allows verified employers (central government/private) to access details of non-recommended candidates (those who cleared all stages but missed final merit list) from India's toughest exams.
- Assam Government launched 'Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana' Scheme:
 - Financial aid to research scholars, especially Divyang (specially-abled) scholars.
 - Benefits: ₹25,000 (full-time research scholars), ₹40,000 (Divyang scholars).
- Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu launched the Taliki Vandana scheme:
 - Rs 15,000 annually for every school-going child in a household (from Class I to Intermediate).
- Punjab Government launched the Punjab Udyog Kranti initiative to simplify and expedite industrial approvals and promote industrial growth.
- Delhi Government's first-ever pilot project for artificial rain (cloud seeding) to address severe pollution, especially in winter.
 - Partners: IIT Kanpur, Department of Environment, and IMD (India Meteorological Department).
- Government Institutes "Bhagwan Birsa Munda Prize" of Rs 10 Crore for Sickle Cell Disease Drug Development.
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched "DhartiAaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan":
 - Nationwide campaign to achieve saturation of government welfare schemes in tribal-dominated areas.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA):
 - Promotes use of Indian languages in governance and administration.
 - Budget allocation: ₹56 crore under Budget 2024-25
- Bihar State Election Commission: Rolling out an e-voting system using an Android-based mobile app, making Bihar the first state in India to implement such a system.
- Uttar Pradesh Government approved the establishment of two new Rhino Rehabilitation Areas (RRAs) (RRA-3 & RRA-4) in Dudhwa National Park, Lakhimpur.
- Cabinet Approves International Potato Center's South Asia Regional Center (CSARC) in Agra:



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- **Global Ranks:** Potato – 3rd most available food crop; Sweet potato – 6th.
- **India's Rank:** 2nd largest potato producer after China; top producers – UP, WB, Bihar.
- **Ministry of Finance:** Cut-off for exercising options under **Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)** extended by 3 months to **September 30, 2025** (was June 30).
- **Unified Pension Scheme (UPS):** Government Extends Option Deadline to 30th September 2025.

State Initiatives and Achievements

- **Bengaluru** officially declared the 'Leopard Capital' of India.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** declares 2025–2035 as 'Decade of Hydropower' to tap the state's potential to generate 58,000 MW of electricity.
- **Madhya Pradesh** becomes the first state to bring all ULBs (Urban Local Bodies) under one digital platform via E-Nagarpalika 2.0.
- **Odisha** government removed HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank from its list of empanelled banks for state business and deposits due to **persisting poor performance in flagship government schemes** over the past two financial years.
- **Puducherry** becomes the 19th legislature to adopt NeVA (National e-Vidhan Application) for paperless governance.

Agriculture, Environment, and Sustainability

- **The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, launched the Clean Plant Programme:**
 - A transformative initiative to produce and distribute disease-free planting material for horticultural crops across India.
- **India's solar power capacity (as of November 2024): 92.12 GW**
 - **Total renewable energy capacity:** 203.18 GW
 - **Solar energy contributed 10% of India's total energy mix in 2024.**
 - **Minister of New & Renewable Energy:** Pralhad Joshi; **MoS:** Shripad Yesso Naik
- **India's First AI-Powered Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) launched on Dwarka Expressway, Delhi.**
- **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways issued draft rules:** All two-wheelers manufactured on or after **January 1, 2026**, must be equipped with **Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)** (current requirement only applies to models above 150cc).
- **Bihar among first six states to get a Small Modular Reactor (SMR)-based nuclear power plant under new Nuclear Energy Mission.**
- **Lucknow submitted nomination to become a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy.**
- **Sustainable Gastronomy Day** celebrated every year on **June 18** (declared by the UN in 2016).
 - **2025 Sustainable Gastronomy Week:** June 16–22, focusing on environmental sustainability, local food systems, and cultural heritage.
 - **2025 Theme:** "Local Seeds, Local Eats"
- **Renowned mango cultivator Kalimullah Khan ('Mango Man of India')** has developed a new mango variety named '**Rajnath Aam**', dedicated to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
 - He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2008.

Industry, Business, and Technology

- **India's tea exports up 9.92% in 2024**



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- Tea Board HQ: Kolkata | Chairman: Amardeep Singh Bhatia
- Tata Memorial Centre & ICICI Bank begin ₹550 Crore Cancer Care Block in Visakhapatnam.
- IIT Madras students build 'Aagneya' solar car for global competition.
- K Ramachandran appointed as Non-Executive Part-Time Chairman of TMB (Tamilnad Mercantile Bank).
- The Department of Posts introduced DHRUVA, a nationwide Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for address management (Address-as-a-Service, AaaS).
- Bengaluru-based startup GalaxEye will launch its second Earth observation satellite by late 2026 or early 2027.

Health and Research

- ICMR inaugurated its first High-Performance Computing (HPC) facility "Nakshatra" at ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune.
 - ICMR has launched 'Nakshatra', its first HPC facility at NIV Pune under PM-ABHIM.
- Tata Memorial Centre & ICICI Bank begin ₹550 Crore Cancer Care Block in Visakhapatnam.
- First-ever nationwide "Household Income Survey" by MoSPI (see details under Education).
- Ministry of Finance extended the cut-off for Unified Pension Scheme (see Welfare/Finance section).

Women and Social Empowerment

- The Government of Telangana unveiled SITHA – India's first women-exclusive gig economy platform.

Innovation and Technology

- Dr. Jitendra Singh launches 'Bharat Gen' – India's first indigenous multimodal LLM.

Celebrations, Days, and Awards

- On the 11th International Yoga Day, Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the state's first "Yoga Policy" from Bhararisain (summer capital).
- The Government of India observes 29th June as Statistics Day every year in honour of Professor (Late) Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, renowned for his work in statistics and economic planning.

Infrastructure and Transportation

- Cabinet Approves ₹6,405 Crore Railway Doubling Projects.
- The government approved the establishment of the "Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC 2.0)" in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, with a project outlay of ₹417 crore.



- India's population has reached 146.39 crore as of April 2025.
 - Total Fertility Rate (TFR) dropped to 1.9, below the replacement level of 2.1.
- India ranks 2nd worldwide (after China) in social protection coverage.
 - Over 94 crore individuals in India receive at least one social security benefit as of 2025.

13. Persons in News

1. **Professor Anantha Chandrakasan: First Indian-American Provost of MIT**
 - Professor Anantha Chandrakasan becomes the first Indian-American Provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), effective July 1, 2025.
2. **High-Level Committee to Investigate Air India Flight AI 171 Crash (Ahmedabad, Gujarat)**
 - A high-level multi-disciplinary committee has been constituted to investigate the Air India flight AI 171 crash in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
 - The committee is chaired by Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan.
3. **Jahnavi Dangeti: Selected as Astronaut Candidate for Titan Space Industries (TSI, USA)**
 - Jahnavi Dangeti (23 years old, from Palakollu, Andhra Pradesh) has been selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) for the Titan Space Industries (TSI, USA) space mission.
4. **Maruti Chitampalli: Environmentalist, Wildlife Expert, and Nature Writer (Passed Away at 93)**
 - Maruti Chitampalli, noted environmentalist, wildlife expert, and nature writer, passed away at the age of 93 in Solapur, Maharashtra.
 - Lovingly called 'Aranya Rishi' (Forest Sage) for his lifelong dedication to forests and wildlife conservation.
 - Awarded the Padma Shri on 30 April 2025 for his contributions to environmental literature and conservation.
 - Served in the Forest Department for 36 years; was involved in protecting wildlife habitats.
5. **Balaga Ganesh: First Para-Swimmer from Andhra Pradesh to Conquer Both English Channel & Palk Strait**
 - Balaga Ganesh becomes the first para-swimmer from Andhra Pradesh to conquer both the English Channel and the Palk Strait.
6. **Ministry of Education Committee on Coaching Culture and Student Stress**
 - The Ministry of Education has constituted a high-level committee to address the growing concerns over coaching culture and its impact on students preparing for competitive examinations.
 - Committee Head: Vineet Joshi, Higher Education Secretary.

14. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Global Gender Gap and Women in Politics

- **India Falls to 131st in Global Gender Gap Index 2025**
 - **Rank:** 131 out of 148 countries
 - **Countries ahead of India:** Bangladesh (24), Bhutan (119), Nepal (125), Sri Lanka (130)
 - **Report by:** World Economic Forum (WEF)
- **India ranks 174th out of 181 countries for women political leaders (2025)**
 - **Only 9.7% women ministers in Indian Union Cabinet**
 - **UN Women's "Women in Politics: 2025" factsheet:**
 - **India ranks 174/181**
 - **9.7% of Union Ministers are women** (second-lowest since 2011)
 - **Global female minister representation:** Declined from 23.3% (2024) to 22.9% (2025)
 - **Countries with zero women ministers:** Increased from 7 to 9

Global Liveability Index 2025

- **Copenhagen Tops, Damascus Bottom**
 - **Released by:** Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU); evaluates 173 cities
 - **Global average livability score:** 76.1/100 (unchanged from last year)
 - **Top 5 Cities:**
 1. **Copenhagen (Denmark)** – perfect scores in stability, education, infrastructure (score: 98.0; overtook Vienna which was #1 for three years)
 2. **Vienna (Austria)**
 3. **Zurich (Switzerland)**
 4. **Melbourne (Australia)**
 5. **Geneva (Switzerland)**
 - **No Indian city made it to the top 10**
 - **Lowest ranked:** Damascus, Syria (173rd, score: 30.7)

Global University Rankings

- **2025–2026 Best Global Universities Rankings**
 - **Released by:** US News & World Report
 - **Countries with most universities:**
 - **China (397), US (280), India (118), Japan (104), UK (93)**
 - **Top 5 Universities:**
 1. **Harvard**
 2. **MIT**
 3. **Stanford (all US)**
 4. **Oxford**
 5. **Cambridge (both UK)**
 - **Top 10: 7 from US**



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Ranking criteria: Research output, global/regional reputation, subject-specific metric

QS World University Rankings 2026

IIT Delhi achieves highest ever Indian rank (123rd Globally)

Top 5 Indian: IIT Delhi (123), IIT Bombay (129), IIT Madras (180), IIT Kharagpur (215), IISc Bangalore (219)

India: 54 institutions in 2026 (was 11 in 2015), 4th most represented country globally

MIT retained 1st rank for the 14th consecutive year

THE Impact Rankings 2025 – 4 Indian Universities in Top 100

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (41), Lovely Professional University (48), JSS Academy (56), Shoolini University (96)

Airline and Aviation Rankings

- **Qatar Airways Named 'World's Best Airline 2025' by Skytrax**
 - Skytrax World Airline Awards 2025 ("Oscars of the Aviation Industry") held at Paris Air Show
 - **Qatar Airways:** World's Best Airline (9th time)
 - **Singapore Airlines:** 2nd overall; Best Cabin Crew, Best First Class, one of Best in Asia
 - **Cathay Pacific Airways (Hong Kong):** 3rd overall
 - **Indian carriers:**
 - **IndiGo** ranked 39th globally (up from 42nd); 3rd Best Low-Cost Airline; top in South Asia for Best Airline and Best Low-Cost
 - **Air India:** 84th globally (up from 90th in 2024), 2nd in South Asia

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

- **India ranked 15th among world's top FDI destinations in 2024** (up from 16th in 2023)
 - **FDI inflows:** \$27.6 billion (1.9% YoY decline)
 - **Top 5 countries in FDI inflow (2024):**
 1. US (\$279 bn)
 2. Singapore (\$68 bn)
 3. Hong Kong (\$62 bn)
 4. China (\$61 bn)
 5. Netherlands (\$54 bn)

School Education Performance

- **Chandigarh Tops School Education Index; Meghalaya Lowest**
 - Performance Grading Index (PGI) Report for school education 2023–24
- **Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0: Chandigarh Tops for 3rd Year**
 - Meghalaya is lowest (score 417.9, 10th band)

Energy and Sustainability Rankings

- **India ranked 71st out of 118 countries in the Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2025 by World Economic Forum (WEF)**
 - Sweden topped the list (score: 77.5), followed by Finland, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland



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- India ranks 99th with a score of 67 on the 2025 SDG Index
 - First time in top 100 (out of 167 countries)
 - Top 3: Finland, Sweden, Denmark
 - Last (193rd): US (second year in a row)
- India has secured the 10th position in the Climate Change Performance Index 2025 (CCPI 2025)
 - Fell three ranks from 7th place in 2024

Global Peace Index

- India ranked 115th out of 163 countries in GPI (Global Peace Index) 2025
 - Score: 2.229 (0.58% improvement from previous year)
 - Iceland: Most peaceful
 - Afghanistan: Least peaceful

Data Center & Industrial Rankings

- Mumbai ranks 6th worldwide in under-construction data center capacity (Global Data Center Market Comparison 2025)
 - Capacity: 335 MW under development
- World Steel in Figures 2025
 - Tata Steel Group: 10th globally, produced 31.02 million tonnes (mt) in 2024
 - JSW Steel: 12th (26.95 mt)
 - SAIL: 20th (19.10 mt)

Brands and Heritage

- Tata Group (brand value up 10% to \$31.6 billion) is India's most valuable brand and the first to cross \$30 billion
 - Infosys: 2nd; up 15% to \$16.3 billion
 - HDFC Group: 3rd; up 37% to \$14.2 billion
- Salkhan Fossils Park (UP) Added to UNESCO Tentative List
 - UNESCO Stats (as of June 2025): India – 43 World Heritage List sites, 63 Tentative List sites
 - UNESCO HQ: Paris, DG: Audrey Azoulay

15. Schemes & Initiatives

1. Launch of NAVYA Initiative by MWCD and MSDE

- The Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) and the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) jointly launched NAVYA on 24 June 2025 in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh.
- NAVYA specifically targets adolescent girls aged 16–18 years, with a minimum educational qualification of Class 10, providing vocational training in non-traditional job roles.
- The pilot phase of NAVYA will be conducted in 27 districts across 19 states, with a focus on Aspirational and North-Eastern districts.

2. Approval of the Revised Jharia Master Plan (JMP) by CCEA



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- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the Revised Jharia Master Plan (JMP) for addressing fire, land subsidence, and rehabilitation at Jharia coalfield in Jharkhand.
- Financial Outlay for the plan: ₹5,940.47 crore.

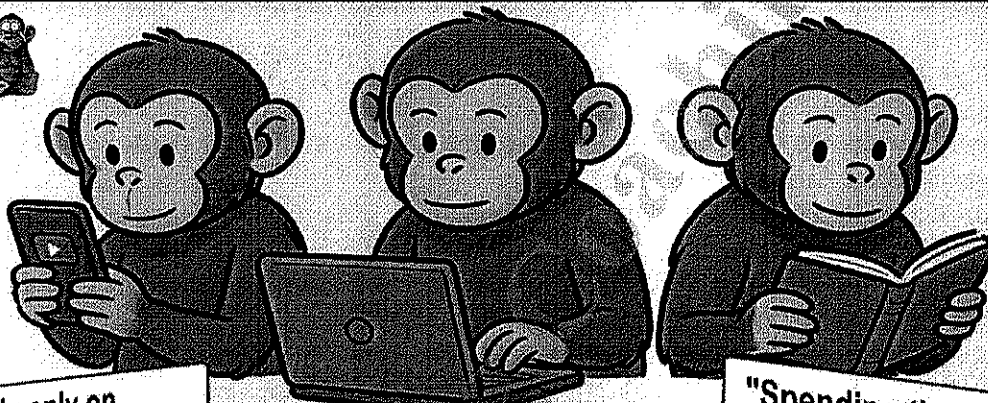
3. PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan)

- Launched on 15 November 2023 (Tribal Pride Day).
- Duration of the scheme: 2023–24 to 2025–26.
- Total Budget Outlay: ₹24,104 crore.
- Focus: Holistic development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) by ensuring access to housing, education, healthcare, drinking water, road connectivity, livelihood, and digital inclusion.



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16. Science & Technology

Axiom 4 Mission: Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla Reaches ISS

- Axiom 4 Mission's Dragon capsule docked with the International Space Station (ISS), carrying a crew of four:
 - Shubhanshu Shukla (India)
 - Peggy Whitson
 - Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski
 - Tibor Kapu



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- Shubhanshu Shukla becomes the second Indian to travel to space (after Rakesh Sharma in 1984) and the first Indian to reach the ISS in four decades.

Periyar Tiger Reserve: New Herpetofauna Discoveries

- Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR), located in Idukki district, Kerala, has gained attention due to new discoveries of herpetofauna (amphibians and reptiles).
- The reserve is situated in the Cardamom and Pandalam Hills of the Western Ghats, near the Tamil Nadu border.

NTPC Limited: Launch of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses in Ladakh

- NTPC Limited has flagged off five hydrogen fuel cell-based buses.
- These are India's first-ever commercial hydrogen-powered public transport vehicles, operating in Leh, Ladakh.

Bharat Biotech & GSK: Supply of World's First Malaria Vaccine

- Bharat Biotech and GSK will supply the world's first malaria vaccine "RTS,S".
- The supply will be made to Gavi for the period 2026–2030.

17. Sports & Games

ICC World Test Championship 2025 – South Africa's Victory

- South Africa won the 3rd ICC World Test Championship by beating Australia by 5 wickets at Lord's, London.
- First major title for South Africa since 1998.
- Aiden Markram (South Africa) Player of the Match.
- Captains: South Africa – Temba Bavuma; Australia – Pat Cummins.
- First time in 15 years Australia lost an ICC tournament final.
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai | Chairman: Jay Shah | CEO: Geoff Allardice

ISSF World Cup 2025, Munich – India's Performance

- India finished 3rd overall with 4 medals: 2 gold, 2 bronze (behind China and Norway).
 - Gold: Arjun Babuta & Arya Borse (10m air rifle mixed)
 - Gold: Suruchi Singh (women's 10m air pistol)

Indonesia Open 2025 (Badminton) – Winners

- Men's Singles: Anders Antonsen (Denmark)
- Women's Singles: An Se-young (South Korea)

UEFA Nations League 2024–25 – Portugal's Triumph

- Portugal won the UEFA Nations League 2024–25, becoming the first country to win the tournament twice (previous: 2019 inaugural edition).



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- Portugal defeated Spain in the final.

David Beckham Receives Knighthood

- David Beckham awarded "Knighthood" by King Charles III, now titled 'Sir David Beckham' for his services to sport and philanthropy.
- Beckham has been a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador since 2005, and is active in child welfare and global development.

Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 6 – U Mumba TT Champions

- U Mumba TT won their first UTT title by defeating Jaipur Patriots.

2025 FIDE World Rapid Team Championship – Team MGD1 (India) Wins

- Team MGD1, led by Indian GMs Arjun Erigaisi and N Srinath, won the FIDE World Rapid Team Championship 2025 in London.
- FIDE HQ: Lausanne, Switzerland | President: Arkady Dvorkovich

Hillang Yajik – First Female Physique Sports International Gold from Arunachal Pradesh

- Hillang Yajik (Arunachal Pradesh) won 1 gold and 1 silver at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025 in Thimphu, Bhutan.
- First place in Women's Model Physique (up to 155 cm) category.
- First female physique sports athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win international gold.

Archery Asia Cup 2025, Singapore (Leg 2) – India's Performance

- India topped the Archery Asia Cup 2025 Leg 2 in Singapore with 9 medals: 2 gold, 6 silver, 1 bronze (top overall).
 - Gold winners:
 - Kushal Dalal – Men's Individual Compound
 - Tejal Salve – Women's Individual Compound
- India set a new U-21 World Record.

Neeraj Chopra – 2025 Athletic Triumphs

- Neeraj Chopra (two-time Olympic medallist) won the Paris Diamond League 2025 with a throw of 88.16m at Stade Sébastien Charléty.
- Neeraj Chopra also won gold at the Ostrava Golden Spike 2025 (World Athletics Continental Tour, Category A) with a throw of 85.29m.
- He is India's javelin ace and Olympic champion.

Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) – 2025 World Para Athletics Championships

- Logo and mascot for the 12th edition of the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi were unveiled.
 - Mascot: "Viraj" – a young elephant with a blade prosthesis.

Indian Tennis – Ankita Raina's International Doubles Title

- Indian tennis player Ankita Raina, with Alice Robbe (France), won the ITF \$40,000 doubles title in Guimaraes, Portugal.

FIH Hockey Junior World Cup 2025 – To Be Hosted in Tamil Nadu

- To be held in Chennai and Madurai from Nov 28–Dec 10, 2025.
- First time 24 teams (previously 16) will participate.
- Third time India is hosting (after 2016 Lucknow, 2021 Bhubaneswar).



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Asian Para-Badminton Championship 2025 (Thailand) – India's Best-Ever Performance

- India won 27 medals: 4 Gold, 10 Silver, 13 Bronze (best-ever performance).

Suruchi Inder Singh – ISSF World Cup 2025 Gold

- Suruchi Inder Singh won gold for India in Women's 10m Air Pistol at ISSF World Cup 2025.

63rd Canadian Grand Prix 2025 – Winner

- George Russell (Mercedes) won the 63rd Canadian Grand Prix 2025.

Lalit Kumar Upadhyay – Hockey Retirement

- Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (two-time Olympic medallist) announced retirement after the European leg of the FIH Pro League 2024-25 (vs Belgium).

ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 – Host and Records

- 10th edition will be held in England in 2026 (First tournament: 2009; India hosted in 2016).
- Current champion: New Zealand (won their first-ever title).
- Most successful team: Australia (6 titles).

Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025 – Jaipur, Rajasthan

- Jointly hosted by Poornima University and Rajasthan University, Jaipur, in November 2025.

23rd World Police & Fire Games 2029 – To Be Hosted in Gujarat, India

- India will host the 23rd World Police & Fire Games in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar & Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.
- India becomes only the second Asian country to organize this event (after China in 2019).

Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 – Winners

- Odisha (Women) and Tamil Nadu (Men) won the titles.

Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa – India's No. 1 Chess Player

- Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa became India's No. 1 Chess Player.
 - Live Rating: 2778.3; World No. 4; surpasses D Gukesh.
 - World No. 1: Magnus Carlsen (Norway); 2 – Hikaru Nakamura (US); 3 – Fabiano Caruana (Italy-US).

2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships – India Wins All 3 Golds

- India won all 3 gold medals (men's, women's, and mixed) at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships in Kuching, Malaysia.
 - Men's: Abhay Singh & Velavan Senthilkumar (defeated Pakistan)
 - Women's: Joshna Chinappa & Anahat Singh (defeated Malaysia; first Indian pair to win women's doubles squash crown at Asian Championships)
 - Mixed: Anahat Singh & Abhay Singh (defeated Malaysia)

Priyanka Goswami – Race Walking Gold at Austrian Championships

- Priyanka Goswami won gold in the 10km race walk at the Austrian Championships with a time of 47:54 minutes.
 - Sandeep Kumar and Ram Baboo finished 2nd and 3rd in the men's 35km walk.
 - Goswami holds India's national record in the 20km walk and a personal best of 45:47 minutes in 10km.



French Open 2025 – Tennis Champions

- Carlos Alcaraz defended his men's singles title, defeating World No.1 Jannik Sinner in a 5-hour 29-minute final; Alcaraz now holds five Grand Slam titles.
- Coco Gauff won her first French Open women's singles title, beating Aryna Sabalenka in the final.

18. Multiple Choice Questions

G.V. Satish (NBCC Director) Sir's Top Picks

1. Who is the current President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?
(1) Masato Kanda (2) Kristalina Georgieva (3) Ajay Banga (4) Tedros Adhanom
2. Who has been given additional charge as Acting MD and CEO of LIC from June 8, 2025?
(1) Siddhartha Mohanty (2) Sat Pal Bhanoo (3) Sivasubramanian Ramann (4) Pralay Mondal
3. Sivasubramanian Ramann recently took charge as Chairperson of which organisation?
(1) LIC (2) PFRDA (3) IRDAI (4) SEBI
4. Who will take charge as MD & Head of Meta India from July 1, 2025?
(1) Sandhya Devanathan (2) Arun Srinivas (3) Parag Jain (4) Amitabh Kant
5. Who has been appointed as India's next ambassador to North Korea (DPRK)?
(1) S.P. Yadav (2) Aliawati Longkumer (3) Vandita Kaul (4) Blaise Metreweli
6. Who is the new Chief of R&AW (Research and Analysis Wing) as of 2025?
(1) Ravi Sinha (2) Parag Jain (3) S. Mahendra Dev (4) Amitabh Kant
7. Who has been appointed as the next President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?
(1) Masato Kanda (2) Zou Jiayi (3) S.P. Yadav (4) Tedros Adhanom
8. Who is the new Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?
(1) Amitabh Kant (2) Bhupender Yadav (3) S. Mahendra Dev (4) R. Viswesvaran
9. Who resigned as India's G20 Sherpa?
(1) Parag Jain (2) Amitabh Kant (3) Siddhartha Mohanty (4) Masato Kanda
10. Who has been endorsed as President of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) at its 1st Assembly?
(1) S.P. Yadav (2) Bhupender Yadav (3) S. Mahendra Dev (4) Nikos Christodoulides
11. Who became the first woman to lead the UK's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6)?
(1) Annalena Baerbock (2) Blaise Metreweli (3) Aliawati Longkumer (4) Sandhya Devanathan
12. What is the highest civilian honour of Cyprus, recently awarded to PM Narendra Modi?
(1) Order of the Nile (2) Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III (3) Bharat Ratna (4) Order of Honour
13. Who is the current MD & CEO of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)?
(1) Vandita Kaul (2) R. Viswesvaran (3) Amardeep Singh Bhatia (4) Pralay Mondal
14. Who received the Srimanta Sankardeva Award 2023?
(1) S. Mahendra Dev (2) Dr. Sonal Mansingh (3) Jahnavi Dangeti (4) Kalimullah Khan
15. Who was crowned Miss World 2025 at Hyderabad?
(1) Hillang Yajik (2) Opal Suchata Chuangsri (3) Coco Gauff (4) Aryna Sabalenka
16. What is the revised Priority Sector Lending (PSL) target for Small Finance Banks and Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) from April 1, 2025?
(1) 75% (2) 50% (3) 60% (4) 40%
17. What is the maximum limit for education loans under revised PSL guidelines?
(1) ₹15 lakh (2) ₹20 lakh (3) ₹25 lakh (4) ₹30 lakh
18. What is the new LTV cap for gold loans up to ₹2.5 lakh (effective April 1, 2026)?
(1) 90% (2) 80% (3) 85% (4) 75%



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19. What was the value of bank frauds in FY25, according to RBI's annual report?
(1) ₹12,230 crore (2) ₹25,667 crore (3) ₹36,014 crore (4) ₹9,254 crore
20. Which bank was granted Scheduled Bank status by RBI, becoming the 50th cooperative bank in India with this status?
(1) TMB (2) Vishweshwar Cooperative Bank Ltd (3) India Post Payments Bank (4) CSB Bank
21. What is the revised auto-settlement limit for EPFO advance claims?
(1) ₹1 lakh (2) ₹2 lakh (3) ₹5 lakh (4) ₹10 lakh
22. Which insurance company was fined ₹1 crore by IRDAI for corporate governance violations?
(1) Bajaj Allianz (2) Edelweiss Life Insurance (3) HDFC Life (4) LIC
23. How much cumulative FDI did India receive from 2000 to March 2025?
(1) \$500 Billion (2) \$729 Billion (3) \$1 Trillion (4) \$300 Billion
24. Which two states accounted for 51% of India's FDI in FY 2024-25?
(1) Tamil Nadu & Gujarat (2) Maharashtra & Karnataka (3) Delhi & West Bengal (4) Gujarat & Rajasthan
25. What will be the new base year for India's GDP and IIP as per MoSPI?
(1) 2020-21 (2) 2022-23 (3) 2019-20 (4) 2015-16
26. Who has become the first NBFC in India's maritime sector to be granted Mini Ratna Category-I status?
(1) TMB (2) SMFCL (Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd) (3) IPPB (4) R&AW
27. Who built the Indian Coast Guard vessel "Achal" launched in June 2025?
(1) Garden Reach Shipbuilders (2) Cochin Shipyard (3) Goa Shipyard Ltd (4) Mazagon Dock Ltd
28. Where will the 8th edition of the Indo-French joint military exercise "Shakti" be held in 2025?
(1) New Delhi (2) La Cavalerie, France (3) Mumbai (4) Marseille
29. The first ever accident worldwide involving a Boeing 787 Dreamliner happened in which city?
(1) Mumbai (2) London (3) Ahmedabad (4) New York
30. Vietnam recently became the 10th partner country of which group?
(1) G20 (2) BRICS (3) ASEAN (4) SAARC
31. Which country became the first globally to achieve WHO 'Gold Tier' status for elimination of mother-to-child HIV transmission?
(1) Nigeria (2) South Africa (3) Botswana (4) Uganda
32. Who is the current Secretary-General of NATO?
(1) Jens Stoltenberg (2) Mark Rutte (3) Annalena Baerbock (4) Nikos Christodoulides
33. Who is the Brand Ambassador of Redditi in India?
(1) Virat Kohli (2) Sachin Tendulkar (3) Amitabh Bachchan (4) S. Mahendra Dev
34. What is the capital of Cyprus?
(1) Larnaca (2) Limassol (3) Nicosia (4) Paphos
35. Who developed the new mango variety 'Rajnath Aam'?
(1) Jahnvi Dangeti (2) Kalimullah Khan (3) Balaga Ganesh (4) Maruti Chitampalli
36. Who won the men's singles title at the French Open 2025?
(1) Jannik Sinner (2) Novak Djokovic (3) Rafael Nadal (4) Carlos Alcaraz
37. Who won the women's singles title at the French Open 2025?
(1) Coco Gauff (2) Aryna Sabalenka (3) Iga Swiatek (4) Simona Halep
38. Who was awarded "Knighthood" by King Charles III in 2025?
(1) Roger Federer (2) David Beckham (3) Sachin Tendulkar (4) Lewis Hamilton
39. What is the total population of India as of April 2025?
(1) 140.09 crore (2) 146.39 crore (3) 132.00 crore (4) 149.50 crore
40. Which Indian state has achieved a literacy rate of 95.6% in 2025, becoming the third fully literate state?
(1) Tripura (2) Kerala (3) Goa (4) Punjab
41. Who is the current Chairman of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)?
(1) S. Mahendra Dev (2) Vandita Kaul (3) R. Viswesvaran (4) Parag Jain
42. As per the revised PSL norms, what is the maximum housing loan limit for cities with a population of 10-50 lakh?



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- (1) ₹35 lakh (2) ₹45 lakh (3) ₹50 lakh (4) ₹60 lakh
43. Under revised RBI gold loan LTV norms, what is the cap for loans above ₹5 lakh (from April 1, 2026)?
(1) 85% (2) 90% (3) 75% (4) 80%
44. Which city is the headquarters of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?
(1) Manila (2) Beijing (3) Tokyo (4) Shanghai
45. Who succeeded Deepak Mohanty as Chairperson of PFRDA?
(1) Sat Pal Bhanoo (2) Sivasubramanian Ramann (3) Parag Jain (4) S Mahendra Dev
46. Which state became the 19th legislature to adopt NeVA for paperless governance?
(1) Odisha (2) Puducherry (3) Karnataka (4) Bihar
47. Who is the current Chief of Naval Staff of India?
(1) Admiral Karambir Singh (2) Admiral R. Hari Kumar (3) Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi (4) Admiral Sunil Lanba
48. Who has been selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) for Titan Space Industries, USA?
(1) Hillang Yajik (2) Jahnavi Dangeti (3) Balaga Ganesh (4) Kalimullah Khan
49. Which Indian city is officially declared the 'Leopard Capital' of India?
(1) Bengaluru (2) Bhopal (3) Kanpur (4) Dehradun
50. Which bank's MD & CEO is R. Viswesvaran?
(1) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (2) CSB Bank (3) India Post Payments Bank (4) Axis Bank
51. Who is the first para-swimmer from Andhra Pradesh to conquer both the English Channel and the Palk Strait?
(1) Jahnavi Dangeti (2) Balaga Ganesh (3) Maruti Chitampalli (4) S.P. Yadav
52. What is the minimum percentage of ANBC to be lent to micro-enterprises by Urban Cooperative Banks as per new PSL norms?
(1) 5% (2) 7.5% (3) 10% (4) 12%
53. Which organisation launched "Operation Sindhu" to evacuate Indian citizens from Iran?
(1) Indian Navy (2) Ministry of External Affairs (3) Government of India (4) Indian Air Force
54. What is the total FDI inflow into India in FY 2024-25?
(1) \$81.04 billion (2) \$60.52 billion (3) \$51.30 billion (4) \$100.00 billion
55. The UNGA declared 2026 as:
(1) International Year of the Ocean (2) International Year of the Woman Farmer (3) International Year of Education (4) International Year of Health
56. Which country was elected as a non-permanent member of the UNSC for 2025-26?
(1) India (2) Vietnam (3) Pakistan (4) Botswana
57. The headquarters of NATO is located in:
(1) Geneva (2) Brussels (3) Paris (4) New York
58. Which wildlife sanctuary is located in Kerala?
(1) Katarniaghat (2) Aralam (3) Kaziranga (4) Manas
59. As per Global Gender Gap Index 2025, India's rank is:
(1) 151st (2) 131st (3) 71st (4) 115th
60. Which committee will revise the base year for GDP, IIP, and CPI?
(1) Ministry of Finance (2) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) (3) RBI (4) Ministry of Commerce
61. Who is the Sultan of Oman?
(1) Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani (2) Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (3) Haitham bin Tariq Al Said (4) Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
62. The first edition of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Assembly was held in:
(1) London (2) New Delhi (3) Paris (4) Johannesburg
63. Who was appointed as Director General of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?
(1) Bhupender Yadav (2) S.P. Yadav (3) Kalimullah Khan (4) R. Viswesvaran
64. Which state government removed HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank from its empanelled banks list due to poor performance?



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(1)Gujarat (2)Odisha (3)Punjab (4)Rajasthan

65. Who was crowned Miss World 2025, becoming the first from Thailand to win this title?

(1)Opal Suchata Chuangsri (2)Hillang Yajik (3)Coco Gauff (4)Aryna Sabalenka

66. What is the current CRR as per RBI policy rates in the content?

(1)5.00% (2)4.00% (3)3.35% (4)6.00%

67. Which Indian state achieved the highest tea export growth (9.92%) in 2024?

(1)Kerala (2)Assam (3)West Bengal (4)India (national figure)

68. Who is the Chairman of Tea Board ?

(1)R. Viswesvaran (2)Amardeep Singh Bhatia (3)Vandita Kaul (4)Pralay Mondal

69. Which country topped the 2025 Global Liveability Index?

(1)Switzerland (2)Denmark (3)Australia (4)Finland

70. Which two cities have recently been designated as Ramsar Sites, taking India's total to 91?

(1)Kaziranga and Manas (2)Khichan and Menar (3)Periyar and Aralam (4)Dudhwa and Katarniaghat

71. Who replaced Sandhya Devanathan as Head of Meta India in July 2025?

(1)Arun Srinivas (2)Parag Jain (3)Sivasubramanian Ramann (4)Prashant Kumar

72. Who is the current Vice Chief of the Indian Navy?

(1)Admiral R. Hari Kumar (2)Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan (3)Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
(4)Admiral Karambir Singh

73. The Indo-French Air Force exercise "Garuda" is conducted between which two countries?

(1)India and Russia (2)India and UK (3)India and France (4)India and Japan

74. Which Indian state set up two new Rhino Rehabilitation Areas (RRA-3 & RRA-4) in Dudhwa National Park?

(1)West Bengal (2)Assam (3)Uttar Pradesh (4)Rajasthan

75. What is the total number of members in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

(1)150 (2)193 (3)195 (4)200

76. The headquarters of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is in:

(1)Geneva (2)Paris (3)New York (4)London

77. Which body awarded the Digital Payments Award 2024-25 to IPPB?

(1)RBI (2)Ministry of Commerce (3)Department of Financial Services (4)Ministry of Electronics & IT

78. Who was awarded the Padma Shri for contributions to environmental literature and conservation in 2025?

(1)Kalimullah Khan (2)Maruti Chitampalli (3)Sonal Mansingh (4)Prashant Kumar

79. India's total social security coverage as of 2025 covers how many people?

(1)Over 30 crore (2)Over 94 crore (3)Over 10 crore (4)Over 110 crore

80. Which committee head was appointed to assess the dependency on coaching centres in India?

(1)Vineet Joshi (2)Annalena Baerbock (3)Nikos Christodoulides (4)Nirmala Sitharaman

81. Which of the following is the first state to bring all ULBs under one digital platform via E-Nagarpalika 2.0?

(1)Madhya Pradesh (2)Gujarat (3)Odisha (4)Tamil Nadu

82. Which NBFC became the first in India's maritime sector to achieve Mini Ratna Category-I CPSE status?

(1)REC Limited (2)Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) (3)Power Finance Corporation
(4)IRDAI

83. The "Aagneya" solar car for a global competition was built by students from:

(1)IIT Delhi (2)IIT Bombay (3)IIT Madras (4)NIT Trichy

84. In which city was the Miss World 2025 pageant held?

(1)Mumbai (2)Hyderabad (3)Delhi (4)Bangkok

85. Which university ranked highest among Indian institutes in QS World University Rankings 2026?

(1)IIT Madras (2)IIT Delhi (3)IISc Bangalore (4)IIT Kharagpur

86. Who was appointed as Non-Executive Part-Time Chairman of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)?

(1)K Ramachandran (2)Pralay Mondal (3)Sat Pal Bhanoo (4)Sivasubramanian Ramann

87. Which is the only Indian company to cross \$30 billion in brand value?



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- (1)Infosys (2)HDFC Group (3)Tata Group (4)Reliance Industries
88. Who is the Director-General of WHO?
(1)Mark Rutte (2)Masato Kanda (3)Tedros Adhanom (4)Nikos Christodoulides
89. Which state is the top potato producer in India?
(1)West Bengal (2)Uttar Pradesh (3)Punjab (4)Bihar
90. Bharat Biotech and GSK will supply which vaccine globally to Gavi for 2026–2030?
(1)COVID-19 Vaccine (2)RTS,S Malaria Vaccine (3)Polio Vaccine (4)Measles Vaccine
91. Who is the Prime Minister of Mongolia ?
(1)Prashant Kumar (2)Zandanshatar Gombojav (3)Parag Jain (4)Nikos Christodoulides
92. Which Indian state government launched the SITHA platform for women-exclusive gigeconomy?
(1)Tamil Nadu (2)Karnataka (3)Telangana (4)Kerala
93. Which para-swimmer conquered both the English Channel and the Palk Strait?
(1)Balaga Ganesh (2)Jahnavi Dangeti (3)Maruti Chitampalli (4)Hillang Yajik
94. Which state has achieved a literacy rate of 95.6% and is now the third fully literate state in India?
(1)Tripura (2)Mizoram (3)Goa (4)Kerala
95. On which day does the Government of India celebrate Statistics Day to honour Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis?
(1)11th July (2)29th June (3)15th August (4)14th November
96. Who is the President of Cyprus?
(1)Haitham bin Tariq Al Said (2)Nikos Christodoulides (3)Annalena Baerbock (4)Mark Rutte
97. What is India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) as of April 2025?
(1)2.2 (2)2.0 (3)1.9 (4)1.7
98. What is the new base year for India's Consumer Price Index (CPI)?
(1)2022–23 (2)2024 (3)2012 (4)2015–16
99. Who won 1 gold and 1 silver at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding & Physique Sports Championships 2025?
(1)Jahnavi Dangeti (2)Hillang Yajik (3)Balaga Ganesh (4)Maruti Chitampalli
100. Which was the last Indian Navy warship built outside India?
(1)INS Arnala (2)INS Tamal (3)INS Vikrant (4)INS Kolkata
101. Who is the current President of the United Nations General Assembly?
(1)Annalena Baerbock (2)Mark Rutte (3)Nikos Christodoulides (4)Tedros Adhanom
102. Who is the CEO of Meta globally?
(1)Tim Cook (2)Mark Zuckerberg (3)Sundar Pichai (4)Satya Nadella
103. Who became the first Thai woman to win the Miss World title?
(1)Sonal Mansingh (2)Opal Suchata Chuangsri (3)Coco Gauff (4)Aryna Sabalenka
104. Which nation will host the 2026 NATO Summit?
(1)Türkiye (2)France (3)Sweden (4)Netherlands
105. Where is the New Development Bank (NDB) of BRICS headquartered?
(1)Johannesburg (2)Shanghai (3)New Delhi (4)Moscow

Answers

Answers (MCQs G V Satish picks)

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5	2	25	2	45	2	65	1	85	2	105	2
6	2	26	2	46	2	66	2	86	1		
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14	2	34	3	54	1	74	3	94	1		
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1. The Reserve Bank of India's daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) operations—now discontinued—had originally begun on:
(1)16 January 2025 (2)1 April 2024 (3)15 December 2024 (4)1 July 2025
2. The cumulative liquidity injected through daily VRR operations before discontinuation was about:
(1)₹25.40 lakh crore (2)₹37.80 lakh crore (3)₹43.61 lakh crore (4)₹52.25 lakh crore
3. STRIPS trading has been permitted by RBI in which category of securities?
(1)Treasury Bills (2)State Government Securities (3)Corporate Bonds (4)Municipal Bonds
4. RBI re-issued Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) maturing in 2054 with a coupon of 6.98%; the amount re-issued was:
(1)₹2,000 crore (2)₹3,500 crore (3)₹5,000 crore (4)₹7,500 crore
5. From 1 July 2025, call-money market hours have been extended to:
(1)9 AM – 6 PM (2)9 AM – 7 PM (3)8 AM – 5 PM (4)10 AM – 8 PM
6. Market repo and tri-party repo (TREP) hours will run 9 AM – 4 PM with effect from:
(1)1 June 2025 (2)1 July 2025 (3)1 August 2025 (4)1 September 2025
7. The revised Priority Sector Lending (PSL) target for Small Finance Banks and Urban Cooperative Banks is now:
(1)40 % (2)50 % (3)60 % (4)75 %
8. Under revised PSL norms, the maximum limit for an education loan per individual is:
(1)₹20 lakh (2)₹25 lakh (3)₹30 lakh (4)₹35 lakh
9. A housing loan up to _____ is eligible for PSL in cities with population 50 lakh or more.
(1)₹35 lakh (2)₹40 lakh (3)₹45 lakh (4)₹50 lakh
10. With effect from 1 April 2026, the Loan-to-Value (LTV) cap for gold loans above ₹5 lakh is:
(1)70 % (2)75 % (3)80 % (4)85 %
11. Total monetary penalties collected by RBI from 353 regulated entities in FY 2024–25 amounted to nearly:
(1)₹38.25 crore (2)₹43.90 crore (3)₹49.50 crore (4)₹54.78 crore
12. RBI's balance sheet size for FY 2024–25 expanded to approximately:
(1)₹65 lakh crore (2)₹70 lakh crore (3)₹76 lakh crore (4)₹82 lakh crore
13. Bank frauds reported in FY 2024–25 totalled about:
(1)₹12,230 crore (2)₹25,667 crore (3)₹36,014 crore (4)₹48,250 crore
14. As of March 2025, the Gross NPA ratio of scheduled commercial banks touched a multi-decade low of:
(1)1.8 % (2)2.3 % (3)3.6 % (4)4.2 %
15. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has raised the auto-settlement limit for advance claims to:
(1)₹1 lakh (2)₹2 lakh (3)₹3 lakh (4)₹5 lakh
16. Vishweshwar Cooperative Bank became the _____ cooperative bank in India to receive Scheduled Bank status.
(1)25th (2)40th (3)50th (4)60th
17. Who has been reappointed as Managing Director & CEO of CSB Bank for three years from 15 September 2025?
(1)Sat Pal Bhanoo (2)Pralay Mondal (3)Sivasubramanian Ramann (4)Arun Srinivas
18. SEBI will introduce a verified '@valid' UPI handle system for investor-facing intermediaries starting:
(1)1 July 2025 (2)1 October 2025 (3)1 January 2026 (4)1 April 2026
19. After SEBI's revision, weekly index-derivatives on NSE will now expire on:
(1)Monday (2)Tuesday (3)Wednesday (4)Thursday
20. IRDAI imposed a penalty of _____ on Edelweiss Life Insurance for corporate-governance lapses.
(1)₹50 lakh (2)₹75 lakh (3)₹1 crore (4)₹2 crore
21. PhonePe and HDFC Bank together launched their co-branded credit card on which card network?
(1)Visa (2)Mastercard (3)RuPay (4)Amex
22. Flipkart recently became the first major Indian e-commerce company to secure an RBI licence as a(n):
(1)Payment Bank (2)NBFC (3)Small Finance Bank (4)Primary Dealer



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23. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) will set up its first overseas nano-fertiliser plant in:
(1) Argentina (2) Brazil (3) Kenya (4) Vietnam
24. The Tata Group's brand value in 2025 was estimated at roughly:
(1) \$21.4 billion (2) \$27.0 billion (3) \$31.6 billion (4) \$35.8 billion
25. Which brand retained the title of India's strongest brand with a Brand Strength Index of 92.2 (AAA+)?
(1) Amul (2) Taj Hotels (3) Asian Paints (4) Infosys
26. RBI Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar was appointed part-time member of the:
(1) 14th Finance Commission (2) 15th Finance Commission (3) 16th Finance Commission (4) GST Council
27. According to the latest policy table, the current Repo Rate stands at:
(1) 5.25 % (2) 5.50 % (3) 5.75 % (4) 6.00 %
28. Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited has become India's first NBFC dedicated to the _____ sector.
(1) Agriculture (2) Aviation (3) Maritime (4) Renewable Energy
29. Under NABARD's new Green Lending Facility, the total amount earmarked for FY 2025-26 is:
(1) ₹5,000 crore (2) ₹7,500 crore (3) ₹10,000 crore (4) ₹15,000 crore
30. Public Sector Banks posted a combined net profit of about _____ in FY 2024-25, as reviewed by the Finance Minister.
(1) ₹1.04 lakh crore (2) ₹1.45 lakh crore (3) ₹1.78 lakh crore (4) ₹2.10 lakh crore
31. Which former Gujarat Chief Minister died in the Air India Flight crash in Ahmedabad on June 12, 2025?
(1) Narendra Modi (2) Anandiben Patel (3) Vijay Rupani (4) Bhupendra Patel
32. What was the primary purpose of "Operation Sindhu" launched by India?
(1) Counter-terrorism along the western border (2) Evacuate citizens from Iran amid escalating tensions
(3) Joint naval exercises with allied countries (4) Humanitarian aid delivery to Yemen
33. The United Nations General Assembly declared 2026 as which of the following?
(1) International Year of the Nurse and Midwife (2) International Year of the Woman Farmer
(3) International Year of Sustainable Tourism (4) International Year of Biodiversity
34. Tripura achieved a literacy rate of 95.6%, becoming which fully literate state in India?
(1) First (2) Second (3) Third (4) Fourth
35. The CBSE will implement a two-term board exam system for Class 10 starting in which academic year?
(1) 2024-25 (2) 2025-26 (3) 2026-27 (4) 2027-28
36. The first-ever nationwide "Household Income Survey" by MoSPI is scheduled to be conducted in which year?
(1) 2024 (2) 2025 (3) 2026 (4) 2027
37. Under Assam's 'Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana' scheme, Divyang scholars receive financial aid of how much?
(1) ₹25,000 (2) ₹30,000 (3) ₹40,000 (4) ₹50,000
38. Under Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu's Talliki Vandanam scheme, what is the annual amount provided per school-going child?
(1) Rs 5,000 (2) Rs 10,000 (3) Rs 15,000 (4) Rs 20,000
39. What does MGNREGA provide to every registered rural household each year?
(1) Unemployment allowance (2) 50 days of guaranteed work (3) 75 days of guaranteed work (4) 100 days of guaranteed work
40. Which commission launched "Pratibha Setu" allowing access to details of non-recommended candidates?
(1) UPSC (2) SSC (3) UGC (4) BPSC
41. Bengaluru has been officially declared as which "capital" of India?
(1) Tiger Capital (2) Elephant Capital (3) Leopard Capital (4) Peacock Capital



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42. Which state became the first to bring all Urban Local Bodies under one digital platform via E-NagarPalika 2.0?

(1)Gujarat (2)Madhya Pradesh (3)Maharashtra (4)Uttar Pradesh

43. became the 19th legislature to adopt which application for paperless governance?

(1)DigiLocker (2)CoWin (3)NeVA (4)BHIM

44. The Clean Plant Programme, aimed at producing disease-free planting material for horticultural crops, was launched by which Union Minister?

(1)Narendra Singh Tomar (2)Piyush Goyal (3)Shivraj Singh Chouhan (4)Arjun Munda

45. As of November 2024, what was India's installed solar power capacity?

(1)75.50 GW (2)88.00 GW (3)92.12 GW (4)100.25 GW

46. India's tea exports grew by what percentage in 2024?

(1)5.75% (2)8.50% (3)9.92% (4)12.34%

47. The Department of Posts introduced DHRUVA as a nationwide digital public infrastructure for what purpose?

(1)Parcel tracking (2)Address management (Address-as-a-Service) (3)Postal banking (4)E-commerce integration

48. The ICMR inaugurated its first High-Performance Computing facility "Nakshatra" at which institute?

(1)AIIMS Delhi (2)CMC Vellore (3)NIMHANS Bangalore (4)ICMR-National Institute of Virology, Pune

49. The Government of Telangana unveiled SITHA, which is India's first what?

(1)Women's health insurance scheme (2)Women-exclusive gig economy platform (3)Women entrepreneur hub (4)Women safety app

50. Dr. Jitendra Singh launched "Bharat Gen," which is India's first indigenous multimodal what?

(1)Satellite (2)Drone (3)Web browser (4)Large Language Model

51. Who got a six-month extension as YES Bank CEO?

(1)Prashant Kumar (2)Sat Pal Bhanoo (3)Sandeep Batra (4)K. Prathapa Reddy

52. Sat Pal Bhanoo has been given additional charge as Acting MD & CEO of which organisation?

(1)YES Bank (2)LIC (3)ICICI Bank (4)PFRDA

53. Sat Pal Bhanoo replaced which of the following as CEO of LIC?

(1)Siddhartha Mohanty (2)Deepak Mohanty (3)Sandeep Batra (4)Prashant Kumar

54. Who took charge as the Chairperson of PFRDA, succeeding Deepak Mohanty?

(1)Ravi Sinha (2)Sivasubramanian Ramann (3)Parag Jain (4)Zandanshatar Gombojav

55. The RBI approved the extension of whose term as Executive Director of ICICI Bank?

(1)Prashant Kumar (2)Sandeep Batra (3)K. Prathapa Reddy (4)Sumit Madan

56. Who has been appointed Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank?

(1)K. Prathapa Reddy (2)Sumit Madan (3)Arun Srinivas (4)Panos Mytaros

57. Who was appointed MD & CEO of Axis Max Life Insurance?

(1)Sumit Madan (2)Kirti Ganorkar (3)Arun Srinivas (4)Panos Mytaros

58. In Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, who was appointed MD from September 1, 2025, for a five-year term?

(1)Dilip Shanghvi (2)Kirti Ganorkar (3)Sandeep Kataria (4)Sumit Madan

59. Who moves to the role of Executive Chairman at Sun Pharmaceutical Industries?

(1)Kirti Ganorkar (2)Dilip Shanghvi (3)Mark Zuckerberg (4)S.P. Yadav

60. Panos Mytaros was appointed as the new Global CEO of which group?

(1)Axis Max Life Insurance (2)Bata Group (3)Meta (4)ICICI Bank

61. Who will take charge as MD & Head of Meta India from July 1, 2025?

(1)Sandhya Devanathan (2)Mark Zuckerberg (3)Arun Srinivas (4)Zandanshatar Gombojav

62. Who was appointed as Prime Minister of Mongolia?

(1)Parag Jain (2)Sidi Ould Tah (3)Zandanshatar Gombojav (4)Zou Jiayi

63. Who has been appointed as India's next ambassador to North Korea?

(1)Aliawati Longkumer (2)Anuradha Thakur (3)Blaise Metreweli (4)S Mahendra Dev

64. Who was appointed as the new Chief of R&AW with a two-year tenure?



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- (1)Ravi Sinha (2)Parag Jain (3)Sandeep Batra (4)Deepak Mohanty
65. Who was appointed as the next President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?
(1)Zandanshatar Gombojav (2)Zou Jiayi (3)Sidi Ould Tah (4)Parag Jain
66. Who was elected President of the African Development Bank, taking over in September 2025?
(1)Akinwumi Adesina (2)S.P. Yadav (3)Sidi Ould Tah (4)Ravi Sinha
67. Who will join the SEBI Board as a part-time ex-officio member from July 1, 2025?
(1)Ajay Seth (2)Anuradha Thakur (3)Amitabh Kant (4)S Mahendra Dev
68. Renowned economist S Mahendra Dev has been appointed as the Chairman of which body?
(1)Economic Affairs Ministry (2)Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (3)SEBI Board
(4)G20 Sherpa office
69. Which former CEO of NITI Aayog resigned as India's G20 Sherpa?
(1)Anuradha Thakur (2)Amitabh Kant (3)Ajay Seth (4)Parag Jain
70. Who was endorsed as President of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) at its first Assembly?
(1)Bhupender Yadav (2)S.P. Yadav (3)Blaise Metreweli (4)Kirsty Coventry
71. Who became the 18th Chief—and the first woman—to lead the UK's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6)?
(1)Blaise Metreweli (2)Aliawati Longkumer (3)Bhupender Yadav (4)Sidi Ould Tah
72. Who became the first female and African President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?
(1)Kirsty Coventry (2)Blaise Metreweli (3)Bhupender Yadav (4)S.P. Yadav
73. India falls to which rank in the Global Gender Gap Index 2025?
(1)129th (2)131st (3)133rd (4)135th
74. Which organisation publishes the Global Gender Gap Index?
(1)United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (2)World Economic Forum (WEF)
(3)International Monetary Fund (IMF) (4)UNESCO
75. India ranks which position out of 181 countries for women political leaders in 2025?
(1)172nd (2)174th (3)176th (4)178th
76. What percentage of Union Ministers in India are women as of 2025?
(1)8.7% (2)9.7% (3)10.7% (4)11.7%
77. Which city topped the Global Liveability Index 2025?
(1)Vienna (2)Zurich (3)Melbourne (4)Copenhagen
78. Which city ranked lowest (173rd) in the Global Liveability Index 2025?
(1)Baghdad (2)Damascus (3)Kabul (4)Port-au-Prince
79. Which university topped the 2025–2026 Best Global Universities Rankings by US News & World Report?
(1)MIT (2)Oxford (3)Harvard (4)Stanford
80. Which country had the most universities in the US News Best Global Universities Rankings 2025–2026?
(1)United States (2)India (3)China (4)United Kingdom
81. Which Indian institution achieved the highest ever Indian rank (123rd) in the QS World University Rankings 2026?
(1)IIT Bombay (2)IISc Bangalore (3)IIT Delhi (4)IIT Madras
82. How many Indian institutions appeared in the QS World University Rankings 2026?
(1)44 (2)54 (3)64 (4)74
83. Which Indian university ranked 41st in THE Impact Rankings 2025?
(1)Lovely Professional University (2)JSS Academy (3)Shoolini University (4)Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
84. Which airline was named the 'World's Best Airline 2025' by Skytrax?
(1)Emirates (2)Cathay Pacific (3)Singapore Airlines (4)Qatar Airways
85. How many times has Qatar Airways won the World's Best Airline award as of 2025?
(1)7th (2)8th (3)9th (4)10th
86. Which Indian carrier ranked 39th globally and was named top in South Asia for both Best Airline and Best Low-Cost Airline?



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(1) SpiceJet (2) Air India (3) IndiGo (4) Vistara

87. India ranked which position among the world's top FDI destinations in 2024?

(1) 13th (2) 14th (3) 15th (4) 16th

88. What were India's FDI inflows in 2024?

(1) \$26.6 billion (2) \$27.6 billion (3) \$28.6 billion (4) \$29.6 billion

89. Which union territory topped the Performance Grading Index for School Education 2023-24?

(1) Delhi (2) Kerala (3) Chandigarh (4) Tamil Nadu

90. India ranked which position in the Energy Transition Index 2025 by the WEF?

(1) 61st (2) 71st (3) 81st (4) 91st

91. In the 2025 SDG Index, India was ranked ____ with a score of 67.

(1) 97th (2) 98th (3) 99th (4) 100th

92. India's position in the Climate Change Performance Index 2025 was ____?

(1) 7th (2) 8th (3) 9th (4) 10th

93. In the Global Peace Index 2025, India was ranked ____ out of 163 countries.

(1) 113th (2) 114th (3) 115th (4) 116th

94. Mumbai ranks ____ worldwide in under-construction data center capacity (2025).

(1) 4th (2) 5th (3) 6th (4) 7th

95. Which steel company produced 31.02 million tonnes in 2024 and ranked 10th globally?

(1) JSW Steel (2) SAIL (3) ArcelorMittal (4) Tata Steel Group

96. Which brand became India's most valuable, first to cross \$30 billion, with a brand value of \$31.6 billion?

(1) HDFC Group (2) Infosys (3) Reliance Industries (4) Tata Group

97. As of June 2025, how many sites did India have on the UNESCO World Heritage List?

(1) 41 (2) 42 (3) 43 (4) 44

98. Who was awarded the "Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III", Cyprus' highest civilian honour?

(1) Ram Nath Kovind (2) Narendra Modi (3) Draupadi Murmu (4) Amit Shah

99. What is the capital of Cyprus?

(1) Athens (2) Sofia (3) Nicosia (4) Valletta

100. Leena Nair, Global CEO of Chanel, received which British honour?

(1) OBE (2) KBE (3) MBE (4) CBE

101. Which Prince conferred the CBE on Leena Nair?

(1) Prince Charles (2) Prince Harry (3) Prince William (4) Prince Edward

102. Who won the 2024 Crawford Fund Medal for contributions to agricultural research?

(1) M. S. Swaminathan (2) Kadambot Siddique (3) Vandana Shiva (4) Ramesh Chand

103. Kadambot Siddique is associated with which university?

(1) University of Melbourne (2) University of Sydney (3) University of Western Australia (4) Australian National University

104. The animation film "Desi Oon" is directed by:

(1) Suresh Eriyathas (2) Shekhar Kapur (3) Nitin Desai (4) Anurag Kashyap

105. At which international animation festival did "Desi Oon" win the Jury Award?

(1) Cannes (2) Annecy (3) Toronto (4) Berlin

106. Which of the following awards did "Desi Oon" NOT win?

(1) Jury Award at Annecy (2) Best Film at WAVES Awards (3) Palme d'Or (4) Shortlisted at Cannes Lions

107. Who won the \$2 million Food Planet Prize 2025?

(1) BioPlant (2) NitroCapt (3) EcoSeed (4) GreenCore

108. The Food Planet Prize 2025 ceremony was held in:

(1) Copenhagen (2) Oslo (3) Stockholm (4) Geneva

109. Which organization awarded the Digital Payments Award 2024-25 to IPPB?

(1) Ministry of Electronics and IT (2) NITI Aayog (3) Department of Financial Services (4) RBI

110. Where is the headquarters of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)?

(1) Mumbai (2) Hyderabad (3) Bengaluru (4) New Delhi



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111. Who is the current MD & CEO of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)?
(1)Rajnish Kumar (2)Vandita Kaul (3)R. Viswesvaran (4)Sunil Mehta
112. India won which category award at the 2025 Bloomberg Tobacco Control Awards?
(1)A Category (2)O Category (3)S Category (4)X Category
113. Who became the first Indian writer to receive the Dostoevsky Star Award?
(1)Arundhati Roy (2)Javed Akhtar (3)Vikram Seth (4)Chetan Bhagat
114. The Dostoevsky Star Award was conferred by which organization?
(1)Russian Embassy (2)Russian Cultural Centre (3)Russian House, Mumbai (4)Russian Writers' Union
115. Which award was NOT received by Javed Akhtar in the past?
(1)Sahitya Akademi Award (2)Richard Dawkins Award (3)Padma Vibhushan (4)Padma Shri
116. Who was conferred the Srimanta Sankardeva Award 2023?
(1)Hema Malini (2)Mallika Sarabhai (3)Dr. Sonal Mansingh (4)Yamini Krishnamurthy
117. Which state government presented the Srimanta Sankardeva Award 2023?
(1)West Bengal (2)Assam (3)Odisha (4)Manipur
118. Who won the Miss World 2025 title?
(1)Nita Kaushik (2)Opal Suchata Chuangsri (3)Maria Gonzalez (4)Reena Thomas
119. Where was Miss World 2025 crowned?
(1)Bangkok (2)Manila (3)Hyderabad (4)New York
120. Which country does Opal Suchata Chuangsri belong to?
(1)Vietnam (2)Philippines (3)Thailand (4)Indonesia
121. Who is the first Thai woman to win the Miss World title?
(1)Suchitra Anuwat (2)Pimchanok Leuwisetpaiboon (3)Opal Suchata Chuangsri (4)Nichkhun Horvejkul
122. How much loan has ADB provided for the Gujarat Skills Development Programme?
(1)\$100 million (2)\$109.97 million (3)\$150 million (4)\$200 million
123. Where is the Headquarters of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) located?
(1)Tokyo, Japan (2)Geneva, Switzerland (3)Mandaluyong, Philippines (4)Jakarta, Indonesia
124. Who is the current President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?
(1)Haruhiko Kuroda (2)Kristalina Georgieva (3)Masato Kanda (4)Jin Lique
125. ADB has committed to providing India up to how much in sovereign lending annually?
(1)\$2.5 billion (2)\$3.0 billion (3)\$4.5 billion (4)\$5.5 billion
126. Where will the ₹417-crore Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC 2.0) be set up?
(1)Lucknow (2)Noida (3)Sector 10, Gautam Budh Nagar (4)Kanpur
127. What is the name of the Indian Coast Guard vessel launched on June 16, 2025?
(1)Veer (2)Shaurya (3)Achal (4)Vikram
128. Where was the vessel "Achal" built?
(1)Mazagon Dock (2)Cochin Shipyard (3)Goa Shipyard Ltd (4)Hindustan Shipyard
129. "Khaan Quest 2025" is a multinational peacekeeping exercise being held in which country?
(1)India (2)Russia (3)Mongolia (4)Kazakhstan
130. Which country is co-hosting the 8th edition of Exercise "Shakti" with India in 2025?
(1)USA (2)France (3)UK (4)Australia
131. Where will the Exercise "Shakti" 2025 take place?
(1)Paris (2)Marseille (3)Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie (4)Nice
132. Which of the following is a naval exercise between India and France?
(1)Garuda (2)Varuna (3)Desert Knight (4)Yudh Abhyas
133. Which missile system is part of DRDO's Kusha Air Defence System with over 400 km range?
(1)Kusha M1 (2)Kusha M2 (3)Kusha M3 (4)Kusha X
134. "Tiger Claw" is a joint special forces exercise between which countries?
(1)India and UK (2)India and Russia (3)India and USA (4)India and Israel
135. Who are the Indian participants in the "Tiger Claw" exercise?
(1)MARCOs (2)Garud Commandos (3)Ghatak Force (4)Para SF
136. Which company developed the Rudrastra VTOL drone?
(1)DRDO (2)HAL (3)Solar Aerospace and Defence Ltd (4)BEL



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137. What type of drone is Rudrastra?

(1)Fixed-Wing (2)Rotary-Wing (3)VTOL (4)Quadcopter

138. Which Indian Navy ship was recently commissioned in Visakhapatnam?

(1)INS Kiltan (2)INS Arnala (3)INS Talwar (4)INS Trikand

139. Where will INS Tamal be commissioned?

(1)Mumbai (2)Kochi (3)Kaliningrad, Russia (4)Chennai

140. INS Tamal belongs to which class of warships?

(1)Talwar class (2)Shivalik class (3)Krivak class (4)Kolkata class

141. Who is the current Chief of Naval Staff of India?

(1)Admiral R. Hari Kumar (2)Admiral Sunil Lanba (3)Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi (4)Admiral Karambir Singh

142. What does ETLDHCM stand for in the context of Project Vishnu?

(1)Enhanced Tactical Launch Drone Hypersonic Cruise Missile (2)Extended Trajectory-Long Duration Hypersonic Cruise Missile (3)Efficient Target Launch Directed Hypersonic Combat Missile (4)Electronic Terrain Lock Defence Hypersonic Cruise Missile

143. Which patrol vessel was the first in the 8-vessel series built by Goa Shipyard for Indian Coast Guard?

(1)Veerta (2)Adamyra (3)Tejas (4)Sahas

144. Where was NATO's BALTOPS 25 military exercise held?

(1)Estonia (2)Lithuania (3)Latvia (4)Poland

145. Who won the 3rd ICC World Test Championship in 2025?

(1)England (2)Australia (3)South Africa (4)India

146. Where was the ICC World Test Championship 2025 final held?

(1)Melbourne (2)Lord's, London (3)Cape Town (4)Dubai

147. Who was named Player of the Match in the ICC WTC 2025 final?

(1)Pat Cummins (2)Kagiso Rabada (3)Aiden Markram (4)Temba Bavuma

148. India's rank in ISSF World Cup 2025 (Munich) medal tally was:

(1)1st (2)2nd (3)3rd (4)4th

149. Who won gold in women's 10m air pistol at ISSF World Cup 2025?

(1)Manu Bhaker (2)Esha Singh (3)Suruchi Singh (4)Heena Sidhu

150. Who won the men's singles title at Indonesia Open 2025?

(1)Viktor Axelsen (2)Lakshya Sen (3)Anthony Ginting (4)Anders Antonsen

151. Portugal defeated which country in the UEFA Nations League 2024-25 final?

(1)Germany (2)Spain (3)England (4)Italy

152. Which football legend was knighted in 2025 by King Charles III?

(1)Wayne Rooney (2)Gary Lineker (3)David Beckham (4)Steven Gerrard

153. Who won the FIDE World Rapid Team Championship 2025?

(1)Chess Gurukul (2)Bharat Chess Club (3)Team MGD1 (4)India Knights

154. Which Indian female athlete became the first from Arunachal Pradesh to win international gold in physique sports?

(1)Anshu Jamsenpa (2)Hillang Yajik (3)Lalita Buri (4)Mamta Karki

155. Where was the Archery Asia Cup 2025 Leg 2 held?

(1)Bangkok (2)New Delhi (3)Singapore (4)Jakarta

156. Neeraj Chopra's winning throw at Paris Diamond League 2025 was:

(1)90.12m (2)88.16m (3)85.29m (4)89.34m

157. What is the name of the mascot for the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships?

(1)Veera (2)Viraaj (3)Bahadur (4)Suraj

158. Ankita Raina won the ITF \$40,000 doubles title in Guimaraes with:

(1)Clara Burel (2)Alice Robbe (3)Karman Kaur Thandi (4)Sara Errani

159. Which Indian cities will host the FIH Hockey Junior World Cup 2025?

(1)Delhi & Bhopal (2)Lucknow & Bhubaneswar (3)Chennai & Madurai (4)Bengaluru & Ranchi

160. How many teams will participate in the FIH Junior World Cup 2025?



(1)16 (2)18 (3)20 (4)24

161. India won how many medals at the 2025 Asian Para-Badminton Championship in Thailand?

(1)18 (2)20 (3)27 (4)22

162. Who won the 63rd Canadian Grand Prix 2025?

(1)Max Verstappen (2)Charles Leclerc (3)Lewis Hamilton (4)George Russell

163. Which country will host the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026?

(1)India (2)England (3)Australia (4)South Africa

164. Who is the current most successful team in ICC Women's T20 World Cup history?

(1)India (2)New Zealand (3)England (4)Australia

165. Where will the 2025 Khelo India University Games be held?

(1)Bhopal (2)Pune (3)Jaipur (4)Patna

166. Who became India's No. 1 chess player in 2025?

(1)D Gukesh (2)Vidit Gujrathi (3)Arjun Erigaisi (4)R Praggnanandhaa

167. India won how many golds at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships?

(1)2 (2)3 (3)1 (4)4

168. Who won gold in women's doubles at the Asian Squash Doubles Championships?

(1)Dipika Pallikal & Joshna Chinappa (2)Anahat Singh & Tanvi Khanna (3)Joshna Chinappa & Anahat Singh (4)Sunayna Kuruvilla & Joshna Chinappa

169. Priyanka Goswami won which event at the Austrian Championships?

(1)20km race walk (2)35km race walk (3)10km race walk (4)5km race walk

170. Carlos Alcaraz defeated whom in the 2025 French Open men's final?

(1)Novak Djokovic (2)Daniil Medvedev (3)Stefanos Tsitsipas (4)Jannik Sinner

171. Who won the 2025 French Open women's singles title?

(1)Aryna Sabalenka (2)Iga Swiatek (3)Coco Gauff (4)Jessica Pegula

172. Which two countries launched the "Blue NDC Challenge" at the UN Ocean Conference 2025?

(1)India and Brazil (2)France and Brazil (3)France and Germany (4)Brazil and South Africa

Answer: (2) France and Brazil

173. What year has the UNGA declared as the "International Year of the Woman Farmer"?

(1)2024 (2)2025 (3)2026 (4)2027

Answer: (3) 2026

174. What is the headquarters of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)?

(1)Geneva (2)Paris (3)New York (4)London

Answer: (3) New York

175. Nepal exported electricity to which country via India, marking South Asia's first trilateral power cooperation?

(1)Bhutan (2)Sri Lanka (3)Bangladesh (4)Afghanistan

Answer: (3) Bangladesh

176. What is the name of Israel's military operation launched against Iran on 13 June 2025?

(1)Operation Desert Storm (2)Operation Rising Lion (3)Operation Iron Shield (4)Operation Enduring Freedom

Answer: (2) Operation Rising Lion

177. Which country was elected as a non-permanent UNSC member for 2025-26?

(1)India (2)Pakistan (3)Bangladesh (4)Nepal

Answer: (2) Pakistan

178. Which country became the 10th BRICS partner country?

(1)Vietnam (2)Uzbekistan (3)Nigeria (4)Bolivia

Answer: (1) Vietnam

179. Where is the headquarters of the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)?

(1)Beijing (2)Shanghai (3)Moscow (4)Delhi

Answer: (2) Shanghai

180. Which organization recognized 20 new Centennial Observing Stations in 2025?

(1)UNGA (2)WHO (3)WMO (4)IPCC



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Answer: (3) WMO

181. Which country became the first in Africa to achieve WHO 'Gold Tier' status for eliminating vertical HIV transmission?

(1)Nigeria (2)Kenya (3)Botswana (4)Ethiopia

Answer: (3) Botswana

182. Which country will introduce 5% personal income tax from 2028, becoming the first in the GCC to do so?

(1)Saudi Arabia (2)Oman (3)UAE (4)Bahrain

Answer: (2) Oman

183. Where was the NATO Summit 2025 held?

(1)Paris (2)The Hague (3)Oslo (4)Ankara

Answer: (2) The Hague

184. Which country will host the 2026 NATO Summit?

(1)Germany (2)USA (3)Türkiye (4)UK

Answer: (3) Türkiye

185. Sweden became NATO's 32nd member in which year?

(1)2023 (2)2022 (3)2024 (4)2025

Answer: (3) 2024

186. Sant Kabir Das was born in which Indian city?

(1)Ayodhya (2)Varanasi (3)Prayagraj (4)Mathura

Answer: (2) Varanasi

187. How many authors received the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025?

(1)21 (2)22 (3)23 (4)24

Answer: (4) 24

188. Where was the first assembly of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) held?

(1)Nairobi (2)New Delhi (3)Cape Town (4)Dhaka

Answer: (2) New Delhi

189. What was the theme of the "Yoga Connect 2025" summit held in New Delhi?

(1)Yoga for Youth (2)Yoga for Peace (3)Yoga for One Earth, One Health (4)Global Yoga Vision

Answer: (3) Yoga for One Earth, One Health

190. Where was the Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 held?

(1)Germany (2)Switzerland (3)Netherlands (4)Austria

Answer: (1) Germany

191. Where was the Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture Meet 2025 held?

(1)Bhopal (2)Hyderabad (3)Kochi (4)Indore

Answer: (4) Indore

192. Who was appointed as the first Indian-American Provost of MIT, effective July 1, 2025?

(1)Raj Reddy (2)Anantha Chandrakasan (3)Subra Suresh (4)Vivek Murthy

Answer: (2) Anantha Chandrakasan

193. Who is heading the high-level committee to investigate the Air India AI 171 crash?

(1)Rajiv Gauba (2)Govind Mohan (3)Amitabh Kant (4)T. V. Somanathan

Answer: (2) Govind Mohan

194. Who is the second Indian to travel to space and the first to reach the ISS in 40 years?

(1)Rakesh Sharma (2)Kalpana Chawla (3)Shubhanshu Shukla (4)Sunita Williams

Answer: (3) Shubhanshu Shukla

195. Periyar Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

(1)Karnataka (2)Kerala (3)Tamil Nadu (4)Andhra Pradesh

Answer: (2) Kerala

196. Where were India's first hydrogen fuel cell-based buses launched?

(1)Shimla (2)Leh, Ladakh (3)Guwahati (4)Bhopal

Answer: (2) Leh, Ladakh

197. What is the name of the world's first malaria vaccine to be supplied by Bharat Biotech and GSK?



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(1)MalVax (2)RTS,S (3)Covaxin (4)Q-Malaria

Answer: (2) RTS,S

198. Who was appointed as the head of the Ministry of Education committee on coaching culture and student stress?

(1)Subhash Sarkar (2)K. Sanjay Murthy (3)Vineet Joshi (4)Rakesh Ranjan

Answer: (3) Vineet Joshi

199. What is the name of the initiative launched by MWCD and MSDE to train adolescent girls?

(1)YUVA (2)UDAAN (3)NAVYA (4)SAKSHAM

Answer: (3) NAVYA

200. What is the total budget outlay for PM-JANMAN?

(1)₹20,000 crore (2)₹22,500 crore (3)₹24,104 crore (4)₹25,000 crore

Answer: (3) ₹24,104 crore

Answers

Answers (June 16 to 20)

1	1	21	3	41	3	61	3	81	3
2	3	22	2	42	2	62	3	82	2
3	2	23	2	43	3	63	1	83	4
4	3	24	3	44	3	64	2	84	4
5	2	25	2	45	3	65	2	85	3
6	3	26	3	46	3	66	3	86	3
7	3	27	2	47	2	67	2	87	3
8	2	28	3	48	4	68	2	88	2
9	4	29	3	49	2	69	2	89	3
10	2	30	3	50	4	70	1	90	2
11	4	31	3	51	1	71	1	91	3
12	3	32	2	52	2	72	1	92	4
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116	3	136	3	156	2	176	2	196	2
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118	2	138	2	158	2	178	1	198	3
119	3	139	3	159	3	179	2	199	3
120	3	140	3	160	4	180	3	200	3